

# WESTWALKER ——WIRE——

#### **JANUARY 2014**

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### Scenes from Hands to Help Ministries Caroling Night

by Ed Bannon

Everyone was bundled in hats, gloves and good cheer the night of Monday, December 16th, when Hands To Help held its fifth annual Caroling Fundraiser to fight homelessness in the Old Irving and West Walker neighborhoods.

About 200 carolers turned out and raised about \$1,500 by singing

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Clockwise from top: About 200 carolers congregate at St. Viator before swarming the neighborhood to sing; A group of carolers stand before a home singing "Joy to World;" Cynthia Brick of Old Irving Park and Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer of St. John's Episcopal co-chaired the caroling event. Photos by Lewis Jones.

SAVE THE DATE FOR Chillin' in the 'Hood!

West Walker Winter Social Saturday, February 15th, 7 to 10 p.m. Independence Tap, 3932 W. Irving Park Rd. (see back page for more information)

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 12 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free Soup Lunch Park View Lutheran Church 3919 N Monticello Ave.

Wed., Jan. 15 • 7:00 p.m. CAPS Meeting - Beat 1723 4650 N. Pulaski, Community Room

Sat., Feb. 8 • 6:30 p.m. St. Ed's Roaring 20s Speakeasy Lower Church Hall, 4350 W. Sunnyside

Sun., Feb. 9 • 2:00 p.m. IPFAC Presents Über Horn Quartet Irving Park Lutheran Church 4100 N. Harding Ave.

Sat., Feb. 15 • 7 - 10 p.m. WWCA Winter Social Independence Tap 3932 W. Irving Park Rd. (for more info. see back page)

**Fri., Feb. 21 • 7:00 p.m.** Hands to Help Ministries Trivia Night Filament Theater, 4041 N. Milwaukee

Sun., Feb. 23 • 5 - 7 p.m. Soup & Bread Benefit for Carlson Community Services Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym 4057 N. Harding Ave.

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

## Dear Neighbor,

I wanted to take the opportunity to welcome Alderman John Arena to his first West Walker meeting on December 17, 2013. The subject of the meeting was the proposed development of the former Centers of Light Church, located at 4053 N. Monticello Avenue, which is the subject of this month's minutes, as well as a recent article in DNAinfo. Alderman Arena was professional and a pleasure to work with, and will be a good steward of his portion of West Walker.

I would also like to encourage everyone to join us on February 15, 2014 for the West Walker Winter Social, this Year at the Independence Tap at 3932 West Irving Park Road. More information is on the back page of the Wire.

There are no more scheduled community meetings until March. Until then, stay warm, stay safe and read the weekly e-mail blasts for updated community information.

Mike Webber President Pro Tem, West Walker Civic Association

### Good News!

WWCA is pleased to announce the appointment of a new treasurer, Sue Gregoire. Thank you to Sue for her willingness to volunteer her time and energy - and welcome!

## Weekly Soup Lunch at Park View Lutheran Church

Beginning Sunday, January 12th, Park View Lutheran Church will begin hosting a "Free Soup Lunch" every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited! Park View is located at 3919 N. Monticello Ave.

You can now pay your WWCA dues, with either PayPal or a credit card, at the West Walker website. Visit www.westwalker.org -or-

Come to the Independence Tap for our Winter Social on February 15th, become a WWCA member and get member-priced admission!

### WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

#### West Walker Mission Statement

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

### Roaring Fun with St. Edward's!

The St. Edward's Hospitality Committee will be hosting their annual fund raising event on Saturday, February 8, 2014, in the lower Church Hall, 4350 W. Sunnyside. The theme is "Roaring 20's Speakeasy" and you'll need a password to get in. We will have live music, singers, cigarette girls, food, cash bar and games. Doors will open at 6:30. So dust off your pearls, fedoras, flapper dresses and pinstripe suits. Brush up on your Charleston and be prepared to have a "Roaring" good time.

Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased by calling Linda Hehir at 1-773-283-6104 or email her at lindahehir4256@gmail.com.

### Trivia Night to Raise Funds for Hands to Help Ministries

Trivia Question: What's the best way to have fun helping the homeless on the Northwest Side? Answer: Attend the Hands To Help Ministries annual Trivia Night to be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 21st, at the new Filament Theatre, 4041 N. Milwaukee Ave.

In addition to the intense but fun trivia competition, food from local restaurants will be served and the event will feature raffle prizes, including a television and restaurant gift certificates. Admission is \$40 per person or \$295 for a table and include a bottle of wine. To help a little more, you can become a Trivia Master by paying a \$50 admission.

Groups are welcome to register as a team with a suggested maximum of 8 people. Smaller groups and individuals can form teams at the event.

Hands To Help is a volunteer-run organization that works to house the homeless and prevent homelessness on Chicago's Northwest Side. Through grants and your donations, Hands To Help provided help, homes and hope to more than 100 people last year.

Buy tickets online at www.handstohelpministries.org or email info@handstohelpministries.org for more information.

### **REAL ESTATE NEWS**



By Dorie Westmeyer Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

#### Is that tax refund burning a hole in your pocket?

It's tax time. And if you're thinking of spending your refund on a home improvement, you may wonder what's the best project to spend your money on. What's in style? And what will future buyers be looking for? According to Realtor.com and Remodeling Magazine, these improvements will give you the greatest return in Chicago when it's time to sell:

- A new steel entry door 82% return.
- Replace your windows -75-77% return.
- Add a wood deck –75% return.
- Attic bedroom remodel 73% return.
- Kitchen remodel 73% return.
- Bathroom remodel 63% return.

Here are the remodeling trends for 2014

- A modern kitchen with white or grey cabinetry, glossy finishes and appliances designed to blend in.
- Brass accents. Shiny brass is out. Dull, hammered brass is in.
- Updated bathrooms with large walk-in showers with multiple shower heads, heated floors or towel racks and glass tiles.
- Vibrant colors. Think green flash, lemon zest, nectarine and rouge red.
- Sustainable materials. Energy efficient HVAC & appliances are a given.
- Renewable materials like bamboo are in.

If you're looking to buy or thinking of selling your home, or know anyone who is, please contact me. I want to wish all my West Walker neighbors a happy and healthy 2014. We have a wonderful community and I am thankful to be a part of it for the last 18 years.



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## WWCA General Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2013

Officers and Board Members present: Mike Webber, Davor Engel, Dorie Westmeyer.

Also present: John Arena, Alderman 45th Ward

The December meeting was devoted to a discussion of the proposed redevelopment of the former Centers of Light Church, located at 4053 N. Monticello Avenue.

Elk Grove Village-based Sonco Real Estate was seeking community input on a proposal to convert the 24,000square-foot structure into 30 apartment units, which would require a zoning change from RS3 (single family home, 30-foot maximum height) to RM5 (multi-unit, 47foot maximum height).

Several neighbors within close proximity of the property raised concerns regarding the proposal, including density, traffic congestion and the possible use as a Community Center. The end-of-meeting consensus was not favorable for the development as proposed.

Alderman Arena was present to gauge the community response, and also noted that the proposal had not gone through the usual steps to provide additional public notice, due to the deadlines faced by the developer. Any proposal would be subject to further community input, as is required by Alderman Arena's guidelines.

Submitted by Mike Webber

### News from Independence Branch Library

Our weekly programs will resume on Monday, January 27th, 2014. **Pre-school Story Time** is held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. This is perfect for children 2 to 5 years old and their parents or caregivers. **Babies, Blocks and Books** meets on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and is aimed toward babies up to 2 years old and their parents or caregivers. There is also an **Adult Book Discussion Group** that meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the library at 312-744-0900. Library hours are Mondays, Wednesdays at 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library is closed on Sundays. We are located at 3548 W. Irving Park Road.

### Irving Park Y: Did You Know?

Hey Parents! There's no need to hire a babysitter on Friday nights! Irving Park YMCA can give you back your Friday nights with TWO amazing programs on Friday nights! Both offerings run from 7:00 - 10:00 pm:

Teen Night - For 11-15 year olds, we have a teen room equipped with kinect, a basketball hoop and (teen appropriate) video games. \$10 for members/\$20 for nonmembers

Parent Night Out - With games, movies and other neighborhood kids, your child(ren) will have a blast in our program center! \$15 for members per child/\$30 for non-members per child. Call our Membership Desk at 773-777-7500 for more information.

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door to door. Special thanks to St. Viator's for providing food from "Around the World." The international buffet included fare from Puerto Rico, France and Ireland.

Carolers stepped off from St. Viator's Recreation Center, going out in several small groups to spread Christmas cheer through song. Many residents generously donated to the cause. Hands To Help provides emergency funding to help people get off the street or remain housed. Donations can be made at www. handstohelpministries.org.



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## 39th Ward Report



I HOPE EVERYONE in the West Walker community had a very Happy Holiday Season. After the celebrations are over, you can recycle your Christmas tree at North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski, Jan. 4-18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The trees will be chipped and made into mulch, which will be available for residents to pick

up beginning Friday, Jan. 18, while supplies last. Please remove all ornaments, lights and stands before dropping off your tree. Decorations, tree lights, wreaths, garlands or household recyclable materials will not be accepted.

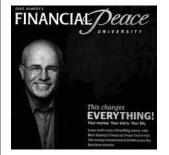
We have gotten several inquiries regarding a proposal for a conversion of a church to apartments at 4053 N. Monticello. This address used to be located in the 39th Ward, but it is now in the 45th Ward. If a proposal requires legislative action and comes to the City Council's Zoning Committee, I will be supportive of any decision the West Walker community and the 45th Ward make about this site.

If you live in a condominium building, the deadline to apply for a condominium refuse rebate for costs incurred in 2013 is quickly approaching. Applications for the rebate must be submitted to our 39th Ward office no later than Friday, January 10, 2014. The Property Management Company or Condominium Association may submit one application. Please do not delay. If we receive your application past the January 10 deadline, it may be denied. Application forms and additional information are available at the Committee on Finance website at http://www.committeeonfinance.org/condo/ index.asp. If you have any questions about the Refuse Rebate program, please contact my City Hall staff at 312-744-7242.

As always, 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

### Start the New Year by Finding Financial Peace!



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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.



### Irving Park Fine Arts Committee presents the Uber Horn Quartet on

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The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present Über Horn Quartet on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. The concert will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave.

*February 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.* Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. The concert is free of charge, but a free-will offering may

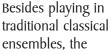
be made. A reception with the artists follows the concert.

Chicago's Über Horn Quartet is an exhilarating ensemble of four of Chicago's top horn players. They are Jeremiah Frederick, Anna Mayne, Kelly Langenberg, and Mary Jo Neher. The horn, commonly known as the French horn, is one of the most versatile instruments in the orchestra and Über's passion is making the horn and its wide variety of sounds, tonal colors and styles of playing more well-known and accessible. As founding members of the Chicago Horn Consort, they have covered a wide variety of repertoire for multiple horns. From traditional classical quartets and modern American composers to jazz and holiday favorites, Über covers it all. The four hornists of the Über Horn Quartet often delve in to the orchestral scene and to this end are members of some

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of the region's top orchestras, including the Ars Viva, South Bend, Peoria, Illinois, Dubuque and Lake Forest symphony orchestras.





Soup & Bread is fun for the whole family!

members of the quartet have played many Broadway shows both downtown and in the suburbs, including Wicked, The Phantom of the Opera, Shrek, My Fair Lady, Sweeney Todd, Carousel, The Addams Family, and Mary Poppins among others. Concerts by the Über Horn Quartet are sure to be an entertaining, informative, and fun-filled interactive experience for audience and players alike as the glorious sounds of four horns fill any concert venue with joy and excitement.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series is sponsored by Carlson Community Services and is in its 19th season of bringing high quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park community.

#### Save the Date for Carlson's Soup & Bread!

What could be better than a steaming bowl of soup on a cold winter day? A steaming bowl of soup that benefits Carlson Community Services' neighborhood programs! Join us Sunday, February 23rd from 5-7 p.m. for Soup & Bread for Carlson Community Services. We'll be serving up a variety of soups made especially for the event by area restaurants and local neighborhood cooks. Help yourself to unlimited servings of soup, along with delicious bread from local bakeries.

Patterned after a popular winter event at The Hideout Bar, Soup & Bread for Carlson will be held at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for kids 3-12. Kids under 3 eat free!

All proceeds will go to Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 non-profit connecting the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. Carlson's programs include an after-school program, community garden and classical music concert series. For more information, or if you'd like to volunteer, contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766 or lizmills@ carlsoncommunityservices.org. For more information on Soup & Bread, visit http://soupandbread.net/about-soupand-bread/.



### News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



Among the volunteers who helped out during the Pantry's Holiday Distribution on December 18th were (I-r): Alderman Deb Mell, Alderman John Arena and State Representative Jaime Andrade Jr. Photo by Craig Shutt.

#### FDC Foundation Renews \$30,000 Grant

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is pleased to report that the FDC Foundation has renewed its grant to the Pantry for our Fresh Produce for Better Health Initiative and client-services program. The grant will fund purchases of fresh produce

for our clients and resources for Community Resources Coordinator Julie Kult. We are grateful to FDC for giving us such generous support and especially board member Susan Patke for her efforts on our behalf. Thank you to volunteer Gloria Price for preparing our proposal and working with the foundation to secure the grant.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the holiday season a success for our clients! This includes the volunteers who helped on Tuesday night, December 10th, as well as those who worked both December Wednesday mornings to serve all our clients, those who helped set up and distribute the holiday meal on December 18th, and all who donated food, toys and money to help those in our neighborhood who needed a boost this holiday season.

Special thanks to parishioners and the 70 volunteers at Mt. Olive Church who canvassed Old Irving Park and the Villa to collect donations of food and money for the Pantry. Our delivery truck was filled to the top with food, and nearly \$4,000 in funding collected. We appreciate Roger Torbeck for his leadership on this project, Alfreda Rommel for her efforts in organizing it as a Pantry board member and member of Mt. Olive, and all our neighbors for contributing so generously.

St. Viator Elementary School provided two food drives for our holiday programs. Just before Thanksgiving, the school's Student Council organized a drive among classes and gathered about a dozen boxes of food. A few weeks later, the St. Viator Parent Association collected food (in lieu of admission) at its Mistletoe Market of crafts and also auctioned off donated items. Those efforts brought in seven more boxes of food and \$370. Thank you to St. Viator students and parents!

Thanks also to Lynda Machaila and everyone at Kids' Work Chicago and Kids' Work Chicago Too for organizing a food drive that brought in a carload of boxes and bags of food. We also received a large donation of food from a drive organized by



St. Viator Parent Association President Heather Santillan (left) with Clara Guerrero and Tom O'Malley prepare boxes of food donations collected for the Pantry during the group's annual Mistletoe Market in December.

Jane Wilmoth at Bankrate Inc., as well as a carload of food collected by Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Food donations also were received from Community Savings Bank and Grey Elementary School. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to help with the drives and to those who donated.

Toy drives were held for us by the Old Irving Park Association during its Holiday Dinner, Belden Elementary School, Irving Park United Methodist Church, Mariano's in Greektown, Pert Cleaners and Starbucks. Thanks also to Irving Park Lutheran Church for allowing us to store the toys at their location. In addition, several families held toy drives, including the Linnemeyer family, spearheaded by Cade and Avery Linnemeyer, who collected toys for the Pantry during their neighborhood get-together on Tripp Avenue. Megan Kennedy and her daughters distributed fliers to Irving Park Rd. businesses and encouraged them to participate personally. Others also organized toy drives and dropped off their bundles anonymously. Thanks also to Barb Cohn and Vicci Rodgers for organizing the Toy Room during our holiday distribution again this year!

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### CICS - Irving Park School

**Joy Around the World** The CICS-IP Winter concert was a huge success. Students, staff and families learned about different

winter holidays celebrated around the world. Students sang songs, performed skits and gave presentations about Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Diwali. Students Seth Karall and Jackson Wentland wrote a holiday song and performed it with the 2nd graders!

**Hoops Scoops** CICS-IP basketball season is starting in January! Come see our girls play on Jan. 16, 23 & 28, and the boys on Jan. 17, 24 & 29. JV games start at 4:30pm, varsity at 5:30pm. School gym is located at 3820 N. Spaulding.

**Raising the Bar-B-Que** We wish to give a big "Thank You!" to Barry Sorkin and the staff at Smoque BBQ for generously providing food for our annual Teachers' Luncheon. Our teachers enjoyed their tasty fare, and you should too! Please visit Smoque BBQ at 3800 N. Pulaski for the best BBQ in the city!



**NWEA Testing 1-2-3!** The Northwestern Evaluation Assessment (NWEA) provides products and services to measure and promote academic student growth and school improvement. NWEA testing will take place during the month of January. Teachers will analyze the winter testing data to gauge student progress and define targeted instruction for the remainder of the year. Students use the results to set their own academic goals.

**Spelling Bee** Selected CICS-IP students will compete in a school Spelling Bee on January 29th. We hope to send winners on to competition with other schools.

### St. Viator School

**Happy New Year!** St. Viator Elementary School is proud of our accomplishments in 2013 and eager for continued success in 2014. St. Viator offers full and part-time programs for 3 and 4 year olds and full day for kindergarten through eighth grade. St. Viator provides an excellent education with challenging curriculum and gifted teachers who engage each learner at every grade level. After school athletic programs are also available, as well as various enrichment clubs including, Chess Scholars, art, cooking, drama, tennis and yoga.

St. Viator's Primary Gym program continues into the new year through April 2014. Primary Gym is open to children of St. Viator Elementary School, St. Viator Parish and the surrounding community. The program offers a relaxed environment where children ages 3 through 3rd grade, and their parents, can interact and participate in several fun activities including, basketball, baseball, floor hockey, soccer, scooters, parachute play, tunnels and more! It's the perfect place to warm up this winter, socialize and stay active. Primary Gym is held on alternating Saturdays from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the St. Viator Gym located at 3644 N. Kedvale Ave. The cost is \$20 per family for the year. Please check our website www.stviatorchicago.org for upcoming dates and more information.

Please join us Saturday, January 25, from 2:00-4:00 pm, for an Open House to learn more about St. Viator and what makes our school so special. Faculty, staff and parents will be available to answer any questions. After the Open House, please join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass to celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. For more information, please call 773-545-2173 or e-mail Marge Tiritilli at MTiritilli@stviatorchicago.org.

### Park View Lutheran School

The following dates are scheduled for Open House visits at Park View Lutheran School: Sunday, January 26th, Sunday, February 23rd and Sunday, March 23rd. All three Open Houses will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The week of February 2nd will be an "In School" Open House from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 773-267-0072 for more information. Park View is located at 3919 N. Monticello.

### **Murphy Elementary School**

Murphy School welcomes everyone to their monthly Family Music (for guardians and children ages 6 months to 4 years old) on Friday, January 10th at 8:10 a.m. Also, children and adults of all ages are invited to the monthly Community Sing followed by a school tour on Friday, January 31st at 8 a.m. Happy New Year!

#### Food Pantry, continued from page 7

Thank you to Irving Park United Methodist Church who gave the pantry \$125, part of the proceeds from its Broadway Blessings program.

The Pantry was featured in a special focus presentation on Hunger & the Holidays produced by Austin Montgomery of WCRX-FM radio 88.1. Austin was so impressed by the Pantry's operations that he has signed on as a new volunteer!

Instructor Alicia Theofanis of the University of Illinois Extension Program has 16 clients enrolled in Nutriton classes, held weekly at the pantry. Check our Facebook page each week to see what they've made!

Other positive partnerships: Rotary Club of Chicago O'Hare, through Pat Rantella, to receive donations of personal-care items from United Airlines, Lufthansa and other carriers. Mariano's on Elston joins our roster of weekly suppliers of food donations. They will also hold a food drive in January. Our participation in the Greater Chicago Food Depository's Food Rescue program is working smoothly, with Wednesday morning deliveries quickly unloaded, sorted and distributed to clients that day. Typically, we receive three pallets of frozen meat, produce, bakery items and other perishables that supplement the food we give our clients. The food aids our efforts to expand to Tuesday night and add to the staples we provide.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us serve the community. We enter our 30th year as Neighbors Helping Neighbors!



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#### 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 2013-2014 dues to our next WWCA meeting in March! Or you can mail in the application below. You can also pay your WWCA dues with either PayPal or a credit card at the West Walker website. Go to www. westwalker.org.

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