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Learn How to Save Energy and Money at WWCA Meeting March 19th!

by Michael Webber

IF YOU WANT TO LOWER YOUR UTILITY BILLS and have a more comfortable home, but can't afford the upfront cost, Energy Impact Illinois can help. For a limited time, homeowners can receive 70% off energy efficiency improvements, with up to \$1750 in total rebates on select energy improvements to your home. Your home will stay cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter and you'll reduce your energy use by at least 15%. There are no income restrictions for the program and all single-family homes, 2-4 unit buildings, and most townhomes are eligible.

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To learn more about the program or schedule an energy assessment, contact local Field Organizer Rob Geltner at 847-845-1900 or rob@energyimpactillinois.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, March 8th • 7-10 p.m.

WWCA Winter Social
Paddy Mac's, 4157 N. Pulaski

Friday, March 15 • 7 to 8 p.m.

Warm Stories on a Cold Winter's Night
NPV Nature Ctr., 5801 N. Pulaski

Saturday, March 16 • 10 to 11 a.m.

IPAC Easter EGG-Stravaganza,
Independence Park, 3945 N. Springfield

Saturday, March 16 • 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Civic Orch. of Chicago String Quartet
NPV Nature Ctr., 5801 N. Pulaski

Sunday, March 17 • 12 noon to 3 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Open House Preview
Irving Park YMCA, 4251 W. Irving Park

Saturday, March 16 • 10 a.m.

IP Garden Club, Speaker Beth Botts,
St. John's Episcopal, 3857 N. Kostner

Tuesday, March 19 • 7 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Ctr., 4146 N. Elston

Saturday, March 30 • 1 to 3 p.m.

Autism Awareness Fair
Irving Park YMCA, 4251 W. Irving Park

Tuesday, March 26 • 7-10 p.m.

Arts Alive/45 & NVAM Fundraiser
Gale Street Inn, 4914 N. Milwaukee.

Saturday, April 6 • 1:00 p.m.

GIPNA Topic, "Paying for Education"
Independence Park Field House
3945 N. Springfield

Sunday, April 7 • 5 to 7 p.m.

Three Brothers Garden Chili Supper
IPLC Gymnasium, 4057 N. Harding

Saturday, April 13 • 5 to 8 p.m.

IPAC Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Independence Park Field House
3945 N. Springfield

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

Dear Neighbor,

I HOPE EVERYONE IS LOOKING FORWARD to Spring. Please plan on attending the March 19, 2013 WWCA meeting. We will be hosting a representative from Energy Impact Illinois, who will provide information about energy efficiency and programs which can save homeowners money. Please see the cover article in this edition of the Wire for more information.

Mike Webber
President Pro Tem,
West Walker Civic Association

Priscilla Brown

West Walker resident Priscilla Brown passed away on February 28th. Priscilla was the editor of the *West Walker Wire* from 2005-2006. Her talent, creativity and dedication brought this newsletter into the digital age, making many improvements to the design, layout, and editorial content. A service was held on March 8th. The West Walker Civic Association Board and members extend our heartfelt condolences to her family.

Stay Current with the Neighborhood

Many of you know that EveryBlock has shut down recently. If you're interested in finding a hyperlocal site that can keep you up to date with announcements, events, crime, and other issues in your neighborhood, Reddit.Com offers some alternatives. For general Northwest Chicago neighborhoods, go to: reddit.com/r/greatNWside. In addition, area local Tim Broderick maintains a related blog: www.greatnwside.com. For the Six Corners area: reddit.com/r/sixcornerschicago.

Irving Park Garden Club Welcomes Speaker Beth Botts

Don't forget to attend the first Garden Club meeting of the season on March 16th at 10 a.m. Beth Botts will present the topic: "Spring - Beyond Bulbs: The Garden Comes Alive." The meeting will take place, as always, at St. John's Episcopal Church on 3857 N. Kostner.

The Irving Park Garden Club meets monthly from March through October, and is free and open to all! Some "Members Only" benefits are the May Plant Exchange, the July Garden Walk, and an entertaining and educational monthly newsletter. Meetings are fun and informative, with refreshments served, along with raffles and door prizes. For more information, call Maureen Taylor at 773-255-2789.

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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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.

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39th Ward Report



THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS have brought some changes to my 39th Ward Office. If you've visited my website, www.AldermanLaurino.com recently, you might have noticed some changes. Of particular note, the interactive map allows people to click on different layers to see boundaries of community organizations,

We've welcomed two new full-time staff members to our office, both with years of experience in city government. John Riordan brought his background in economic development and constituent services to the 39th Ward. With seven years of City Council experience, Beth Beatty's knowledge of policy and the legislative process will be a significant resource to my Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety. Both John and Beth will be tremendous assets to our staff.

On Saturday, March 16th at 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the Civic Orchestra of Chicago String Quartet will be performing at the North Park Village Nature Center (5801 North Pulaski Road). These concerts are open to the public, and tickets are not required. The concert will be held indoors and families with children ages 5 and up are encouraged to attend. Please call 312-294-3803 for more information.

The North Park Village Nature Center at 5801 North Pulaski Road is hosting their annual Maple Syrup Festival. The event will be held on Saturday, March 23rd and Sunday, March 24th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This event is free and open to everyone. Come and see the entire maple syrup-making process from tapping the tree and collecting the sap, to boiling it down into syrup. Take a walk through the sugar bush, enjoy storytelling, make a maple craft, warm yourself by the fire, and taste real maple syrup fresh off the fire. This event is a sweet and warm tradition that is fun for all ages.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my public service office at 773-736-5594 or e-mail us at Ward39@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely,
Margaret Laurino
Alderman, 39th Ward

Events at Irving Park YMCA

Come to Irving Park St. Patrick's Day Open House Preview! On Sunday, March 17th from 12 noon to 3 p.m., you can preview some great family friendly programming like Princess Ballet, Tae Kwon Do and Family Zumba! Plus, this event is FREE to all! Learn about our Summer Camp while the kids get their faces painted! For more information, please contact Celia Stennett at 773-326-2623.

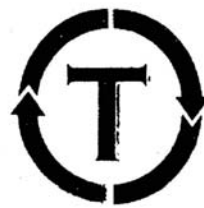
Autism Awareness Fair

Saturday, March 30th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For a \$5 suggested donation, you can learn about Autism Awareness and enjoy some fun family activities. All proceeds go to the Austim Awareness Fund. This event is open to the public. For more information please contact Cassandra Dolan at 773-326-2608. Irving Park YMCA is located on 4251 W. Irving Park Road.

Worrying About College Savings?

Want to learn how to finance your children's education? Come to this Timely Topic on Saturday, April 6, 1:00 p.m. in the Independence Park Field House auditorium. Edward Jones Financial Advisor Nate Cropp will speak about "Paying for Education."

This seminar is designed to provide participants with information so that they may understand the value and importance of planning for their children's or grandchildren's future education costs. The seminar also will focus on the following: The reality of educational costs; the value of systematically saving for education expenses (a systematic savings plan does not assure a profit and does not protect against loss in declining markets.); the basic financial choices available for education savings; the basic guidelines for financial aid; and ways to set goals for education savings expenses. GIPNA (Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Assoc.) is pleased to host this presentation. For more information, please contact gipna@sbcglobal.net.



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Irving Park Lutheran Church Prepares for Easter and Beyond

3938 West Belle Plaine, 773-267-1666

Wednesday Lenten Meals - 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

In keeping with raising awareness of World Hunger, our Lenten Suppers focus on a different country each week:

March 13 - Egypt (Hosted by IPLC Girl Scouts)

March 20 - South Africa

Wednesday Lenten Services are at 7:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday - March 24th, 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Seder/Stripping of the Altar -

March 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday - March 29th, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday - March 31st with a continental breakfast from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. and Service at 10:30 a.m.

Registration Open for Magic Mushroom Program

Registration is open for the 2013 Mushroom Summer Program, now in its 38th year! Magic Mushroom is a month-long, gospel-based summer program that meets Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Magic Mushroom offers visual arts, activities, drama, music, and gym. Optional field trips and events are held on Fridays. Classroom teachers are seasoned professionals who create a learning environment with enthusiasm and energy. Each class has at least one teen helper.

Magic Mushroom is affordable (due to contributions and fundraising efforts by Irving Park Lutheran Church and Thrivent Financial). More importantly, it's a well-rounded program that gives structure to your child's morning, but allows for more relaxed summer family afternoons!

Enrollment forms can be found on www.iplc.org or call the church office at 773-267-1666 to have one emailed or mailed to you. The 2013 program dates are July 8th through August 1st. Call us today!

Holy Season at St. John's Episcopal Church

3857 N. Kostner, 773-725-9026

Stations of the Cross Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday - March 24, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Please bring rhythm instruments for the parade!

Maundy Thursday - March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Watch in the Garden Please spend an hour of prayer between Maundy Thursday at 9:00 p.m. and Good Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Good Friday - March 29, 12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Passion is read at noon and sung at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday - March 30, Noon, Simple spoken service

Easter Sunday - March 31, 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 a.m. Eucharist followed by brunch and **Peanut-Free Easter Egg Hunt!**

Irving Park United Methodist Church is Bursting Into Spring!

3801 N. Keeler, 773-283-6262

Our different kind of Lent continues through March with special activities to help put more life in life!

St Patrick's Day Potato Bar is Sunday, March 17 at 12:00 p.m. Hot potatoes and lots of fixings. Wear your green! This is a great way to get to know the neighbors.

Adventure Trip to Safari Land! Saturday, March 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call 773-283-6262 if your family wants to join the fun! Safari Land is located in Villa Park. There is something for everyone: bowling, video arcade, children's play area, rides and a fun safari setting!

Youth Trip to Odyssey World in Naperville on Monday, March 25! If you are looking for a fun and safe activity for your middle school or high school kids, reserve a seat on our excursion! Lasertag, Paintball and more!

Maundy Thursday Worship - March 28, 7:00 p.m. Led by our youth! This family-friendly, interactive, multisensory worship experience features dramatic readings by our youth. Food is involved, so for special food needs other than gluten-free and vegetarian, please call the office in advance. All are welcome! Our table is open!

Easter Sunday Worship - March 31st, 10:00 a.m. Family and friends invited to sing songs of joy as we celebrate the truth that Christ is alive and among us! An **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children will follow the service!

Save the Dates!

Sunday, April 21 - A Celebration of Creation with Action Options to help rescue it!

Saturday, April 27 - Trivia Night at 6:30! Fill a table with your friends and compete for prizes!

Sunday, April 28 - Worship will be full of music and skits as Clarkson UMC brings their talented youth and children to lead us in worship!

Easter Joy for a Child in Need

For over 15 years, Easter Basket Distribution has served the children of the families who come to Irving Park Community Food Pantry. Beginning as a project organized by the youth of Irving Park United Methodist

Church, it gradually became a community endeavor and the support has been tremendous! Past supporting groups include Irving Park Lutheran Church, Mt. Olive Church, Irving Park Parents Group and many individuals providing candy, baskets, toys and funds. It has become a sign of Spring and brings cheer to the children. Extra supplies are donated for use at the OIPA Easter Egg Hunt.

Storage is scarce, so please bring filled bags **prior to** one of the Wednesday distributions: 3/13, 3/20, 3/27. We are collecting goodies (candy, snacks, small toys/ small games) for children in age categories of under 2, 2-5, and 6-8 years old. Please drop off donations at Irving Park United Methodist Church (3801 N. Keeler, Grace St. entrance). Financial donations are **extremely helpful** and are used to purchase necessary supplies. To learn more, please email Vicci Rodgers at viccirodgers@gmail.com or call the pantry office at 773-283-6296.

Goodies to donate: Filled plastic eggs, snacks (juice pouches, crackers, breakfast bars, pop-tarts, micro popcorn, wrapped candy). Small toys (bubbles, Nerf balls, yo-yos, pinwheels, pencils, erasers, small stuffed animals, stickers, crayons, markers, little books, activity pads), anything that will fit in a small Easter pouch.

Park View Lutheran Church

3919 N. Monticello, 773-267-0072

Wednesday Chapel Services - 9:00 a.m.

Good Friday Service - March 29, 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday - March 31, Breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m., followed by Festive Eucharist at 9:30 a.m., ending with Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome!

Fundraiser for Mural by Veteran Artists and Community

On Tuesday, March 26, from 7-10 p.m., The Gale Street Inn is hosting a joint fundraiser for Arts Alive/45 and the National Veterans Art Museum (NVAM) to fund a joint mural project for the community. The proposed mural project would be an opportunity for the Veteran artists of NVAM to partner with Arts Alive/45 and the community to design and execute a mural. Working with staff from NVAM, the volunteers and artists would work to create a visual vocabulary of healing. Please join us for an evening of cocktails, food, entertainment, games, and prizes! Admission is \$25 per person. For more information contact: cyd@artsalive45.org. The Gale Street Inn is located at 4914 N. Milwaukee.

Independence Park Events!

Easter Fun With The EGG-Stravaganza!

Bring your little ones for the Independence Park Advisory Council (IPAC) Easter EGG-Stravaganza on Saturday, March 16, from 10 to 11 a.m. Perfect for children ages 3 to 8, at Independence Park.

Activities will include an egg hunt, spring crafts, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. (Don't forget your camera!) Treats will also be available.

The entrance fee is \$5 per child. You can reserve a spot for your kids by visiting www.ipac-chicago.org to pay via PayPal by March 8. Space is limited, so sign up now!

24th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Join the Independence Park Advisory Council for the 24th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 13, 5-8 p.m. at the field house, 3945 N. Springfield. The event will include a delicious spaghetti dinner and fun for all ages. Soda, beer and wine sold separately. Tickets are \$5 per child (ages 12 and under) and \$15 per adult; available at the door.

Event Proceeds fund all programs and improvements at Independence Park, including Summer Movies in the Park, 4th of July Parade, Swim with Santa, and Easter EGG-Stravaganza. The purchase of two air conditioners for the auditorium, team benches for the gym, a new refrigerator and a radio for recreation classes also came from funds raised at the Spaghetti Dinner.

IPAC seeks donations for the Spaghetti Dinner Silent Auction/Raffle. Any donations of sporting tickets, gift certificates, travel destinations, technology gifts, wine or other fabulous items would be greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible. Please mail or drop off your donation by April 5 to the Independence Park Advisory Council, 3945 N. Springfield, Chicago, IL 60618, Attn: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. For any questions, please email info@ipac-chicago.org. "LIKE" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ipacchicago, and learn more about IPAC events and how to support this amazing park!



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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services

Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, serves the Irving Park

community with a variety of outreach efforts.

Chili Supper to Benefit the Three Brothers Garden, April 7th



The Fifth Annual Chili Supper to benefit the Three Brothers Garden will be held Sunday, April 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gymnasium,

4057 N. Harding. In a new twist, the menu will feature a variety of chili from favorite neighborhood restaurants and cooks. Of course Chef Ed Gardner's chili, the main course at past Chili Suppers, will be served. The menu will also include corn bread, hot dogs and a condiment bar. Tickets, which are available at the door, are \$15 for unlimited servings; \$10 for 4 servings; \$5 for kids 3-12 years old; kids 3 and under are free. A kids' craft room, bake sale and raffle will add to the fun!

Funds raised at the supper will be used for the Three Brothers Garden, an organic community vegetable garden. Produce grown in the garden is donated to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. Since 2009, over 3,000 pounds of vegetables have been distributed to pantry clients. Located at 4107 N. Pulaski, the garden is a partnership between Carlson Community Services and Irving Park Lutheran Church.

Volunteers are needed to help make the Chili Supper

a success! Tasks include solicitations, set-up, bake sale, kids crafts, and lots of help at the event. If you can help with the Chili Supper, or would like to learn more about the project, please contact Liz Mills at 773-

398-6766 or lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org. For information about Carlson Community Services, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org.



WE'RE HAVING A PARTY – AND YOU ARE INVITED!

“Add LIFE to your life”

Instead of giving up something this Lent, join us as we focus on adding more meaning each day. Join us for family friendly worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

Family Fun

Legoland adventure. Create Easter baskets for children served by the food pantry. Theatre adventure. St Patrick's Day Potato Bash. Safari Land adventure. Odyssey World adventure. Call us at 773-283-6262 for details or to join us on an adventure!

One Month to Live Lenten study - Sundays and Thursdays - 6:30

Holy Week (March 24-31)

Palm Sunday, 10a.m.
Maundy Thursday, 7p.m.
- led by youth
Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7p.m.

Easter Sunday

Breakfast, 8:30a.m.
Worship 10a.m.
Egg Hunt 11a.m.

Hope to see you soon!



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Sunday worship - Holy communion served weekly
10 A.M. (ENGLISH) - Katherine Paisley, lead pastor
NOON (SPANISH) - Cecilia Obret, mission pastor
Jonathan Braun - Director of Music
Hope Reyes - Church Program Minister

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News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Be a Bunny for the Food Pantry!

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry again will be distributing Easter bags to its clients for their children on Wednesdays in March (Easter is March 31). For more details on how you can help, please refer to the article *Easter Joy for a Child in Need* on Page 4. Donations may be dropped off at the Irving Park United Methodist Church (corner of Grace and Keeler - Grace Street entrance). Financial donations are extremely helpful and are used to purchase necessary supplies, especially to fill in depleted items late in the month. This can be done by mail or through Google checkout at the Pantry's website (www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org).

Thanks to Irving Park United Methodist Church and Irving Park Lutheran Church for their continued support of this tradition through donations and time to create the baskets for children.

Congratulations to Community Services Coordinator Belma Torres on being selected by the Greater Chicago Food Depository to receive an expenses-paid scholarship to attend the National Hunger Policy Conference in March in Washington, D.C. She will be representing the Pantry at this national event.



Nate Cropp (right) from Edward Jones Investments sponsored "It's a Wonderful Life" at Christmastime at the Patio Theater, and put out a suitcase to gather donations for the Pantry.

Thanks to Nate Cropp from Edward Jones Investments (4339 W. Irving Park Rd.), who delivered a check for \$450 to the Pantry. The money was donated by moviegoers who saw "It's a Wonderful Life" just before Christmas at the Patio Theater, sponsored by Nate.

We very much appreciate Nate for thinking of us during this event and everyone who donated!

Thank you to the Student Council at St. Viator Elementary School (4140 W. Addison St.) for running a drive to collect personal-care items for the Pantry. The school collected four big boxes of soap, lotions, toothpaste and brushes, deodorant and other sundries. Thanks also to Student Council President Tommy Brannick and Vice

President Nathan Huzenis for helping to load the boxes for delivery to the Pantry.



St. Viator Elementary School's Assistant Principal Donna Suttin helps Student Council Vice President Nathan Huzenis (left) and President Tommy Brannick pack up donations of personal-care items donated by students during the school's donation program this month.

Our numbers for 2012 show an increase in service, as we served an average of 651 households (1,850 people) per month, compared to 2011, when we served 613 households (1,640 people) per month. Comparing those numbers to 2007, when we served an average of 437 households (1,253 people) per month – shows that we're serving 48% more people today, a clear indication of how hard the recession has hurt our community. We very much appreciate all of your donations as our needs continue to grow. Your help allows us to continue to be Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Breakfast & Lunch

- Pancakes
- Waffles
- Crepes
- Blintzes
- Omelets
- Skillets
- Burgers
- Sandwiches
- Soups



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St. Viator School

St Viator Elementary School is a proud PeaceBuilders site (www.peacebuilders.com), where positive energy,

healthy attitudes and cooperative learning are taught and modeled every day. On February 1st, students and faculty of all grade levels reinforced these principles by participating in a PeaceBuilders rally.

St. Viator celebrates 110 years of educating generations of faith. In February, students marked the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday services and celebrated St. Valentine's Day with classroom activities and a parent association-sponsored Valentine Dance. The variety of extracurricular programs help educate the whole student, mind, body and soul. In addition to Brownie and Cub Scout troops, Yoga, Robotics, Chess and Guitar clubs are now offered to students. Our 3-y/o Preschool Program is expanding to include full-day or half-day options for the 2013-2014 school year. Starting in August, Pre-K3 options will be: 3 days a week (M-W-F) or 5 days a week (M-F). Both options include half-day hours: 7:50-11:00 a.m. or full-day hours: 7:50 a.m. -2:40 p.m. Registration for all grade levels is underway. The best way to get to know St. Viator is to visit us. For more information, contact Marge Tiritilli at MTiritilli@stviatorchicago.org or call 773-545-2173.

Park View Lutheran School

If you are looking for a small, hands-on school for your children, consider Park View Lutheran School. We are located at 3919 N. Monticello – just down the street from McDonald's. Our small classes (8-12 students) are led by dedicated teachers. We believe in nurturing the whole child, by not only giving them a great education, but helping them grow emotionally and spiritually as well.

Margaret Laurino
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We invite you to one of our Open Houses on Sundays, March 24th and April 21st, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Weekday tours are also available. Please call 773-267-0072 for an appointment.

Our School has Chapel Services every Wed at 9 a.m., and all are welcome to join us. We also have Summer Camp all summer long. Since it is small, we take many field trips around Chicago. For more information, please call 773-267-0072 or visit us at: www.parkviewlutheran.org

St. Edward's School

Registration for 2013-14 year is open! Come to our Open House on Wednesday, April 10th from 9-11 a.m. Tours begin at 4343 W. Sunnyside.

Potbelly's Fundraiser Monday, March 18th from 5 - 8 p.m. 4207 N. Harlem in Norridge. Come and eat – 25% of all purchases will benefit St. Edward School!

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, March 24th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 904 hosts the annual Pancake Breakfast. Come see what scouting is all about and support our boys! Tickets are available at the door.

CICS-Irving Park

Art Plus+ Program Leo Burnett Partners and community volunteers will host an Art Plus+ project for our students in April. Students will be taught different styles of art and the different techniques used to create them. These "hands on" sessions foster creativity and self-confidence.

Let's Move! On February 28th, our 5th and 7th graders attended the "Let's Move" campaign rally with our First Lady, Michelle Obama! Students heard many famous athletes like Bo Jackson, Gabby Douglas, Serena Williams, and Colin Kaepernick discuss health and life success. This program promotes wellness, exercise, and healthy eating among our kids.

Community Service The second graders at CICS-IP are participating in a student-created and student-led, two-week Community Service Project in March. They are running a collection of needed supplies for our troops, which will go to all branches of the military.

iPad Pilot Program CICS-IP is currently running an iPad pilot program. The 1st grade students are using iPads during Math and Reading. The 5th graders are using the iPads in Math, and 7th graders are using them for Science!

Open House Tuesday, March 26th at 5 p.m. Prospective Parents are invited to see what makes CICS-IP the #1



ranked elementary charter school in Chicago for two consecutive years! We are located at 3820 N. Spaulding Ave. (at Grace St.). All are welcome to our PTO meeting on Monday, March 11th at 6 p.m. See what's happening at our school and share your thoughts and concerns.

Murphy School

Murphy School invites the West Walker community to enjoy the following arts programming:

Family Music! Six-month-olds to preschool-age children and their parents or caregivers are welcome to Murphy Family Music at 8:15 a.m. on March 15th or April 5th. Music and movement are led by our director, Sandy Lucas, a Golden Apple award-winning teacher.

Community Sing! Join us for this monthly event that brings us together to celebrate children's accomplishments through song and dance. We begin the day at 7:45 a.m. on March 22 or April 26.

We are a Fine & Performing Arts Neighborhood Magnet School with top academic instruction in a caring community. For tours, call Principal Zelenka at 773-534-9892. Murphy School is located at 3539 West Grace.

Disney II Magnet School

Students are excited to be working in the lab with 4th grade math and science teacher, Ms. Clay, as they learn about various chemical compositions of unknown liquids and discovering what might occur when the chemicals are mixed and/or heated.

The PTA has done a stellar job of keeping the students, staff, and families of Disney II engaged and entertained this winter. The PTA continues to host monthly "morning coffees," an opportunity for parents and caregivers to mingle with each other, and the principal and/or vice principal. Friday night "movie nights" continue to be a huge success. Students have enjoyed snacks and movies such as "Hotel Transylvania" and "The Odd Life of Timothy Green." Disney II movie nights are both well organized and well attended. PTA has also been working hard for the March Annual ABC Auction at Reza's Restaurant, where all money raised will support Disney II programs, activities, special classes, and other expenses. Finally, on Saturday, June 1st, the PTA will hold its annual Used Book and Media Sale from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Book & media donations are currently being accepted and may be dropped off in the school's main entrance Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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If you have been thinking about selling please contact me to discuss. Even if you do not want to list your home on the Multiple Listing Service, I may still be able to assist you in selling your property to a qualified buyer.

Sincerely,
Connie



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Children’s Stories at Independence Branch Library

Join us for “Story Time” fun! Children ages 2-5 are invited to participate in stories, learn rhymes, and sing songs as we celebrate books on Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

“Mother Goose on the Loose,” Mondays at 11:30 a.m., for children ages 3-24 months. Children enjoy songs, rhymes and stories and activities with their parent or caregiver.

The library is located on 3548 W. Irving Park Rd. There will be no programs on **March 4 and March 25.**

What’s Happening at North Park Village Nature Center

Warm Stories on a Cold Winter’s Night - Friday, March 15, 7 to 8 p.m. Join Mark Kater for an indoor storytelling series around a crackling fire. Hear stories filled with humor, joy, and thoughtfulness. The event is free, registration required.

North Park Village Nature Center is located at 5801 N. Pulaski. Visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/North-Park-Village-Nature-Center/ or call 312-744-5472.

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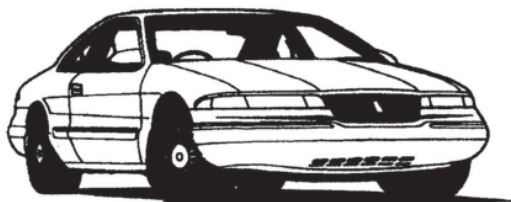
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- Ten issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.
- Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and 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 2012-2013 dues to our next WWCA meeting on March 19th! Or you can mail in the application below.

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Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION
 Mail or drop off your application and dues to: Jack Prikos, 4238 N. Avers Ave., Chicago, IL 60618

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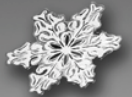
WWCA Winter Social

Friday, March 8, 2013, 7-10 p.m.

Paddy Mac's Public House, 4157 N. Pulaski



Admission:



\$10 for WWCA members \$15 for non-members

(Sign up for membership that night and get the member price)

Ticket price includes appetizer buffet and three hours of mingling

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For more information, contact Cindi Webber

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