



# WEST WALKER WIRE

FEBRUARY 2015

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## Winter Social at Independence Tap!

COME CELEBRATE the last day of February with your Neighbors at the Independence Tap at the West Walker Winter Social. We had a great time last year, and we are grateful West Walker resident Chris Gombas and his band The Stop Gap Measure are returning to provide a live music experience once again. Details are on page 11 of this newsletter. Come join us!



## Murphy School Seeks Tutors

John B. Murphy Elementary School seeks tutors. Flexible hours between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and optional Saturdays. Pay is \$10/hour for up to 15 hours per week. We will train you to tutor in reading and/or mathematics to our students. A commitment to work at least until early June is required. Contact Principal Zelenka at 773-534-9892. Murphy is located at 3539 West Grace.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Tues., Feb. 17 • 5 - 7:30 p.m.**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
Irving Park Lutheran Church  
4057 N. Harding

**Wed., Feb. 18 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

CAPS Meeting Beats 1722, 1723, 1724  
4650 N Pulaski, Community Room

**Fri., Feb. 20 • 7-10 p.m.**

Party for Athletic Field Park  
Mirabell Restaurant, 3454 W. Addison

**Sat., Feb. 28 • 7-10 p.m.**

**WEST WALKER WINTER SOCIAL**  
Independence Tap  
3932 W. Irving Park Rd.

**Sun., March 1 • 5-7 p.m.**

Carlson's Soup & Bread  
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym  
4057 N. Harding

**Sun., March 8 • 2:00 p.m. - *New Date!***

Classical Music Love Letters  
Irving Park Lutheran Church  
4100 N. Harding

**Sat., March 14 • 7-11 p.m.**

Benefit Concert for IPLC Gym  
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym  
4057 N. Harding

**Wed., Mar. 18 • 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

CAPS Meeting Beats 1722, 1723, 1724  
4650 N Pulaski, Community Room

**Tues., Mar. 24 • 7:00 p.m.**

WWCA General Meeting  
Latvian Community Center  
4146 N. Elston

**Tues., Apr. 21 • 7:00 p.m.**

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Latvian Community Center  
4146 N. Elston

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

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# Dear Neighbor,

**March Madness – WWCA Meeting Change!** WE HAVE DISCOVERED that March 17, 2014—the usual date for the next WWCA meeting—is a day celebrated in Chicago with ever more fervor than Labor Day, Memorial Day, or the Fourth of July – St. Patrick’s Day! Since we can’t move the meeting to the Irish Heritage Center (although feel free to go yourself!) we are moving our meeting date out one week to March 24, 2015. Please note this date and join us for the first meeting of 2015. More details regarding the meeting program will be in the March Wire.

**And the Beat Goes On!** THERE’S A NEW CAPS IN TOWN. For all of you who attend our Beat 1723 CAPS meetings (and all who have been REALLY planning to), please note that there is a new format for 2015. Meetings are now being held for a “Sector” which includes Beats 1722 and 1724 along with our own Beat 1723. The meeting has been lengthened 30 minutes, and now starts at 6:30 rather than 7:00. Please note the new start time and plan to attend.

**Wire Carrier? None Merrier!** DO YOU BRISTLE for activity when sitting at home? Are you looking for an excuse to get out and walk the neighborhood? Have you ever wondered what the view was from different porches in West Walker? Although we can’t guarantee aerobic benefits (unless you run the route), being a carrier for the Wire is a great way to get some fresh air, see old and new neighbors and do a great service for your community. The Wire is very popular and the Association’s primary source of revenue. Help keep you neighborhood strong and be a community volunteer. Routes are available now and we can always use a backup carrier when the need arises. Please, call or email to sign up. You even get your name in the Wire!

Mike Webber, WWCA President, Pro Tem

## 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 over 100 years of service to the West Walker Community*

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*Please include a phone number in case we need to follow up with you. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for space and content.*

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## Food Pantry Seeks Client Resources Coordinator

This is a part-time position, which reports to the Executive Director of the food pantry. The ideal candidate will be available every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and every 2nd Tuesday evening of the month, as well as occasional evening and weekend hours. Bilingual in English and Spanish is required. The Irving Park Community Food Pantry (IPCFF) is often the first point of social service contact for people in need of financial, medical, housing, employment or mental health assistance. The Client Resources Coordinator, a part-time position at the Pantry, will serve pantry clients by assessing their needs and linking them with resources in the community. This includes public benefits, healthcare resources, employment and job training services, mental health and substance abuse counseling, older adult services, family support, homeless shelters, literacy programs and utility assistance. The Coordinator will also maintain and strengthen the organization's existing social service connections, develop new collaborations, linkages, and partnerships to serve the needs of clients. For a complete job description, visit [www.irvingparkfoodpantry.com](http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.com) or call 773-283-6296, or email [info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org).

## Independence Branch Library Happenings

**Pre-School Story Time** is held every Monday at 10:30 am. This program is appropriate for babies and children up to 5 years old, with their parents or caregivers. **Teacher in the Library** (a free tutoring program for students) meets Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Independence Library will host **Early Voting** Monday thru Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from February 9th to February 21st. Independence Branch Library is located at 3548 W. Irving Park Road. Call 312-744-0900 or email [kkisler@chipublib.org](mailto:kkisler@chipublib.org) for more information.

**West Walker Residents!**  
West Walker Neighborhood  
Garage Sale will be Saturday,  
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Start preparing now!



## REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer  
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

*Your Neighborhood Realtor!*

### Thinking of selling your home this Spring or Summer?

#### Part I: 10 tips to prepare your home for sale

1. **Make minor repairs.** Fix cracked tiles; doors and drawers that don't close; leaky faucets; burned out light bulbs. Re-caulk tub/sink.
2. **Re-paint in neutral colors.** A freshly painted room makes a huge impression at minimal cost.
3. **Think about low cost updates.** Lose the brass knobs. Install new light fixtures.
4. **Enhance your curb appeal.** Change or paint the front door. Add nice house numbers & a new mat. Plant yellow or red flowers around the entrance. Trim the bushes.
5. **Make rooms look bigger.** Remove large/excess furniture. Take the leaf out of the dining room table.
6. **De-clutter.** Clear off countertops; put knick knacks away; clean out closets.
7. **Organize** – closets, cabinets to show off your storage.
8. **Avoid potential allergic issues.** Remove signs of your pet or smoking.
9. **Light it up.** Increase the wattage in lights to make your home look bright.
10. **Clean, clean, clean** – floors, carpets, walls, windows, kitchen & baths. Put Lysol & water in the sink before a showing for a fresh, clean smell.

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 together we will get top dollar for your home.

**Call Dorie, your Neighborhood Realtor 847-989-4870.**  
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— *Pastor Erin Bouman, Irving Park Lutheran Church*

**If you’re thinking of selling, please give me a call!**



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## Irving Park United Methodist Church: Save the Wall

As people passionately concerned for the community, we want to let you know of an effort in the community that needs your support. Irving Park United Methodist Church has been a community center for the Old Irving Park area for many years. Many local groups have met here, and made it their home...including Old Irving Park Association, Irving Park Historical Society, Irving Park Community Food Pantry, The AA groups associated with the Martha Washington Hospital, Reconciling Ministries Network, and the North River Mental Health Alliance.

Our north wall needs extensive repairs. In order for the building to remain safe, the brick outer wall, including the stained glass window, needs to be removed and rebuilt with the window repaired and re-framed. **All funds donated through February 15 will be matched**, and of course, are tax-deductible. If you have questions about our Capital Campaign, please contact the church office and ask to speak with a member of the Core Team, or email [ipumccapital@aol.com](mailto:ipumccapital@aol.com). We will report regularly on the progress through our website: [www.irvingparkumc.com](http://www.irvingparkumc.com), where you can also make donations online. Thank you!

## News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Bake Sale



Join us for Swedish and regular pancakes on Tuesday, February 17th 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the IPLC gym. Follow your meal with a delicious sweet from our bake sale table! We’re raising funds

for our Magic Mushroom Summer Program, now entering its 40th year! Register your children for Magic Mushroom at the supper! Go to [iplc.org](http://iplc.org) to download a Magic Mushroom brochure and enrollment application now!

**Concert to Save the Gym** Join us for an evening of great local music on Saturday, March 14th, 7-10 p.m., to benefit the IPLC gymnasium. A \$10 cover will allow you to enjoy the music of Holy Smokes, Glass Half Empty, Pin Drop Theater and FAITHCHICAGO! The benefit is 7-11 p.m., with a cash bar. The IPLC gym is home to many community organizations and events, including Carlson

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# 39th Ward Report



When people and business invest in a neighborhood, it's a signal that they have confidence in that community. We're witnessing more and more investments in the West Walker community, both from new businesses and new construction of and additions to single family homes. We welcome and encourage

development but sometimes problems, such as noise and dust, occur during the construction process. If you witness any issues, please contact my office as soon as possible so we can get an inspector to the site during the construction or demolition phase.

Qualified Chicago families and individuals can receive free tax return preparation and e-filing at tax sites located across the city. Families earning up to \$50,000 or an individual earning up to \$25,000 may be eligible to take advantage of this free service. If you or someone you know qualifies for free tax assistance, our 39th Ward site is located at Northeastern Illinois University, College of Business and Management, southwest corner of St. Louis and Bryn Mawr. The center is open on Saturdays until April 4, from 9 a.m. - noon (please note, they will be closed on March 21). For more information and to find out the documents you will need, please visit [www.TaxPrepChicago.org](http://www.TaxPrepChicago.org) or call 311 and ask about free tax help.

Property fraud is the fastest growing type of white collar crime. In most cases, property owners do not know that a crime has taken place – until it's too late. Learn how to protect yourself and your home by attending my Property Fraud Seminar, Wednesday, February 11, at the Mayfair Community Church (rear of the Salvation Army), 5020 N. Pulaski, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cook County Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough and Jim Lynch from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office will share valuable information on protecting your home from white collar crime.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my public service office at 773-736-5594 or email us at [ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ward39@cityofchicago.org).

*Sincerely, Margaret Laurino  
Alderman, 39th Ward*

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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.

### Defrost with Carlson's Soup & Bread March 1st

Take a break from the cold and snow with a steaming bowl of soup from great restaurants and cooks served among friends and neighbors -- all for the good of neighborhood programs.

Join us **Sunday, March 1st 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 cooks, including **Community Tavern Cafe Urbano** and **Tre Kronor!** 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!



*Reading is so much fun with a mentor from Schurz High School!*

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 the Magic After-School Place, Three Brothers Community Garden and the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series. For more information, or if you'd like to volunteer, contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766 or [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org). For more information on Soup & Bread, visit <http://soupandbread.net/about-soup-and-bread/>.

### MAP Mentors Log 700 Hours!

Carlson Community Services' Magic After-School Place (MAP) is brimming with activity and energy this winter. Forty-one children from Murphy and Belding schools are enrolled in MAP, an after-school program which provides neighborhood working parents with affordable after-school care.

A critical component of the MAP program is our mentoring partnership with Northside College Prep and Schurz High School's BuildOn program. Approximately 38 students from the two high schools are involved in MAP's mentoring program. Through December, they've logged 700 volunteer hours this school year! MAP mentors assist with homework, provide one-on-one tutoring and lead clubs. In addition to earning service hours, the mentors gain leadership skills, confidence and a sense of purpose in providing a needed service.

"Our high school mentors make a huge contribution to our program," said Cara Murray, MAP director. "In addition to providing help with homework, reading and games, they set an example for hard work and responsibility."

The MAP program meets Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym, located at Harding and Belle Plaine. It is sponsored by Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that connects the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For information about the program or volunteering for service hours, contact program director Cara Murray at [mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org).

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*Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

*John 12:24*

*Christ is that grain of Wheat*



# News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



Disney II School's Student Council collected 1,479 items during its December food drive for the Pantry. Shown here are members, Advisor Linda Wang (center) and first-grade teacher Katie Rollings. Photo: Kim Nguyen

## Pantry's Holiday Program Serves 1,166 Neighbors

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry's December 17th Holiday Distribution provided the makings for a holiday meal to 1,166 of our neighbors in 356 households. In addition, about 270 children up to 12 years of age received a toy, a stocking stuffer and mittens, scarves and caps. Many children received a book as well.

Thank you to all who collected food and toys to support our distribution, including Community Savings Bank, Faith United Church in Christ, John Garrido, Gray Elementary School, Irving Park Baptist Church, Irving Park Lutheran Church, Irving Park United Methodist Church, Josi's Frozen Yogurt Café, Kid Watch, Liberty Tax Service, Cade and Avery Linnemeyer, Pert Cleaners, Portage Park Helping Hands, St. John's Episcopal Church, St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church, St. Viator Brownie and Juniors Girl Scout troops, St. Viator Mistletoe Market, St. Viator Student Council, Spex Optical, Starbucks and Windy City Community Church, and Disney II Elementary School.

Thanks to Barb Cohn, Debbie Fries, Vicci Rodgers Keutzer and Sara Yoest for leading a great toy collection and distribution. Thanks to our operations team for collecting the food and toys. Thanks to Irving Park Lutheran Church for storing our toys until the distribution. Thanks to the Community Animal Rescue Effort (CARE) volunteers, who obtained donations for our clients' pets and ensured that each pet received a special holiday toy and treat! Finally, we thank State Representative Jaime Andrade Jr. and Alderman John Arena for volunteering during the Holiday Distribution. A variety of volunteers took the day off from work to help at this event, and we appreciate their efforts, along with those of all of our neighbors and the organizations, to make our holiday program a smooth success.

## Don't Forget to Vote!

Early voting for the February 24 Municipal Election is from February 9th – 21st. The following ward early voting locations are open M-Sa, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Sundays). Visit the Chicago Board of Elections website at [www.chicagoelections.com/en/early-voting.html](http://www.chicagoelections.com/en/early-voting.html) for more early vote locations and hours.

- 30th Ward: Kilbourn Park, 3501 N. Kilbourn
- 35th Ward: Independence Library, 3548 W. Irving Park
- 39th Ward: North Park Village Admin. Bldg., 5801 N. Pulaski
- 45th Ward: District 16 Police Station, 5151 N. Milwaukee

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Community Services' Magic After School Program, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Basketball, Men's Volleyball, Women's Volleyball, Jazzercise classes, and more! Our gym is in imminent need of repair and restructuring after almost 80 years' use, and your help is needed...but what a fun way to help! The gym is located at 4057 N. Harding (diagonally across the street from the church).

**Lent** begins on Wednesday, February 18th. Come to IPLC at 7:30 pm for Worship & Imposition of Ashes, to remember we are dust, and to begin a holy season. Then, join us on subsequent Wednesdays for an International Dinner (6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall) and Meditative Worship (7:30-8:00 pm). We'll enjoy food and fellowship and hear testimony from members of our community.

## Classical Music Love Letters -- Rescheduled!

The new concert date is **Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 p.m.** Join us for a flute and cello concert as part of the Irving Park Fine Arts Series at Irving Park Lutheran Church, located at 4100 N. Harding Avenue. Admission is free (donations accepted). There will be a reception with the artists following the concert. This concert is made possible by Carlson Community Services.

**Margaret Laurino**  
Alderman  
39th Ward

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## St. Viator School

Art Zone, now in its eighteenth year, is a Fine Arts program created and led by parents of St. Viator students. Parents

develop and deliver art classes highlighting the culture, history, techniques and tools used by certain artists and art movements. This year is focused on art inspired by the Ancient World, with a series of art projects that lead the students through history via the art created by our ancestors. Projects trace the evolution of civilization while highlighting the skills, materials and techniques used in those times. In January, the students created portraits in ancient Egyptian style using tempera paint, china markers and ink. In February, they'll learn about the Ancient Greeks and the art of weaving. In March, students will create self-portraits inspired by coins from the Roman Empire.

St. Viator is accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. Come to our Open House on Feb. 25th (9-10:30 a.m.), families tour the school while classes are in session. Our Spring Soiree & Silent Auction will be on March 7th at Biago Banquets. Details at [www.stviatorchicago.org/2015springsoiree](http://www.stviatorchicago.org/2015springsoiree). Visit [www.stviatorchicago.org](http://www.stviatorchicago.org) or contact Marge Tiritilli at 773-545-2173, or email at [MTiritilli@stviatorchicago.org](mailto:MTiritilli@stviatorchicago.org) for more information.

## CICS-Irving Park School

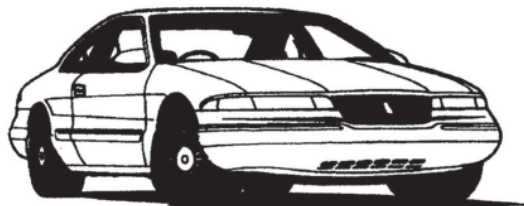
**Regional Spelling Bee** Winners of our February 12th school Spelling Bee at each grade level will advance to regional competition in the Chicago Collaborative Spelling Bee on March 6th. Good Luck, wordsmiths!

**Classroom Innovations** CICS-IP has a group of teachers working with LEAP Innovations to create a pilot program around personalization. They will receive intense professional development to promote advanced teaching and learning concepts at our school. Teachers will also attend meetings that will lead to applying for a Breakthrough Schools Grant.

**Student Filmmakers** The 90-Second Newbery Film Festival is an annual contest in which kid filmmakers create movies that compress Newbery award-winning books in 90 seconds or less. Two of Ms. Katy Eagen's 3rd grade book clubs participated, and one was invited for the gala Film Festival in West Town!

**PUMA Sports Recap** Our Puma Boys 5/6th grade basketball team finished the season 6-2 with one playoff win. The Girls 5/6th grade basketball team went 8-0 but lost their playoff game. The Girls 7/8th grade team went 7-1 and continues their playoff run! The Boys varsity squad finished with a .500 average. Also, our 5/6th grade Competition Cheer Squad placed 7th at the Lake Zurich Invitational. Congratulations!

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## Party for Athletic Field Park

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Come celebrate at their winter fundraiser, and help support the needs of the park with the purchase of a new bench near the playground and materials and tools for the various classes offered by the park district.

The Party for the Park will be an evening fundraising event at **Mirabell Restaurant and Bar, on Friday, February 20th, from 7-10 p.m.** There will be beverages, hors d'oeuvres and the opportunity to win fabulous prizes in our silent auction and raffle. We appreciate your support in offering a donation, goods, or gift certificates which could be featured in our silent auction and raffle. By supporting this event, you are supporting your Chicago parks and neighborhoods, and you will be recognized in the program for the event. Tickets are \$20.

To make a donation, email Dennis Puhr at [dspuhr@hotmail.com](mailto:dspuhr@hotmail.com) or call 773-919-7221 to coordinate.

## Filament Presents James and the Giant Peach!

Filament theatre kicks off 2015 with Roald Dahl's children's classic James and the Giant Peach adapted by David Wood in their 100 seat theater on Chicago's northwest side. Filament Theatre's imaginative retelling of this rambunctious fantasy includes original music, puppetry and circus feats. Performances begin February 7th and continue thru March 15th.

Tickets are now available online at [www.filamenttheatre.org](http://www.filamenttheatre.org). Prices range from \$14 to \$20. Free previews sponsored by Lyons Family Eye Care, PAY WHAT YOU CAN performances and other discounts are also available while supplies lasts. Please visit the website for details and performance times, etc. or email [info@filamenttheatre.org](mailto:info@filamenttheatre.org) or call 773-270-1660. Filament is located at 4041 N Milwaukee Ave.

## Portage Park Winter Markets

Winter Farmers Markets continue on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Portage Theater, located at 4050 N. Milwaukee. Future dates are: February 15th, March 1st, March 15th and April 19th.

## Stay Fit This Winter!

### Jazzercise

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:30 a.m., and Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym, 4057 N. Harding, led by Sherri Wlodarczyk, certified Jazzercise instructor/class owner. Contact: [sherrjazz@gmail.com](mailto:sherrjazz@gmail.com), 773-715-1301.

### Yoga at Independence Park

Wednesdays, 7-8:15 p.m. This class works to lengthen, strengthen, and stretch the body while clearing the mind. Increase the awareness of mind, body, spirit, and overall physical fitness, and reduce stress through visualization, focused breathing, and yoga postures with modifications for all levels. For more information or to register, please contact Carol Barry at [valbarry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:valbarry@sbcglobal.net) or 773-428-0892. Fee is \$10 per class.

### Nia Fitness at Independence Park

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### Stay Current with West Walker Blasts!

To submit an announcement or get on the mailing list, email wwcablasts@gmail.com today!

## WWCA Members

Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! A list of those neighbors who have joined or renewed as of November, 2014 appears below.

### Pulaski Cleaners

**Rick Reschke, Melanie Duggan & Dorothy Homeyer**

**Jeffery & Linda Tshara**

**James Grigar**

**Peter & Carla Forster**

## 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 2014-2015 dues to our next WWCA meeting on March 24th! You can also pay your WWCA dues with either PayPal or a credit card at the West Walker website (www.westwalker.org), or you can mail it in with the application below.

## WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yearly Membership Dues: Effective May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015

Check one:                      FAMILY \$15                       BUSINESS \$20                       SENIOR \$5

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Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Mail or drop off your application and dues to: Sue Gregoire, 4106 N Springfield, Chicago, IL 60618

*Shake off  
the Winter Blues!*



# *WWCA Winter Social*

*Saturday, February 28, 2015, 7-10 p.m.*

*Chillin' in the 'Hood*

*Independence Tap, 3932 W. Irving Park Rd.*

**TICKETS:**

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

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

**Ticket price includes appetizer buffet and three hours of mingling**

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