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Citizens and Politicians Seek Solutions to Quiet the Skies

About 50 neighbors came out to learn what is being done about the increased air traffic and noise resulting from the O'Hare Modernization Plan (OMP). The OMP calls for decommissioning two north/south diagonal runways and directing flights over new and existing east/west runways.



Jac Charlier from FAiR, Fair Allocation in Runways, stated that as a result of the OMP, 70% of daytime and 85% of nighttime arrivals come from the east. Neighbors are experiencing a dramatic increase in air traffic and noise with the opening of the Wilson runway in October 2013. In August, the Chicago Department of Aviation reported that the new Wilson runway had 458 flights per day of which 274 flights were arrivals from the east. Wilson had the most night time arrivals in August averaging 43 per day. Neighbors will be further impacted by air traffic and noise when the new Berteau runway opens in September 2015. FAiR seeks a more equitable allocation of flights to all runways including the 2 north/south diagonal runways.

Congressman Quigley talked about federal efforts including spearheading the Quiet Skies congressional caucus seeking solutions for airplane noise.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat., Nov. 8 • 12:00 p.m.

Fall Beer Brewing Workshop
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner

Sun., Nov. 9 • 11 a.m.

Sat., Nov. 15 • 11 a.m.
Holiday Container Garden Workshop
Farmers Market Garden Center
4110 N. Elston

Tues., Nov. 11 • Doors Open 10 a.m.

Reception 3-7 p.m., Discussion 5 p.m.
100 Faces of War
National Veterans Art Museum
4041 N. Milwaukee

Fri., Nov. 14 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Free Flu Shots
Laurino's Office, 4404 W. Lawrence

Wed., Nov. 19 • 7:00 p.m.

CAPS Meeting Beat 1723
4650 N Pulaski, Community Room

Sun., Dec. 7 • 3:00 p.m.

IPFAC Presents Sing-Along-Messiah
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding

Mon., Dec. 15 • 6:30 p.m.

Caroling For Hands to Help Ministries
Meet at IP Baptist Church
4401 W. Irving Park Rd.

Wed., Dec. 17 • 7:00 p.m.

CAPS Meeting Beat 1723
4650 N Pulaski, Community Room

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<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

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Dear Neighbor,

MANY THANKS to Congressman Quigley, Alderman Laurino, Alderman Arena and Jac Charlier for participating in the special West Walker Community community meeting on October 21, 2014 addressing the O'Hare Modernization Plan and the related increase in flight noise.

Almost 50 West Walker neighbors and friends from surrounding neighborhoods were gathered to obtain information about the historic traffic patterns and the impact of the O'Hare Modernization Plan since October, 2013 and into the future.

Please read the article in this month's Wire about the meeting and use the information there to help you form an opinion, make a complaint or become an advocate.

*Michael Webber
President, Pro Tem
West Walker Civic Association*

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Current efforts include changing the noise metric from 65DNL (Day-Night Average Sound Level) to 55DNL so more homes will qualify for sound proofing. Congressman Quigley said we need fair distribution of runways, public hearings about the OMP and a better online complaint system. He is sponsoring a bill to phase out loud planes and is working with the FAA to keep all runways open. The Congressman feels diagonal runways help improve the efficiency of O'Hare, particularly with wind changes. He hopes to have a plan in place by spring and suggested citizens write letters to the Chicago Department of Aviation and the FAA in support.

Alderman Laurino, 39th Ward, said she supports FAIR. She lives under the flight path of the 27L (Thorndale) runway. "We did not move by the airport, the airport moved to us." Alderman Laurino is sponsoring a referendum on the November ballot asking the FAA to revisit the criteria for noise mitigation and soundproofing. American Airlines and United Airlines represent about 80% of flights into O'Hare and she is in conversations with these airlines to expedite retirement of the noisy MD80 aircraft.

Lastly, Alderman Arena, 45th Ward, spoke about being part of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) - An inter-governmental agency seeking solutions to airplane noise. The Alderman feels he can have the biggest impact as part of the ONCC technical committee. Where can we fight the FAA? He suggested changing the glide path from the current 3 degrees to 4 degrees. Planes would then be higher in the sky over more of the city.

Both Aldermen are working to place additional noise monitors in our neighborhoods to track flight noise.

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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."

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It's Time to Create Your Holiday Container Garden!

Farmers Market Garden Center will present a Holiday Container Garden Workshop, on Sunday, November 9 at 11 a.m. and Saturday, November 15 at 11 a.m. Learn to design and construct a Holiday Container using assorted fresh greens and preserved materials. Bring your own container, purchase one at the store, or simply watch, listen, and learn. Beginners can learn some basic elements of design while those who are more experienced can refine their skills or simply have fun and share what they know. Refreshments will be served. The event is free of charge but it is suggested that you reserve your place as space is limited. Call 773-539-1200 or contact farmers.market@gmail.com. We are located at 4110 N. Elston in Chicago

Hands to Help Ministries Plans Caroling Event

Mark your calendars now for Monday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. when we meet at Irving Park Baptist Church (4401 W. Irving Park Rd.) for caroling to our neighbors. Dress warmly and bring your best voices! Hot cocoa and snacks to be served afterwards. Funds towards this event will help us assist people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness in our area.

Look for upcoming information about our Annual Trivia Night to be held in Early March. We need volunteers to join our planning committee! We'll begin planning meetings in January. Last year, Trivia Night raised \$8000, we hope to beat that number this year!

Thank you to everyone who responded to our mail appeal, which raised \$3000. Donations cover the actual assistance given to clients.

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What can each of us do about airplane noise? Call 311 and file a complaint about noise and low flying plans - complaints are monitored and reported. The more noise we make the less noise we will hear. Vote yes to the referendum (at the end) on the November ballot. Sign the petition at fairchicago.org. Write the Mayor, the Chicago Department of Aviation and the FAA. We can make a difference.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Your Neighborhood Realtor!

MY HOME APPRAISAL WAS LOW. WHAT CAN I DO?

If you're thinking of buying a home or refinancing your current home, you will need an appraisal.

It's an estimate of market value by a licensed Appraiser. Square feet, home condition, number of bedrooms and baths, finished basement, garage...all factor into the value. The Appraiser compares your home to comparable sold homes in the area; increases or decreases that home value based on these factors and then determines your home value.

If you are the Buyer and the appraisal comes in low, you can ask the seller to lower the agreed price; add more to your downpayment; ask for a 2nd appraisal with a different Appraiser or apply with a different lender. It's very possible 2 different Appraisers will give 2 different values. A lot depends on how well the Appraiser knows the neighborhood. Have your Realtor provide recent sales to the Appraiser. Also look for property detail errors on the report.

If you are looking to refinance, you can contest the appraisal by providing recent sales; bring money - a cash-in refinance - if you want to lower your interest rate; or start over with a different lender.

Appraisals are an art and a science. The art reflects the recent sales the Appraiser uses to compare your home to and how well he knows the neighborhood.

If you, or someone you know, is looking to buy or thinking of selling, please contact me. I've lived here for 19 years and I love our neighborhood.

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Six Corners News

Four More New Six Corners Businesses

The ribbons keep on getting cut at Six Corners. Pet Smart held its grand opening on Saturday, Oct. 25. The pet store is located at 4640 W. Irving Park Rd., next to Jewel. Two new restaurants also opened at Six Corners this month. Come visit 6 Corners Bistro at 3930 N. Cicero and Jimmy John's at 4019 N. Milwaukee. And finally, the Chicago Allergy Center at 4952 W. Irving Park Rd., opened their doors on Oct. 11. That makes more than 20 new businesses at Six Corners this year, and that's nothing to sneeze at.

Veterans Day at NVAM

The National Veterans Art Museum will unveil its new exhibition 100 Faces of War on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The museum, located at 4041 N. Milwaukee, will open at 10 a.m., and a public reception will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. At 5 p.m., exhibition artist Matt Mitchell, curator Ash Kyrie, and NVAM executive director Levi Moore will speak.

Come in to Win a Thanksgiving Turkey

Keep an eye out for the Six Corners Thanksgiving Raffle. The entry deadline is Nov. 20. Family Fruit Market, 4118 N. Cicero, is providing the turkeys this year. You can enter once at every Six Corners business with a raffle box. Visit all the new Six Corners businesses for your chance to win and check our Six Corners Facebook page for raffle locations.

Independence Park Buzzing With Holiday Activity

The field house at Independence Park continues to be a hub of activity for the neighborhood—and that's how park supervisor Julie Thompson likes it. "My goal is to fill every room with unique activities our whole community can enjoy," Thompson says.

The online registration deadline for Winter Session is 9 a.m., December 1. Activities include swim lessons, tumbling, dance, soccer, team swimming, pre-school care, art, and more. Programs start January 5. <http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/>

On Saturday, December 13, the Independence Park Advisory Council will host "Swim With Santa." Spaces are limited, so register early at independenceparkchicago.com.

Thompson also reports on new and ongoing activities through partnerships with various organizations. To register or inquire, contact instructors directly:

- Nia dance fitness is a sensory-based movement practice that draws from dance, martial arts and healing arts. People at all fitness levels can take part in this expressive cardio workout promoting flexibility, agility, mobility, stability, and strength. Instructor: Joyce Winer. Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. \$80 for 10-class package, \$10 for individual class. jwiner@sbcglobal.net

- Same Planet Different World Dance Theatre, led by Joanna Read, is rehearsing in the auditorium for an upcoming performance. Dancers will give a free performance for the park's day, special recreation, and play camps in the summer of 2015.

- The Interactive Music Workshop series for children age 6 to 12 will be presented by Bnotemusic Group. Director/teacher Tom J. Bradford leads this series introducing students to music education and stimulating appreciation. Activities include ear training, singing, and an introduction to theory and history of music. Saturdays, 10 a.m. 10-class package \$85, individual class \$10. bnotemusicgrp@yahoo.com.

- Yoga with Carol Barry continues on Wednesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. OR: Wednesdays, 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. \$10 per class or \$48 for each 6-week session. valbarry@sbcglobal.net

- AA continues to meet every Thursday at 7 p.m.

The field house is located at 3945 N. Springfield. For more information call 773-478-3538.

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39th Ward Report



It is always a pleasure to spend time with West Walker residents. Thank you for the opportunity to be included in the discussion about O'Hare noise. I will continue to share your concerns and ideas with the Mayor, his staff, and the Department of Aviation. It was also nice to see many West Walker residents at

the Wintrust First Chicago Bank grand opening. If you haven't been to their new branch at 4343 N. Elston, stop by. I expect them to be a good neighbor and a strong supporter of the West Walker community.

One of the best ways to prevent the flu is to get a flu shot. The Chicago Dept. of Public Health (CDPH) has collaborated with Aldermanic offices to host immunization events where residents can get a free flu shot. My 39th Ward office (4404 W. Lawrence) is hosting our annual flu shot day on Friday, November 14, from 10a.m. - 2 p.m. If you can't make it to my office, CDPH has a map that shows other locations offering flu shots.

Some locations are free, others have a small fee. Please visit <http://chicagoflushots.org/> for more information.

Autumn is here and that means leaves are falling. If leaves fall on the parkway in front of your home or on your property, you are responsible for their removal (burning is not permitted). Please rake and bag the leaves. Do not rake the leaves into the street, it results in clogged water drains and street sweeper trucks. When drain gates are blocked rain water, melting ice and snow cannot be drained from the street

Don't forget - On Sunday, December 1, 2014, Chicago reactivates its Winter Overnight Parking Ban for the most critical arterial streets. Signs for this seasonal restriction are permanently posted. Cars parked on arterial streets with a posted seasonal overnight restriction will be ticketed and towed between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., whether or not there is snow on the ground. This restriction is in effect until April 1.

Best wishes to you and yours for a Happy Thanksgiving. For questions, please contact my public service office at 773-736-5594 or e-mail us at Ward39@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward



Completely Updated in Old Irving Park!

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit connecting

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

Three Brothers Garden Produces 840 lbs. of Vegetables in Successful Season

With one more harvest planned, Three Brothers Garden expects to close the 2014 growing season with a whopping yield of more than 840 lbs. of vegetables. Now in its sixth year of operation, the garden is a partnership between Carlson Community Services and Irving Park Lutheran Church. Vegetables grown in Three Brothers Garden are distributed to clients of the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. This past season we grew radishes, lettuces, greens, carrots, squash, peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, beets, herbs and green beans. In planning what to grow, the volunteer committee that oversees the garden considers nutritional value and ease of preparation for food pantry clients.

Volunteers began working in the garden in mid-April and gardened through late October. Nearly 250 volunteer hours were logged, including harvesting, planting, clean-up and watering. Between 8 and 10 volunteers participated each week in the Tuesday night harvests. Regular volunteers included Melanie Reschke, Martha Sanders, Judy Madsen, Dorene Jordan, Darcie Wadycki, Rebecca and Elmer Haneberg, Ellen and Ron Olech, Ruth Olech and Erin Bouman. Volunteers were led by college intern Matt Wylder. Matt oversaw the weekly harvests, delivered vegetables to the food pantry and tracked the number of hours volunteers worked and pounds of vegetables grown.

Ruth Olech and Rebecca Haneberg are the co-chairs of the volunteer committee that oversees the garden. Committee members are Erin Bouman, Yaz Ebeid, Dorene Jordan, Liz Mills, Melanie Reschke and Rich Wielock. The garden is fortunate to have such talented and dedicated garden leaders and volunteers! We are grateful to the many people who believe that everyone should have access to delicious organic vegetables. Thank you!



Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present Sing-Along Messiah on December 7th at 3:00 p.m.

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The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present Handel's Messiah in a sing-along format on December 7, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. The performance will feature professional soloists and a chamber orchestra. The audience is invited to be the chorus! The Fine Arts Committee last held a Sing-Along Messiah in 2009, which was attended by over 125 people. Chorus scores will be provided. There's no prior singing experience required! The performance is free of charge, but donations are welcome. A lavish holiday reception will follow the concert.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is celebrating its 20th season of bringing affordable, professional productions to the Irving Park community and is sponsored by Carlson Community Services. The mission of Carlson is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Carlson's Trivia Night No Trivial Pursuit!

Thanks to everyone who participated in Carlson Community Services' October Trivia Night to benefit Carlson's programs. From players to sponsors to raffle and beer donors, we are grateful for your support! And of course to Irving Park Lutheran Church for allowing us to use the gym for the evening.



The winners of Carlson Community Services' Trivia Night --Table #3.

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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



Julia Gertsman, head of customer relations and Internet sales at Martin Nissan in Skokie, presents Pantry Executive Director John Psiharis with an oversized check representing the Pantry's win in the company's Facebook vote in September. Joining John at the presentation are Pantry volunteers Kristin Kallis (with Roxie) and Marsha Niazman.

Pantry Prepares for Holiday Distributions

We're building up stores for two holiday distributions, in November and on December 17th. We ask for contributions of funds, food and fun (i.e., books and toys) to help make the season brighter for those in our community who can use a hand during the holidays.

In November, we provide clients during our regular weekly distributions with additional meat and trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner. December 17th will be a special holiday distribution at which we give clients the makings for a full holiday dinner. Clients will also select a gift for each of their children from the toy room.

For these special distributions, we are in need of juice, stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned yams and vegetables, instant potatoes, cake mixes, Jell-O and pumpkin-pie filling. In addition, we need dry goods, such as peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, hamburger helper-type meals (rice-a-roni, pasta-roni), whole-grain crackers, dried fruit and nuts, dry soup mixes, energy bars and juice (100% fruit juice). We always need toiletries and white crew socks.

About 400 children (ages infant to 12) are given a gift in this distribution. For some, it will be the only gift they receive. We especially need gifts for older children (age 10 to 12), especially boys, as we receive far fewer for that age group. **Unwrapped, new** toys and food donations can be brought to the Pantry at the Irving Park United Methodist Church (3801 N. Keeler Ave.) during office hours (please call 773-283-6262 to check on times). Donations are left at the base of the stairs at the Grace Street entrance. They also can be brought during Pantry operating hours (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) on Wednesdays.

Volunteers are needed to collect toys, organize the toy room, and help on December 17. For information contact Vicci Rodgers at viccirodgers@gmail.com.

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Pet Food Corner Wins \$500 From Martin Nissan

We are pleased that IPCFP won a \$500 donation from Martin Nissan in Skokie in its monthly vote among a selected group of local charities that took place on its Facebook page. The donation will help fund our Pet Food Corner, a collaboration with the Community Animal Rescue Effort (CARE) that has become very popular with clients (we are one of the only pantries to supply clients with pet food).

Thank you to Mount Olive Church for holding its annual food drive for the Pantry on November 23rd. Church volunteers will be canvassing the community to alert them to the program. We are especially in need of dry goods as mentioned above, and we hope you will be able to contribute to this great annual effort!

Thank you to everyone who donated winter coats to our October distribution, especially to Carter Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Disney II Elementary School PTA, Park Ridge Presbyterian Church and St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church for their collections on our behalf.

The Library Needs Your Voice!

We are NOT on the list for a new library. Please help us advocate for a new Independence Library by sending letters to our elected officials. This is our 100th year in a rented facility. Please send letters to both: Alderman Rey Colon, 35th Ward Service Office, 2710 N. Sawyer Ave. Chicago, IL 60647 (email: ward35@cityofchicago.org) and State Representative Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., 40th District, 3657 N. Kedzie Chicago, IL 60618 (email: staterrep40@gmail.com).



St. Viator School

St Viator Students have been staying busy in the classroom with some exciting new opportunities in reading and math.

Kindergarten through 3rd Graders are participating in the 100 Book Challenge – encouraging them to read 100 books during the months of September and October. About 125 students are participating and creating “reading chains” which hang in the hallway to show the progress they are making. At the end of October, the students who have met their goal of 100 books will get a special reward. They will also complete some graphing and math activities which tie in with the new weekly math themes the students are exploring, as part of the focused effort to enhance the math curriculum. The faculty have chosen five themes to help the students excel their math skills: Mental Math Monday, Tally Tuesday, Word Work Wednesday, Test Prep Thursday and Figures on Friday.

Upcoming Community and Admissions Events: **Nov. 6th** and **Nov. 20th:** Wiggles and Giggles (9:00-10:30 a.m.), a complimentary bi-monthly playgroup for newborns - 4 years of age. **Nov. 8th and Nov. 15th:** Primary Gym (8:30-10:30 a.m.), open gym for families & children age 3 years to 3rd grade, \$20 per family for the year. **Nov.**

11th: Open House (9:00-10:30 a.m.) School tours when school is in session. For information, please visit www.stviatorchicago.org or contact Marge Tiritilli at 773-545-2173, or MTiritilli@stviatorchicago.org.

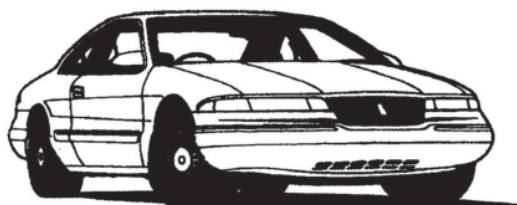
CICS-Irving Park School

Puma Radio CICS-IP middle school music students have been learning about radio and broadcasting. Recently, they created promos, or “talk-ups,” for a fictional radio station and selected a song to feature in a school podcast.

Fall Fund Drive This year we are again holding our Puma Fall Fund Drive, “Together, we are Stronger!” We rely on our fundraising efforts to help to provide the best possible educational experience for all of our children. This school year we want to raise \$40,000. Each and every dollar will continue to support our students. We are targeting the following purchases and programs this year: New technology for classrooms and staff development; the CICS Irving Park Sports Program; Sustainability and waste reduction efforts. This year’s campaign runs through November 21st. For questions, contact Susanne Clark (susclark1@yahoo.com).

Open House CICS-IP is hosting a Prospective Parent Open House on Wednesday, November 12th. Please come see what makes us the number one ranked elementary charter school in Chicago! Doors open at 2pm. We are located at 3820 N. Spaulding Ave. (at Grace St.). For info: (773)433-5000.

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Irving Park Lutheran Church Repairs 107-Year-Old Piano

Piano Fund - 88 Keys More

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Parenting Group As we read *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* by Dr. Wendy Mogel, we’ve been discussing children’s attitudes towards parents (“The Torah has passages that require us to love God, love our neighbors, and love ourselves – but nowhere does it say you should love your parents! ... God recognized that children are not naturally inclined to treat their parents with respect, so he commanded it. Rude children are nothing new.”) and parent’s attitudes towards children. (“Children are both a loan and a gift from God—a gift that comes with strings attached. Our job is to raise children to leave us.”) Join us for these and other great conversation starters about parenting, 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Chapel.

Beer Brewing at St. John’s Episcopal Church!

Join us for a lesson is brewing some Alemighty Pumpking on Saturday, November 8th at 12:00 p.m. in the church kitchen! Masterbrewers Marlon Jacobs and Shelly Wright will brew with the flavors of fall. This is a great way to learn to brew your own beer or just hang out! Bring a snack to share and \$10 donation for the church and the beer. For more information, call 773-725-9026. St. John’s Episcopal Church is located at 3857 N. Kostner.

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Table #3 won the 10-round competition, leading the contest for much of the night. Good competitors and good sports, Table #3 donated their \$150 in prize winnings back to Carlson Community Services.

The evening netted approximately \$6,300 for Carlson's programs -- The Magic After-School Place, Three Brothers Garden and the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series.

Thanks to the following Round Sponsors and Raffle Prize donors who helped make the evening a financial success: Dorie Westmeyer, Charles Rutenberg Realty; WinTrust Bank, Mayfair Branch; Alderman John Arena, 45th Ward; Alderman Margaret Laurino, 39th Ward; Board & Committees of Carlson Community Services; Kingston Reflexology; Helen & Mark Lira; Leadbelly Burgers; Ulta; XOX Salon; Melanie & Rod Zech

And special thanks to Lagunitas Brewing Company for their generous beer donation and to event Chair Helen Lira and our many volunteers. Another fun night in the neighborhood for a great cause!

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- Liz & Steve Mills**
- John & Betsy Minor**
- Diane & Bill O'Callaghan**
- Joyce Winer & David Kaplan**
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