



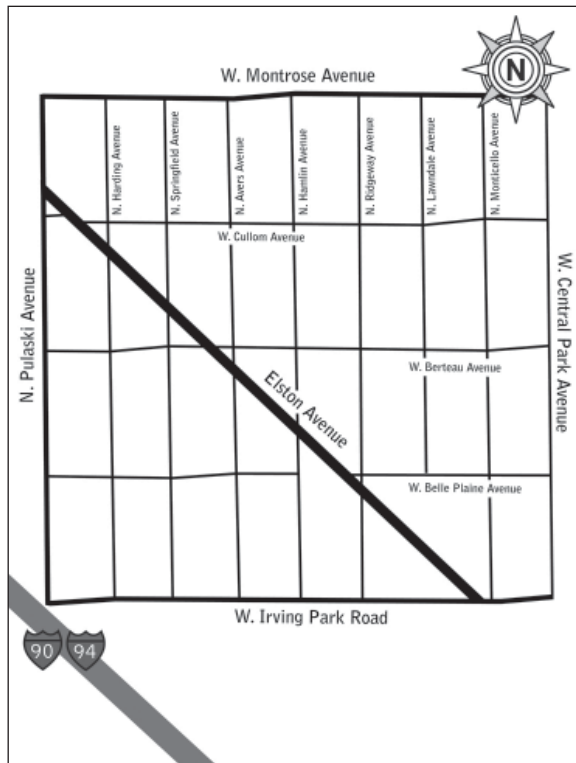
WEST WALKER WIRE

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Big Sales Await!

West Walker Civic Association is having its 29th Annual Neighborhood Garage and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. This is an amazing event that you do not want to miss! Look at the map to the right to get a sense of how big this sale is!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., May 13 • 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Irving Park Food Pantry
Evening Distribution, 3801 N. Keeler

Sat., May 17 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
WWCA Neighborhood
Garage & Yard Sale

Sat., May 17 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Independence Park Yard Sale

Sat., May 17 • 7:00 p.m.
Beatles Mass
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner
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Tues., May 20 • 7:00 p.m.
WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston

Wed., May 21 • 7:00 p.m.
CAPS Meeting Beat 1723
4650 N Pulaski, Community Room

July 7 - Aug. 1 (M-F) • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Magic Mushroom Summer Program
IPLC, 3938 W. Belle Plaine
See page 4 for more information

July 28-Aug. 8 (M-F) • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Peanuts Drama Camp
IPUMC, 3801 N. Keeler
See page 4 for more information

Sat. & Sun., June 14-15
Six Corners BBQ Fest
Irving Park Rd./Cicero Ave.)
Visit www.6cornersbbqfest.com

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

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Dear Neighbor,

Even though spring is taking its time to arrive, there is one sure sign that it has arrived around the corner, and that's the annual West Walker Civic Association Garage Sale. In its 29th year, the sale is planned for Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's one of my favorite events, whether I'm manning my own sale or shopping everyone else's. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors who've been hibernating all winter and meet others who have recently moved in. Plus, garage sales are now in vogue as a green way to shop. Someone else's trash may very well be your treasure!

Thanks to Bob and Kevin Crowley and Melanie Reschke for their work on the sale. It all seems to happen so effortlessly, thanks to them. The city of Chicago requires a garage sale permit for every home participating. We'll take care of getting the permit for you and list your address on our map and in our advertising—just complete the application in the Wire and turn it in by May 11 or sign up by May 11 on the WWCA website at www.westwalker.org.

Mike Webber
President Pro Tem, WWCA

Independence Park Yard Sale May 17th

While you visit the West Walker Neighborhood Garage Sale, stop by Independence Park! Independence Park Advisory Council presents the Independence Park Yard Sale on Saturday, May 17th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Independence Park, 3945 N. Springfield. Plenty of new and used items to buy - last year, over 90 garages participated!

Earn some cash while doing your Spring cleaning! Rent a 10x10 space for \$20, and keep whatever money you make! Visit www.independencparkchicago.com to sign up for a space. Email questions to info@independencparkchicago.com. Salvation Army trucks will arrive at the end of the sale to take away any unwanted items. So remember the Indy Park Garage Sale on May 17th - Rain or Shine!

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

"The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have."

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WWCA General Meeting Minutes

April 15th, 2014

Officers Present: Michael Webber

1. Convened at 7:00 p.m.
2. John K. Riordan, Director of Economic Development and Business Affairs for Alderman Margaret Laurino, reported on upcoming streetscape upgrades on Pulaski Avenue, 39th Ward Home Improvement Fair and responded to neighbors questions regarding Ward issues.
3. Mike Webber reported that the WWCA operating balance was \$3,815.73.
3. Jack Prikos of Farmers Market Garden Center spoke on a number of topics including the history of Farmers Market and the "sustainable" gardening projects. Native varieties of perennials, trees and shrubs were discussed. In addition, the "impatiens downy mildew" affecting the Chicago land area was discussed. This highly destructive disease is spreading rampantly through the City, and has caused many plant sellers to stop selling impatiens. Alternant species are available. Visit your local garden center to learn more.
5. A reminder about the 29th Annual West Walker Garage Sale on Saturday, May 17.
6. Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next scheduled WWCA Meeting: Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Recycling Reminder

Recycling crews have noticed a pattern in the types of items that are inappropriately placed in the blue recycling carts. Here is a list of common recycling contaminates that should not be in the Blue Cart: plastic bags, shredded paper, styrofoam (also, known as #6 plastics), unnumbered plastics, yard waste, electronics, and household chemicals. To learn more about what items can be thrown into the Blue Recycling Cart, visit the city's recycling website at www.cityofchicago.org and type in key words: Chicago's Blue Cart Residential Recycling Program.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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SELLERS MARKET FOR WEST WALKER

Hello Neighbors,
Home sale prices are up +50% in March in Irving Park versus last year. Wow! And market time to sell is down - 25%. In West Walker, we have 12 homes for sale and 10 are already under contract! We have fewer homes for sale this year than last. It's a sellers market!

How to Get the Highest Sale Price for Your Home

1. Hire the Neighborhood Realtor who knows our market, how to sell our neighborhood and wants to see you get the highest price for your home!
2. Prepare your home for sale. You only get one chance at a first impression.
3. Hire the Realtor who knows how to creatively market your home, price it right and bring buyers to your door.
4. Don't pre-sell your home off market. List it on the MLS. The more competition for your home the better sale price for you.
5. Make sure your Realtor is working hard just for you and not the buyer too. It may sound good that a realtor is working with buyers looking in our neighborhood, but it's not in your best interest to have your realtor represent you and the buyer too. Hire the Neighborhood Realtor who can get buyers interested in your home and who is working *just for you*.

Selling your home fast is nice, but getting the best price is better!

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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Irving Park United Methodist Church

3801 N. Keeler, 773-283-6262, www.irvingparkumc.com

Not Your Usual Bible Study is Bible Study for those of us who don't think "God wrote it," or that it is a science textbook, or that it is literally true. We look at what is actually in the Bible and see if and how it makes sense for us today. Drop in with any Bible you choose and join the conversation! These discussions are held at City News Cafe (4018 N Cicero) on Monday nights at 7:00 pm starting May 19th. People of all faith traditions are welcome.

Arts, Music and Drama are the VBS focus this year! North Central College Students will visit IPUMC to help us put on a summer musical based on a biblical story! Auditions will be held for key roles on the afternoon of Sunday, July 6. There will be both singing and speaking roles. Actors will help create sets and props, making a wonderful, well-rounded experience for children and youth interested in music and theatre! Games and snacks will be a part of the program Monday-Friday. This evening Vacation Bible School program runs July 6-13. Registration has begun! This program is open to entering K-10th graders. Final performances on Sunday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m. This VBS program is FREE.

Peanuts Drama Camp July 28-August 8! New

American Folk Theatre will be leading a two-week drama experience based on two musicals: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," and "Snoopy." Camp will run from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday of above dates, with the final performance on August 9. Cost is \$180.00 with a \$10 discount offered to IPUMC Spring Break participants and early registrations. Discounts for additional children in the same family will be offered. Register by calling 773-283-6262 or emailing irvingparkumc@comcast.net. A \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot.

Disney and Gospel Truth: This summer we will show Disney movies on Tuesdays and Saturdays with a brief discussion following. Sunday worship will focus on the movie shown the week preceding. Our first movie, "The Lion King," will be shown on Saturday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m., and will be the focus for the worship service, sermon and children's program on Sunday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m. Other movies include "Finding Nemo," "Pocahontas," and "Toy Story." For more information, check the website or email us at irvingparkumc@comcast.net to be added to our email events newsletter.

Irving Park Lutheran Church

3938 W. Belle Plaine, 773-267-1666, www.iplc.org

Our 110th Anniversary Celebration will be Sunday, May 18th! Join us for a special worship service at 10:30 a.m. and a meal at noon in the gym. (main dish and desserts provided, you can help with a side or salad.) We'll gather with members and leaders old and new to celebrate what God has done and is doing in our congregation and community!

IPLC Summer Worship schedule begins Sunday, May 25 and lasts through Sunday, August 31 (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend). Worship is at 9:30 a.m. (no Chapel service) and Coffee & Fellowship time is at 10:30 a.m.

Farm Fresh Produce at IPLC this Summer! Would you like organic produce, available for pick-up every Sunday this summer, right here in the neighborhood? IPLC is being considered as a site for people buying shares this summer through Willow Ridge Organic Farm. Willow Ridge Farm has been certified organic since 1974, is located in northern Wisconsin, and is led by a former Chicagoan. If enough people are interested in buying shares (we need at least 10, open to church members and people throughout the community), Willow Ridge will make IPLC a pick-up site this summer, delivering the boxes from late June through early November. Boxes/shares are all weekly and vary in sizes and price: full share \$550, partial share \$400, mini share \$250. For more information, go to willowridgeorganicfarm.org. If you would like to participate, contact Rebecca Haneberg at rebecca63@sbcglobal.net.

Magic Mushroom is still open for registration! Magic Mushroom is expanding to five days a week: Monday through Friday from July 7th to August 1st from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with field trips every Friday. This year's theme is Workshop of Wonders where kids will learn how God works in our lives, while also doing hands-on mission projects as well as science experiments in class! Call 773-266-1666 or visit www.iplc.org to download an enrollment form!

St. John's Episcopal Church

3857 N. Kostner 773-725-9026, www.stjohnschicago.com

Peace and Love: Back by popular demand, the Beatles Mass returns on Saturday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this celebration of peace and love, an ancient Christian tradition with a Sixties spin. This worship service consists of live Beatles' music, featuring Tim Menard and friends. Sing along with the celebration of

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39th Ward Report



IF YOU WANT TO LEARN about birds and their habitats while enjoying a walk through the woods at the North Park Village Nature Center, join the Chicago Audubon Society for Spring Birds Walks with an expert leader who can answer all questions regarding birds. The Spring Birds Walks are conducted every Saturday

during May from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. These events are free and everyone is welcome. If you have questions, please call the Chicago Audubon Society at 773-539-6793.

The long awaited Pulaski Road Streetscape, from Montrose to Wilson, will be underway in May. The design includes new sidewalks with decorative permeable pavers, new street poles with neighborhood identifier banners, thermoplastic intersection design at Montrose and Pulaski, benches, planters, and a public plaza adjacent to Thai Town.

The City Clerk's Office will be mailing city sticker renewal forms in May. This marks the first year the City Clerk's Office will be offering year-round city stickers and staggering the expiration date. Your new city sticker renewal month will be

set six months from the expiration of your state license plate registration. For example, if your state license plate expires in May, your new city sticker will expire in November. During this transition period, residents will have the option to purchase a prorated city sticker (valid between 1 and 11 months) or an extended vehicle sticker (valid between 13 and 23 months). If you are a senior 65+, you will not be affected by the change to year-round sales and will remain on a June-to-June renewal schedule. More information about the year-round stickers can be found in your renewal notice or on the City Clerk's website at www.ChicityClerk.com. On Monday, June 16, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the City Clerk's Office will be in my 39th Ward Public Service Office (4404 W. Lawrence) to sell City Vehicle and Residential Zone Parking Stickers and to answer questions.

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 and we'll add you to the list. As always, please contact my office at 773-736-5594 or at Ward39@cityofchicago.org with questions or concerns. If you have any questions, please contact my 39th Ward Office at 773.736.5594 or Ward39@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

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Holy Communion and then join us for a party afterwards (spinning Beatles tunes of course!) Donations will

benefit CROSSWalk which engages people in addressing the escalating violence against youth in Chicago. The event is free and open to the public.

Why do a Beatles Mass? "We love the music of the Beatles, and we love the passion that Jesus had for peace. So why not put these two passions together?" says The Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer, pastor of St. John's, "And, John Lennon started off singing in his parish choir so we're just claiming those roots." Why CROSSWalk? "Every week we pray the names of all those killed by gun violence in Chicago; every week the list is sobering. Members of our parish walked in the past Holy Week walks and are now glad to support CROSSWalk's work to provide summer jobs and internships for our city's youth."

Take a walk outside, enjoy the fresh air and do something good for your neighborhood! West Walker Wire needs carriers to deliver issues of this newsletter for the 2014/2015 year! This is also a great opportunity for high school students to earn service hours!

For inquiries, contact WWCA President Pro Tem Mike Webber at 773-539-8346.

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



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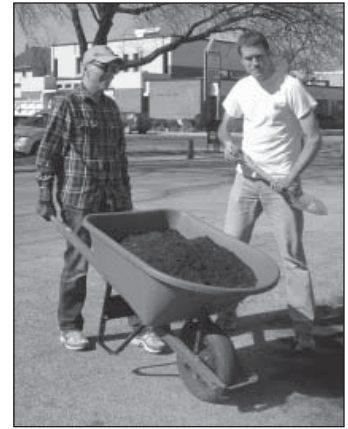
the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

Three Brothers Garden Offers Garden Coordinator Internship

Are you a college student interested in environmental science, biology, or non-profit management? Do you like vegetable gardening? Do you like people? Do you need a fun summer job? Then Carlson Community Services' Three Brothers Garden needs you!

To be considered for the position, you must be able to work Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m. and be able to drop off produce Wednesday mornings by 9 a.m. throughout the summer. You must have access to a car and a valid driver's license for produce delivery to Irving Park Food Pantry located at Grace and Keeler. Must be able to lift 20 lbs. Must be personable and willing to get your hands dirty. \$10/hour, 5-10 hours/week (part-time), duration is 11 weeks, longer preferred. Please send an e-mail of inquiry to yebeid@hotmail.com, and we will send you a longer job description and an application. Deadline for applications is May 16.

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to clear and plant Three Brothers Garden on a beautiful April morning. Carlson Community Services board president Yaz Ebeid (left) is joined by Tim Bouman in moving soil to the raised beds. Volunteers planted five beds with cool weather vegetables that will be ready for Irving Park Food Pantry clients in early June. Thank you, volunteers!



The final Irving Park Fine Arts concert of the season, "Double Dvorak," was enthusiastically received. Artistic Director Roger Bingaman and an ensemble of musicians played two gorgeous quintets by Antonin Dvorak. The Fine Arts concerts bring free classical music to the neighborhood while providing professional musicians an opportunity to perform.



Students from the Magic After-School Place celebrated Earth Day by picking up trash and weeding the vegetable beds at Three Brothers Garden. Thirty-six students from Belding and Murphy Schools are enrolled in the MAP program. Carlson Community Services sponsors both Three Brothers Garden and MAP.



Liz Mills, executive director of Carlson Community Services was awarded the Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Award for the Cook County 12th District in March. The award recognizes women who have made contributions to their communities. Liz was nominated for the award by Ald. Margaret Laurino. Pictured (from left) are Andrea Raila, Peggy Montes, Liz Mills, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and County Commissioner John Fritchey.

News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Hunger Walk Set For June 21st

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is gearing up for the 29th annual Hunger Walk, to be held June 21st at Soldier Field. The walk, sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, consists of a 5-k (3.1-mile) walk along the lakefront aimed at raising awareness about hunger in our communities. Pantries and other organizations come together to create a large crowd with activities and music during the day.

The Walk is the Pantry's biggest fund-raising event of the year, so please save the date and join us. Registration opens at 7 a.m., and the walk steps off at 8:30 a.m. You don't need to actually walk, just show up at the event (kids count too) and you get counted toward our total to boost our contribution from GCFD!

A link to our Hunger Walk page at the GCFD's website can be found at our website (www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org). Alternatively, you can go to the GCFD site (www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk), click on the Search for Team button on the right and search for "Irving Park."

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Easter basket program in April, especially to the volunteers who organized and distributed the baskets each Wednesday: Diana Powers, Audra Nelson and her children, and Serena Beltz.

We'd also like to thank Vicci Rodgers for organizing the event and the volunteers at 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. We appreciate all your help in ensuring our clients' children could receive some candy and toys on Easter morning!

Save the date! The Pantry is planning to hold a 30th anniversary celebration (we opened in April 1984) on Sunday, July 20th at the Irving Park United Methodist Church at 3801 N. Keeler Ave., our home base. More details will be announced as the plans shape up.

Co-owners Mike Barrett and Mike McNichols of Liberty Tax Service stopped at the Pantry in April to deliver the proceeds from their promotion in March, in which clients received discounted tax preparation in exchange for a donation to the Pantry. The two delivered a check for



Mike Barrett (center) of Liberty Tax Service Six Corners presents Office Manager Sandra Schwarzbeck and Executive Director John Psiharis with the proceeds from the company's program in March to provide tax-preparation services to those who donated to the Pantry. Photo by Craig Shutt

\$1,345! We appreciate their efforts on our behalf and thank everyone who donated to the total.

Thank you to Clover Hill Bakery, which has provided us with several large deliveries of baked goods and snack items. We'd also like to thank Whole Foods and Jewel Foods at Six Corners for their regular donations of perishable food of all types that we distribute to our clients each week.

Special thanks to the FDC Foundation, which has provided us with grants to ensure we can provide each person in each household we serve with a fresh selection of fruits and vegetables.

The Pantry will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. on May 13th. Our evening hours are picking up new clients for us and making us busier each month. In April, we served 121 people in 41 households, which included four new households this month.



Audra Nelson (left) and her children helped volunteer Diana Powers organize and distribute Easter baskets to Pantry clients during the program in April. Photo by Craig Shutt

Library News

Thank you to all families who attended Story Time! Story time will resume its schedule in September. Look for **Explore and Roar** – the Chicago Public Library’s Annual Summer Learning Challenge – to begin on June 9th and run through August 2nd. More information to come in the June issue of this newsletter.

Adult Book Discussion Group will meet on May 13th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the book *Life Among Giants* by Bill Roorbach. The book is described by Amazon.com as “A wildly entertaining, plot-twisting novel of murder, seduction, and revenge.” This selection was Editors’ Pick for Amazon’s Best of 2012. Adult Book Discussion meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Independence Branch library is located at 3548 W. Irving Park Road.

BBQ Fest is Back at Six Corners

The 6 Corners BBQ Fest will return for the fourth year, dishing out a menu of summer classics: ribs, burgers, hot dogs and more on June 14-15. Svengoolie will even make an appearance.

This eclectic neighborhood along Milwaukee Avenue will be reflected in the wide range of activities -- from professional wrestling to crafts for adults; from pop-up street theater to an amateur cook-off. Plus, the kids will have a blast on the inflatables.

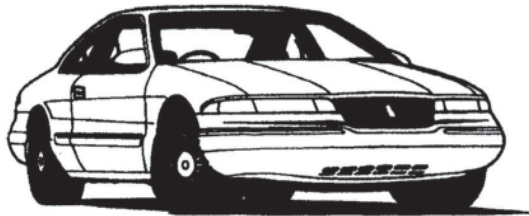
Two stages showcase the finest in local bands and family entertainment, and all eyes will be on our 2nd Annual “Saturday MIGHT Wrestling” Exhibition. Ha Ha Tonka will headline Saturday night but bands will be playing throughout the day. Professional wrestlers Tatonka and Trent Barreta will show off their WWE skills in the Saturday wrestling event at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. And WCIU-TV horror-movie host Svengoolie will help introduce the evening wrestling event, giving out autographs beforehand.

While patrons are wrist-deep in BBQ sauce, they can stroll the marketplace offering goods of all sorts! We’ve got Dad and the family covered at this street fest, so celebrate Father’s Day at Six Corners with food, music and fun!

This year 100% of the profits go toward local arts organizations. Filament Theatre Ensemble will offer a special dinner-theater version of *Crossing Six Corners*; Arts Alive Chicago will help you create bike art, you can make your own button with the National Veterans Art

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Museum's On Your Sleeve project, and Northwest Arts Connection will host stage and food demonstrations.

The 6 Corners BBQ Fest will award the Bungalow Belt to the best backyard chef on the Northwest Side. You can win the Meat on Milwaukee cookoff by joining the contest, which is judged by local food experts.

For more information about the fest, go to www.6cornersbbqfest.com.

Music Camp at Athletic Field Park!

Program begins June 23 and runs through August 1st. Choose a three-day or two-day option: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 3 to 5 p.m. Fee is \$30.00 (includes cost of book and instrument). Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3 to 5 p.m., fee is \$20.00 (includes cost of book and instrument). Call the park at 773-478-2889 for details or visit us at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks/Athletic-Field-Park/.

Filament presents Cyrano Through May 18

Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 3 p.m. at the Filament Theatre on 4041 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Directed by Filament Artistic Director Julie Ritchey, Cyrano is an adaptation by Jo Roet of the famous work of Edmond Rostand. A swashbuckling romance adventure set in an evocative world created by an imaginative ensemble of three actors, Cyrano features Filament Acting Company members Lindsey Dorcus, Nate Drackett, and Andrew Marchetti as Cyrano. The run time is approximately 60 minutes; recommended for ages 8 and up. Tickets are \$15-\$20 and available for purchase at www.filamenttheatre.org.

Free Drop-In Art Workshops

Free at National Veteran's Art Museum (NVAM) located at 4041 N. Milwaukee. Drop in every Friday between 3-5 p.m. Youth ages 12 and up are welcome to come in and create alongside the NVAM staff!



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"But He answered and said, It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God.'"

- Matthew 4:4

"Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word became to me the gladness and joy of my heart."

- Jeremiah 15:16a

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CICS-Irving Park School

Puma Prowl Walk-A-Thon We are looking for sponsors for our third annual walk-a-thon to be held on May 28th.

Proceeds raised will help us create the "Classroom of the 21st Century," offering our students leading-edge technology, as well as supporting teachers and staff through training and support. For example, we have used these funds to purchase iPads to enhance our collaborative learning center, and the available applications allow teachers to better track student progress. The Puma PTO is a registered 501(c)3 entity, so all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, please contact Ami Martin at amizimka@yahoo.com or call (773)545-0521. Donate online at www.razoo.com/story/2014-Puma-Prowl-Walk-A-Thon.

Last PTO Meeting of 2013/14 The Puma PTO organization is a non-profit 501(c)3 entity. We invite all of our neighbors to our meeting Tuesday, June 3rd at 6 p.m. Please join us and share your thoughts and concerns.

Fighting Cancer The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society sent CICS-Irving Park a congratulatory note for our students raising over \$6000 to help it in its fight against blood cancers. Well done!

St. Viator School

St. Viator Elementary School's 7th grade home room and upper grades math teacher, Mrs. Kathleen Johnson, was invited to join a February 2014 mission trip to visit Catholic schools in Nsukka, Nigeria.

In August 2006, the Catholic Diocese of Nsukka, Nigeria dreamed of creating Catholic schools to effectively educate students from pre-school through high school. In September 2006, Cardinal Francis George O.M.I. and Bishop Francis Okobo established a partnership between the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Nsukka. A Committee of Interest was formed of educators, business people, and the staff of the Office of Catholic Education. Mrs. Johnson is on that committee.

St. Viator's 7th and 8th grade students have been sharing information about St. Viator and Chicago with peers in Nsukka through blog posts at www.nsukkaschools.blogspot.com/. They also had an opportunity to Skype with educators in Nigeria before the mission trip and with Mrs. Johnson during her time there. The students were excited to hear from Mrs. Johnson and had many questions about the culture, the schools, and the country.

St. Viator Student Council created bangle bracelets for Mrs. Johnson to bring to students in Nsukka as a sign of friendship. In addition, the entire school and parish community is participating in the Dollars for Dreams Lenten collection to benefit this mission. Funds raised will go towards a model school that is being built in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Chicago. The faculty, students, and parishioners in Nsukka are very grateful for the guidance, prayers, and financial contributions that are being made by their American counterparts.

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