

WEST WALKER WIRE

OCTOBER 2013

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A West Walker Halloween!

Have some spooky and silly neighborhood Halloween fun! Mark your calendar for the West Walker Civic Association's Halloween Party and Fall Festival! This free event will take place Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m., at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym on the corner of Harding and Belle Plaine. The party will kick off with crafts, games, music and refreshments in the gym. At 11:30 we'll draw for great prizes and wrap-up with a costume parade for all ages! A drawing for exciting prizes will be held - tickets are \$1 each. Prizes include: Halloween Gift Basket courtesy of Dorie Westmeyer, Realtor, Charles Rutenberg Realty, a wine cellar and gift certificates. A donation of canned food for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry would be appreciated. Join your neighbors as we celebrate fall in Chicago! Questions or want to help out? Contact Kirsten Gettings by email at gettings4107@att.net. Hope to see you Saturday morning, October 26th!



West Walker Cup Recap

The West Walker Cup was held at Glencoe Golf Club on September 9, 2013. The field included Rich McDermott, Steve Mills, Eric Zorn, Mel Westmeyer, Max Webber, Mike Webber, Kevin Barry, Davor Engel and Marwin Brown. Tournament winner Davor Engel brought the West Walker Cup to Springfield Avenue for the first time!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fri., Oct. 11 • 7 - 10 p.m.

Trivia Night Benefit
For Carlson Community Services
IPLC Gym, 4057 N. Harding

Sun., Oct. 13 • 3 to 5 p.m.

Wine-Tasting Benefit
For Irving Park Community Food Pantry
Mirabell Restaurant, 3454 W. Addison

Tues., Oct. 15 • 7:00 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston

Wed., Oct. 16 • 7:00 p.m.

CAPS Meeting, Beat 1723
4650 N. Pulaski, Community Room

Sun., Oct. 27 • 2:00 p.m.

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents
Gary Powell, Organist
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding

Tues. Oct. 29 • 1:00 p.m.

Weatherization Training Program
Albany Park Community Center
1945 W. Wilson, Ste. 3000

Sat., Oct. 26 • 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

WWCA Halloween Party & Fall Festival
IPLC Gym, 4057 N. Harding

Tues., Nov. 19 • 7:00 p.m.

Irving Park Historical Society Mtg
IPUMC, 3801 N. Keeler
2nd Fl. Bacmeister Room

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

Dear Neighbor,

OUR FIRST WEST WALKER MEETING THIS FALL WILL BE ON OCTOBER 15, at the Latvian Community Center, 4146 N. Elston Avenue, at 7:00 p.m. Please come out and join us.

I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of West Walker to recently retired *Wire* Carriers Pat and Marianne Turk, Glenda Begeske and Connie Engel. Volunteers are what keep our organization running, and their involvement has been greatly appreciated.

As always, the WWCA is seeking additional volunteers to help us serve the neighborhood. Right now, we need a volunteer to serve as our meeting Secretary as well as one or more volunteers to deliver the *Wire*. If you want to help but don't feel those positions use your talents, let us know you want to help and we'll find a fit for you.

The WWCA is now in its 101st year as a civic organization. The needs and issues facing our community have changed many times over the years. The WWCA would like to enter our second millennium as an effective voice for all members of the community. The WWCA has traditionally sponsored events, published the *Wire*, held general meetings with topical presentations, sponsored local groups such as the Irving Park Community Food Pantry and the Magic Mushroom summer program for children, coordinated the annual garage sale, and so much more.

What we need to do now, and continue to develop in the future, is ensure that the activities undertaken by the WWCA address the needs and concerns of the community. In order to do that, the most important things we need are feedback and manpower. In other words, we need the members of our community to tell us if they like what we are doing or if we are still involved in activities that no longer reflect the needs of the community. If there is a new idea for WWCA involvement, we need to know. We also need the people to make things happen. In addition to the Officers and Board of the WWCA, there are dozens of people who provide a little of their time to support the WWCA.

We would like to keep the WWCA viable, responsive and assessable to all of the community. To do that, we all need to pitch in, if we can.

What Can I Do For West Walker?

What do you like to do? If you like to take walks, think about delivering the *Wire*. Concerned about gangs and graffiti? Help represent the WWCA at CAPS meetings. Good with computers? Help update our website. Have the gift of salesmanship? Help solicit ads for the *Wire*. Enjoy party planning? Help organize the Winter Social or Harvest Festival. See a need that needs to be addressed and need help to make it happen? Let us know. There are many ways to help, and a good fit for any volunteer.

What Can the West Walker Do For Me?

Call or write and let us know. Bring it up at one of the general meetings. Go to the WWCA website and press the "Contact Us" button to send

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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."

Celebrating 100 years of service to the West Walker Community

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All story ideas, text, and ads are due a week before the first of the month.

Submit ideas and text to:
west_walker_wire@yahoo.com.

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

Free Job Training in the Weatherization Field

Albany Park Community Center is now offering paid training for candidates with a building trades background to earn certification from the Building Performance Institute (BPI) to be a home energy auditor and weatherization technician.

“Our training program gives new opportunities for employment or advancement for those with previous building trades experience,” says Hua Chau, director of workforce development at APCC.

This opportunity can especially benefit candidates who have a building trades background in carpentry, engineering, HVAC, electrical, retrofitting, construction, or other related fields, but are currently under-employed or unemployed.

Albany Park Community Center is offering paid training to advance the skills of tradespeople who fall into these categories and will work with participants to help place them in suitable jobs in their fields upon obtaining certification.

Not only is the training itself free, as APCC covers the cost of the certificate, but the program also offers a \$100 a week stipend and a \$116 bonus for passing the course.

“Our number one priority is to get the hard-working candidates in our program a suitable job that matches the skills they have learned through our training,” says project coordinator Casey Smagala.

APCC will be presenting the opportunities in the program to candidates on October 29, 2013 at 1945 W. Wilson, Ste. 3000 at 1:00 p.m. Interested candidates should contact Casey Smagala at 773-433-3250 or email at csmagala@apcc-chgo.org.

APCC has already trained 30 candidates in the Home Energy Auditor course and 15 in the Weatherization Technician class. The center has now begun hosting hiring events for the candidates who obtained the certifications.

The Albany Park Community Center is a not-for-profit, community-based organization that began serving the multi-ethnic Chicago neighborhood of Albany Park and now works with candidates from all over Chicago. The Center operates a wide range of programs and services in Albany Park and the surrounding neighborhoods.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
Broker, MBA, ADPR

Hello Neighbors,
As I take my walks around the neighborhood, I enjoy getting the chance to stop and chat with neighbors. And one thing that I am often asked is:

“Dorie, how’s the market?”

Well, the resounding answer is Great! And here’s one reason why. Last year through September, 18 homes sold in our neighborhood at an average price of \$290,000. This year through September, 23 homes sold at an average price of \$359,000.

That’s a 19% increase in home prices in our area!

Plus the average market time to sell a home now is 70 days, down from 113 days last year.

If you have a question or you’re thinking of selling, give me a call or send me an email. Together we can figure out the best plan to market your home and sell it at a great price!



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News From Independence Branch Library

Story Time (for children aged 2 to 5 years) will be held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. through December 16th.

Teacher in the Library is a free homework help program for students. The teacher is available Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm through December 19th.

The Friends of the Independence Branch Library Artists' Council, the City of Chicago, and the Chicago Artists' Coalition celebrate Chicago Artists' Month in October with their annual exhibition **Art Synthesis '13**. This free exhibit features original works by artists residing in the Independence/Irving Park community. The exhibit will run through November 30th.

The Adult Book Discussion group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on October 8th. We will be discussing the One Book One Chicago selection *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson.

Independence Branch Library is located at 3548 W. Irving Park Road. Our hours are M/W: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; T/Th: 12 - 8 p.m.; F/Sa: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For questions or more information, call us at 312-744-0900.

Hands To Help Ministries News

Hands To Help Ministries needs help with lunch supplies for the homeless. About \$25 a week will pay for the supplies for bagged lunches that our outreach worker hands out to clients on the street. The lunches are assembled by the great BuildOn volunteers from Schurz High School. Call 773-599-9370 to help, or donate at www.handstohelpministries.org.

Hands to Help Ministries provides assistance to the homeless and those in crisis on the Northwest Side of Chicago. Hands to Help seeks to connect people with housing and other services. If you see a person in need, please call our hotline at 773-599-9370 and let us know the time and place you encountered the person.



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News from Irving Park United Methodist Church

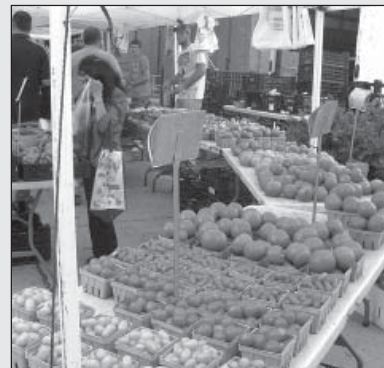
Bible 101

Bible 101 is a class offered to give an overview of the Bible to those interested in learning a bit about the variety of types of literature contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament. This class is open to the community and at no charge. Call the office at 773-283-6262 for more information or to register.

Keep your calendars open for "Broadway Blessings," which will be held on November 15th and 16th at 7:00 p.m. Last year some talented kids were led by some gifted adults in creating a memorable show that blessed families in our neighborhood through the Irving Park Food Pantry. We are currently in rehearsals with children, youth and their families to put on another amazing show! "Broadway Blessings" will be held at Irving Park United Methodist Church on 3801 N Keeler. If you have any questions or need more information, please call 773-283-6262.

WIRE PHOTO BOMB!

Photographs by
April Bayne



From top: Tomatoes and shoppers at Geneva Lakes Produce booth, and an intrigued customer at the Klehm Nurseries booth, both from the GIPNA Independence Park Farmers Market on September 8th, 2013.

39th Ward Report



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED how to safely dispose of unused or outdated medicines? After working with the Department of Public Health and the Mayor's Office, I'm pleased to announce that the program recently expanded to all Chicago police stations to allow citywide accessibility for the proper disposal

of expired and unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Available 24-hours a day, year-round, Chicago's pharmaceutical disposal program offers a convenient and environmentally friendly alternative to flushing medicines into the wastewater stream or placing them in municipal landfills. The program's main goals are to help prevent unintended or recreational use, reduce, and to keep contaminants out of Chicago's public waterways. Residents of the 39th Ward can drop off pharmaceuticals at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

The fall season brings changing colors, shorter days, cooler temperatures, and flu season! One of the best ways to avoid the flu is to get a flu shot. Please stop by my 39th Ward Public Service Office, 4404 W. Lawrence, on **Friday, November 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** to get your free flu shot. In addition to getting a flu shot, Department of Public Health recommends these simple steps to avoid the flu: Wash hands often with soap and water. Regularly clean commonly-touched surfaces such as countertops, tables, doorknobs, telephones and TV/ stereo remote controls. Don't share cups, straws or anything that goes in the mouth. Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing. Stay home when sick.

In development news, Petco recently opened at Mayfair Plaza, 4840 N. Pulaski (just north of Lawrence Avenue) in the former Staples space. Thai Town Center at the former 17th District Police Station, 4461 N. Pulaski, is in the final stages of construction. We're looking forward to a grand opening soon!

If you want to receive last minute updates and news from the 39th Ward, please register for my e-newsletter. You can sign up on the upper right of my website, www.AldermanLaurino.com, or send us an email at Ward39@cityofchicago.org. Your information will remain private and will never be shared. As always, please contact my office at 773-736-5594 or e-mail us at Ward39@cityofchicago.org with questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

LET THERE BE MUSIC!



Jim Worthing
Nashville Gospel singer
returns for encore performance

Community Concert

Saturday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.

Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Family and senior rates. Activities for children!

Benefits local outreach ministries.

BROADWAY Wishes

This popular musical forum returns for a second year to showcase talented young performers.

Rehearsals start Oct. 7

Mondays/Thursdays

Performances Nov 15-17

Solo auditions: Oct. 3, 6, 7

For more information on these and other church activities go to irvingparkumc.com, call 773-283-6262 or find us on Facebook!

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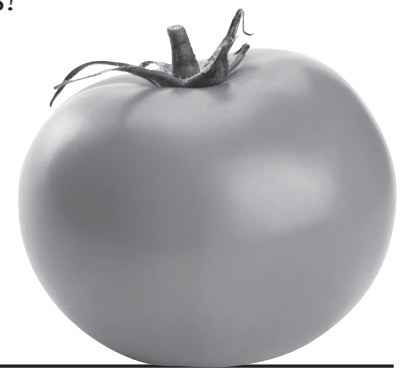
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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



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

October 11th Trivia Night to Benefit Carlson Programs

Carlson Community Services will hold its annual Trivia Night on October 11th. Exercise your brain (and elbow) for the benefit of Carlson's after-school program, community garden and concert series. Teams of 8 can purchase a table for \$160 (\$180 after October 7th). Individuals are invited to play for \$25. Wine, beer and soda will be sold at the bar, but bring your own snacks! Teams compete for a \$150 cash prize and glory. Popular Quiz Master Kevin Graham will host the evening.

"Trivia is such a great way to bring the community together for some lighthearted fun," said event chair and Carlson board member Helen Lira. "People are surprised by how much fun they have, whether or not they answer a lot of questions. Plus it's for a great cause."

Trivia Night takes place at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym at 4057 N. Harding from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The event is open to adults 21 and over. For more information or to register your team, e-mail Helen Lira at helen@chilira.com or contact her by phone at 773-406-9821.

Trivia Night benefits Carlson Community Services' neighborhood programs. Carlson is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that helps at-risk kids succeed with The Magic After-School Place (MAP), reduces hunger and beautifies our neighborhood with Three Brothers Community Garden and makes fine arts affordable and accessible through the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series. Join us for a fun night for a great cause!



West Walker residents enjoy Carlson's 2012 Trivia Night. The annual event takes place October 11th.

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Gary Powell, Organist October 27th

In the first concert of the 2013-2014 season, the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is pleased to present organist Gary Powell on Sunday October 27th at 2:00 p.m. The concert will take place at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Avenue. Works by Bach, Handel, Mozart and American composer Paul Manz will be performed. The concert is free of charge, but a free-will offering may be made. A reception with the artist follows the concert.

Gary is the Director of Music and Organist at United Church of Hyde Park, and is a regular recitalist on the Dundee Lenten Recital Series and The Roosevelt Organ Recital Series in Michigan City. He plays recitals throughout Chicagoland. Gary will be performing on the church organ, which was installed in 1953. The organ was built by Casavant Brothers in Quebec, Canada. It features four keyboards and more than 2,500 pipes.

Other concerts in the Fine Arts series are a performance of Christmas music December 15th, French Horn Quartet Über on February 9th, and two Dvorak chamber music quintets April 27th. All concerts are at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church. Programs and dates are subject to change.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series is in its 19th season of bringing high quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood. The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee receives funding from Carlson Community Services. For more information, contact Liz Mills 773-398-6766 or visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

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News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



Top: More than 35 volunteers came out on a hot, muggy September 10th to help start the Pantry's new night-time distribution on the second Tuesday of each month. The Pantry again will be open to new and existing clients on October 8th.

Wine-Tasting Benefit on Sunday, October 13th

The Pantry's annual wine-tasting benefit will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 13th at Mirabell restaurant (3454 W. Addison). Tickets are \$40 apiece, with funds used to aid our food-purchasing budget. A variety of wines from around the world (comprising North and South America, Europe and Oceania) will be available, and a silent auction will be run with merchandise and services supplied by local contributors. For tickets, contact Janet Middleton at janetkmiddleton0@gmail.com or purchase online at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org.

Coat Distribution This month, we will be passing out winter coats, hats and accessories to our clients for the coming winter months. We are accepting donations of new or clean and gently used winter gear to help out through October 30th. Please donate what you can, as after this month, we will be unable to accept these donations.



Left: Adam Snow (center), manager of Beans & Bagels, stopped by the Pantry during our Tuesday night distribution to make one of his regular donations of produce. He chatted with Executive Director John Psiharis and Lindsey Elton of the Irving Park United Methodist Church, who connected us with Adam to set up the regular donations. Photos by Craig Shutt.

New Board Officers
Congratulations to our newly-elected Board President Belma Torres, and to Vice President Peggy Calderone. Belma formerly served as our Community Resources Coordinator, while Peggy has been a long-time volunteer.

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Fall for these Amazing October Specials!!!

\$60 'Oh My Gourd, You're Glowing!' Pumpkin Facial! (Reg. \$80)

\$36 Mani/Pedi or \$55 No Chip Mani w/Pedi Tues, Wed, Thurs!

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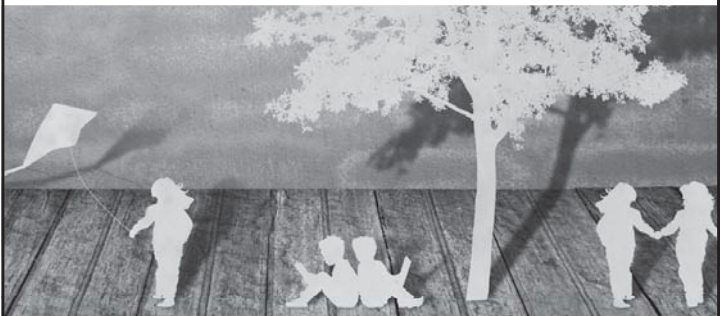
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St. Edward's School

Prospective Parents mark your calendars! On Thursday, November 21st from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., we will hold our annual

Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House in Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell. Families are invited to come meet current parents, teachers and our principal and learn more about St. Ed's early childhood education program. For more information, please email rsvp@stedwardschool.com.



Our aspiring thespians are hard at work with St. Ed's production of

"The Jungle Book." We are thrilled to partner with the Youth Company of Chicago to offer this opportunity to students in grades 3 – 8. The musical is based on Rudyard Kipling's time-honored children's tales and the Disney film. More details about our winter production to come.

On Sunday, October 13th, Cub Scout Pack 3904 will have its Pushcart Races at 1 p.m. in the church parking lot.

On Saturday, October 26th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Men of St. Edward School (M.O.S.E.S) will hold an electronics recycling event in the school parking lot. This will include all electronics (no batteries). Bring your old computer monitors, cell phones or other electronics you have lying around. There is also pick-up service for a small fee. Contact moses@stedwardschool.com with questions.

Little Red Tot Spot is a playgroup (free of charge) for children newborn to 3 years. The group gathers every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall. It is a nice way to meet other families in our Parish and in the neighborhood.

For over 100 years, St. Edward School has provided a quality, Catholic education to children from three-year old pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. St. Edward students enjoy an average student-teacher ratio of 18:1, and the school features an extensive music program as well as art, gym, sports, chess, and Spanish at all grade levels. Our students matriculate to highly selective CPS and Catholic schools in Chicagoland. The School is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. For more information on the school call 773-736-9133, or visit www.StEdwardSchool.com. Come see how we can give your child so much more than just a seat in the classroom.



St. Viator School

St Viator Elementary believes in educating the entire student, mind, body and soul and understands that reading is the

foundation for higher learning. That is why St. Viator incorporated the Happily Ever After and Superkids Reading Programs into the curriculum. To learn more about these reading programs, please visit our website at www.stviatorchicago.org and search for superkids.

St. Viator also employs a full time reading specialist to support and encourage students as they transition from learning to read - to reading to learn.

St. Viator School just celebrated its 110th birthday and we are pleased to announce that our school is growing with 280 students enrolled including two classrooms each of PreK 3 & 4 year olds, Kindergarten and 1st grade. We have new soundproofing in the School Hall, an updated PA system and a new video monitor system to see who is outside and inside the school building.

We invite you to learn more about St. Viator at our annual Parent and Faculty Panel, Thursday, October 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the gym. Parents and faculty join to answer your questions and provide information about the school. You may also join us for our Open House, Wednesday, October 23 from 9-10:30 a.m. to visit while school is in session. Please contact Marge Tiritilli at MTiritilli@stviatorchicago.org or at 773-545-2173 for more information.



Park View Lutheran School

We will be participating in the annual Northside Parents Network School Fair on Saturday, October

19th and we will have an Open House on Sunday, October 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Also, on November 1st, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. we are having a Hogwarts Halloween Party, featuring butter beer, pumpkin juice, and chocolate frogs - all ages are welcome. Adults are encouraged to dress up and join the fun. Food, beverages, and treats will be available for purchase, entrance and entertainment is free.

Murphy Elementary School

Murphy School's PTO invites our neighbors to its first "Murphy Mart" on Saturday, October 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This event will occur on the West side of the school in good weather or inside the school if it rains. The funds from this rummage sale will support student activities and work to close the gap in our budget shortfall this year. More information can be found on the Murphy PTO facebook page!

CICS-Irving Park School

Battle Childhood Cancer We are supporting one of our own students in their fight against cancer. Students dressed in yellow or orange and collected donations in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September. On October 19th, several staff members and CICS-IP families will participate in the "Light the Night" walk for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

High School Fair Our 8th grade students will be taking a field trip on Tuesday, October 8th to the CICS-Bucktown Campus for the Distinctive Schools High School Fair.

Go Bears!!! CICS-IP welcomes one and all to our first Football Cook-Off! On Thursday, October 10th, join us from 5 to 7 p.m. in our gymnasium at 3820 N. Spaulding for a fun evening before the Bears game. Bring your best dishes, and compete for prizes for the best chili, wings, appetizers and desserts!
Call 773-433-5000 for details.

Kids Club CICS-IP launched the Fall 2013 edition of our Kids Club after-school programs in September. Students signed up for fun activities like "Let's Get Moving" (exercise), "Broadway Bound" (drama) and "Girls on the Run" (distance running).

Disney II Magnet School

It has been a busy and exciting start to the Disney II school year. With the inception of the first ever non-selective enrollment academic center and high school in the city, and an all new 9th grade class, Disney II has grown in size to over 650 students on two campuses! That's right. We are one, fantastic school in two buildings.

The new campus, located at 3900 N. Lawndale in the Independence Park neighborhood, is currently home to 100 Disney II 7th graders, 150 Disney II 9th graders, and over 20 staff members. Ultimately, by 2016, the Lawndale Campus will house Disney II grades 7-12. Mr. Coy, a former teacher at Northside College Prep has joined the Disney II Administrative Team and is serving as the Vice



Students from the Lawndale Campus enjoy some fresh air at the school picnic. This year Disney II has added the campus at 3900 N. Lawndale, which houses the 7th through 9th graders. By 2016, the Lawndale Campus will house Disney II grades 7-12.

Principal. All of the transitions have gone rather smoothly, and these "older" Disney II students have enjoyed becoming acquainted with their new classmates and their new neighborhood.

The curriculum in the higher grades promises to be just as challenging and rigorous as in the primary grades. In addition to enrichment classes and humanities classes, four STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) teachers have been hired to instruct in those vital subject areas. Graduates of Disney II High School will have the opportunity to earn certifications in the enrichment path of their choice, including computer technology.

When Disney II students aren't busy studying, they can be found on the field and court. This fall, the following sports and activities are being offered: soccer, cross country, volleyball, flag football, and battle of the books. Many other students stay active through the YMCA sponsored after school care program.

In keeping with the ideology of healthy mind, body, and spirits, students will again have the opportunity to experience and interact with the Pilot Light Chefs. Similar to last year, prestigious Chicago chefs will spend hours of time and resources planning and executing lunch time lessons for Disney II students. The students will be able to see first-hand how nutritious, local foods can be prepared and enjoyed various ways. This is always a great learning experience for everyone-particularly the picky eaters, and we warmly welcome back the Pilot Light Chefs.

As families readjust to the new school year, schedules, and responsibilities, your friends at Disney II wish the entire community a fulfilling, happy, and safe year.

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*“The words
I have
spoken to
you are
spirit and
are life.”*

John 6:63



Have You Been to Cafe Versailles?

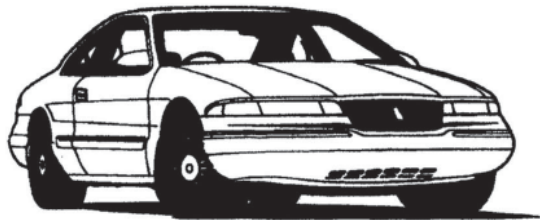
A lovely new creperie called Café Versailles opened this summer at 4102 N. Pulaski Road. You will love the owners, the restaurant's simple ambiance, and the authentic homemade sweet and savory crepes. Malki and Abdel are down-to-earth and friendly, as one reviewer suggested, “just the way a small-cafe owners should be.” Try the Nutella, banana, and three berry crepes, served with some delicious Bristot Italian coffee, pleasant ambiance, and excellent service. Do yourself a favor and visit Cafe Versailles. You will love it. Open daily from at 6:00 a.m. serving, breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

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We also welcome Pastor Samuel Cocar of the Irving Park Baptist Church (4401 W. Irving Park Rd.), who has joined the board. We are grateful to Kate Roche, who was president for several years, (and also served as volunteer manager). She has provided much guidance, encouragement and inspiration!

Join us at the GIPNA Independence Park Farmers Market on October 13th and 27th. Volunteers will be there to accept food and money donations and answer questions.

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an e-mail. Call one of the officers – phone numbers are published in the *Wire*. In order to help the community, it is important for everyone to let us know the needs of the community. Feedback is important. If we are doing it right, let us know. If we are doing it wrong, let us know. If we aren't doing it at all, pass that idea along and we can see how we can help. With your help and ideas, the WWCA can only get better.

Mike Webber
WWCA President, Pro tem

Expanded Hours at Bread & Wine!

Bread & Wine, the neighborhood American restaurant, wine bar and market on Chicago's Northwest Side, will be serving lunch every Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. beginning October 8th! Executive chef Michael Dean Reynolds, previously of Leopold and The Gage, has created a lunch menu that features some Bread & Wine favorites like the Charcuterie, the Beef & Chorizo Burger along with salads and seasonally-inspired soup. The lunch menu will launch Tuesday, October 8, and will focus on seasonal ingredients and light bites. Prices range from \$8-\$16.

In addition to offering lunch, Chef Reynolds has revamped the dinner and brunch menus and also plans to help build the retail section. Bread & Wine is located at 3732 W. Irving Park Road. Visit www.breadandwinechicago.com.

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