

WEST WALKER WIRE

MAY 2015

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Hands to Help Trivia Night May 8

Hands to Help Ministries Trivia Night is Friday, May 8, from 7-11 p.m. in the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gymnasium, at 4057 N. Harding. Trivia, great food, cash bar, DJ Amazing Grace, dancing, raffle prizes, a chance to win two VIP tickets to the 2015 Pitchfork Music Festival is all part of the package! Proceeds help our neighbors in need to obtain and maintain housing. Teams, small groups and individuals are welcome! Winner need not be present for raffle. Go to handstohelpministries.org/event/2015-trivia-night/ to purchase Trivia and Pitchfork raffle tickets today!

GIPNA's Fine Craft Fair Returns May 9

Just in time for Mother's Day, the 8th Annual Fine Craft Fair will be at the Abbey Pub, located at 3420 W. Grace at Elston, on Saturday, May 9th from noon to 4 p.m. There will be jewelry, textiles, glass, ceramics, pet products, apparel, and home accessories--all original and handmade. Food and drinks can be purchased at Abbey Pub restaurant and bar. Get a unique gift for your loved one, or yourself!

West Walker Garage Sale May 16

The 30th Annual West Walker Civic Association Garage Sale is Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There's still time to sign up if you want to sell (see page 16), otherwise, make a day of it - you'll find lots of treasures and it's a fun event!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fri., May 8 • 7 - 11 p.m.

Hands to Help Ministries Trivia Night
IPLC Gymnasium, 4057 N. Harding

Fri., May 8 • 7:30 p.m.

Mio Nakamura Piano Concert - FREE
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner

Sat., May 9 • Noon - 4 p.m.

GIPNA Fine Craft Fair
Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace

Sat., May 9 • 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Kids' Movie Night "The Lego Movie"
IPLC Gymnasium, 4057 N. Harding

Thur., May 14 • 7:00 p.m.

Bobby Jo Valentine Benefit Concert
IPUMC, 3801 N. Keeler

Sat., May 16 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WWCA Annual Garage Sale



Fri., May 8 • 7 - 9 p.m.

Petra's Recession Seven Performs
Independence Park Fieldhouse
3945 N. Springfield

Sun., May 17 • 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Girl Scouts "Clear the Path"
SW Corner of Independence Park

Wed., May 20 • 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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

Tues., May 19 • 7:00 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston

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

Dear Neighbor,

NOW THAT SPRING IS HERE, people are getting outside more. Perhaps you have noticed that there has been an increase in noise and frequency of airplanes overhead. If this is a concern to you, who should you call? Of course, to complain about the noise, you can call 311. But if you want to tell your elected representatives you want change, who do you call? Here is a list of your government representatives at all levels who represent parts of or all of West Walker and need to know how you feel:

U.S. Senate

Richard Durbin: 312-886-2117, 217-492-5089, 202-224-2854.
Mark Kirk: 312-886-2117, 217-492-5089, 202-224-2854.

U.S. House of Representatives

Mike Quigley: 773-267-5926, 202-225-4061.
Luis Gutierrez: 773-342-0774, 202-225-8203.

Illinois Governor, Bruce Rauner: 312-814-2121, 217-782-0244.

Illinois Senate, Iriz Martinez: 773-278-2020, 217-782-8191.

Illinois Representative, Jaime Andrade: 773-267-2880, 217-782-8117, staterep40@gmail.com.

Aldermanic Representatives

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Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th Ward: 773-365-3535, ward35@cityofchicago.org

Many of the above are already actively seeking solutions to the O'Hare noise issues. Your voice will keep them engaged.

Finally, don't forget to sign up for the 30th annual West Walker Civic Association Garage Sale planned for Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's a great event!

Mike Webber
President, pro tem, WWCA

Petra's Recession Seven Performs May 8

GIPNA invites you to enjoy live jazz at the Independence Park Fieldhouse on Saturday, May 8 from 7-9 p.m. Led by vocalist Petra Van Nuis, Petra's Recession Seven specializes in Chicago-style traditional and early swing music. With jazz icons Kim Cusack on clarinet, Russ Phillips on trombone, Bob Rummage on drums, trumpeter Bob Ojeda, guitarist Andy Brown and bassist Joe Policastro, this band will have your whole family on your feet! This is a FREE concert to be held in the 2nd floor auditorium of the fieldhouse, located at 3945 N. Springfield. Call 773-478-3538 for more information.



Photo by Bill Klewitz

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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All story ideas, text, and ads are due a week before the first of the month. Submit ideas and text to: west_walker_wire@yahoo.com.

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

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

Teens Can Apply for Paid Summer Internships

For the 3rd year, After School Matters is hiring 30 paid teen interns. The Neighborhood Connection Project (NCP) is helping create the largest piece of public art on the northwest side of Chicago! CPS high school teens work together to design and install a mosaic mural. They will be repairing and beautifying the Metra underpass located at Kinzua, Hiawatha and Lehigh--6701 N. LeHigh Avenue. Participants will learn aspects of design, mirror cutting, mosaic, sculpture, painting and photography. They will work with professional artists to install a Bricolage mural (an intricate combination of mosaic, sculpture, painting and photography).

Students can apply online - go to: youthreadychicago.cityspan.com/Web/sms/OnlineEnrollment/chicago/Application.asp?Term=Summer2015. The program runs from June 29 - August 14, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Selected applicants will be notified by late May/early June. Apply now. Questions? Contact Jac Charlier (jac.charlier@gmail.com) or Gina Metelica (Gina.metelica@gmail.com).

Traffic Management

With the exciting commercial and retail growth in the area, we have also seen (and will most likely continue to see) increased traffic congestion. This has placed a strain on our residential side streets by those using them to bypass the major intersections in our neighborhoods. The West Walker Executive Committee seeks to form a Traffic / Infrastructure Committee to work with the various alderman's offices to develop traffic & transportation management solutions for our neighborhood. Pedestrian / bicycle traffic and street-scaping will also be included. Those interested, please send an email to Davor Engel at dengel@studiode.com.

Books First!

Three regular Chicago families are asking other regular Chicago families to donate gently loved kids' books to be donated to Chicago Public Schools without libraries and with a high percentage of homeless kids. In 2.5 years, we received and delivered over 14,000 books which volunteers have driven to seven schools, providing books to 3,000 plus kids who wouldn't otherwise have them. So spread the word! Over 400 terrific regular Chicago families have donated books, because Chicago is the city of big hearts! For information, send an e-mail to booksfirst01@gmail.com today!

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

Your Neighborhood Realtor

West Walker Real Estate Home Prices Are Up!

The Spring real estate market is here and there's good news for our neighborhood! Single family home sale prices in the last year are up 32% versus the prior year. And multi-family home sale prices are up 22%! Here is our current market recap for the last 12 months.

Single family homes in West Walker

- Highest sale price was \$755,000 for a new construction home.
- 32 homes sold at an average sale price of \$412,900. A year before that the average sale price was \$314,200. That's a 32% increase in the last year!
- On average it took 48 days to sell; down from 65 days.
- The average list price of homes currently under contract is \$415,500 and there are currently 12 homes for sale in our neighborhood.

Multi-family homes in West Walker

- Highest sale price was \$501,000.
- 7 multi-units sold at an average sale price of \$405,000. A year before that the average sale price was \$333,240. That's a 22% increase in the last year!
- On average it took 123 days to sell; up from 116 days.
- The average list price of multi-families under contract is \$316,600 and there are 5 multi-families for sale in our neighborhood.

If you're thinking of selling, now may be a good time. Interest rates are still low and there are few homes for sale. West Walker prices are up and they're a good value compared to our neighbors to the east in North Center and the West in Old Irving Park.

If you would like to know what your home is worth, please call me for a free consultation.

Call Dorie, your Neighborhood Realtor 847-989-4870

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— *Dane & Dawn Johnson*

If you're thinking of buying or selling, please give me a call!



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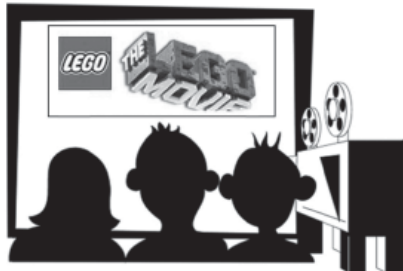
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News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Kids' Movie Night Featuring *The Lego Movie*

Drop off your kids on Saturday, May 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the gym on the corner of Harding and Belle Plaine. Kids over 5 years old are welcome to a fun-filled movie night including pizza, popcorn and drinks (Children under the age of 5 are welcome to attend with an adult)! This is a “drop-off” event to support the Irving Park Lutheran Church Step Up Now campaign for “The Gym at Harding & Belle Plaine.” Cost is \$15 per child, which can be paid at the door by cash, credit card or check. Bring a sleeping bag or blanket for comfy floor seating! Please contact Kirsten Gettings at 773-495-5269 or gettings4107@att.net with any questions. To learn more about the campaign please visit www.iplc.org.



Registration Continues for Magic Mushroom Summer Program

If you're looking for something for your kids (3 yrs-6th grade) to do this summer, consider Magic Mushroom Summer Program! You can download a brochure and application by visiting www.iplc.org or call 773-267-1666. You can also pay tuition online!

The program runs July 6-31 from 9 a.m. - noon, 5 days per week! This year we celebrate MM's 40th anniversary serving children from Avondale, Irving Park, Portage Park, Jefferson Park and beyond!

If you have any questions about the program, the curriculum, or anything else, call the Irving Park Lutheran Church office at 773-267-1666 or visit www.iplc.org.

Parenting Group: How Children Succeed

Join us in the chapel, 9:30-10:15 am through May 17th as we discuss the intersection of faith and the newest research on a strong future for your child. Our discussions are guided by *How Children Succeed* by Paul Tough, one chapter each week—but come even if you don't get to the reading! Childcare provided in the nursery.

39th Ward Report



The city's elected officials will be sworn into office this month. While it's always difficult to say goodbye to old friends, I welcome the new faces to the City Council. The 35th Ward covers a portion of the West Walker boundaries. I've met with Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, the Alderman elect of the 35th Ward, to share some

concerns and issues in this part of his ward. He is looking forward to meeting his West Walker constituents and working on issues of concern to you, especially a new Independence Park Library.

North Park Village has a number of special events this month. Learning about spring migrating birds can be fun and educational if you join the Chicago Audubon for Spring Bird Walks with an expert leader who can answer all of your questions regarding birds at the North Park Village Nature Center (5801 North Pulaski Road). These walks will be conducted every Saturday during May from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. You can bring your own binoculars or borrow some from Chicago Audubon. These events are free and no registration is required. For more information, please call Chicago Audubon at 773-539-6793.

On Saturday May 23, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. musicians of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's training ensemble, featuring the Woodwind Quintet, will be performing at North Park Village (5801 North Pulaski Road). Performers will be speaking about the personal and historical significance of the works performed, and then invite the audience to ask questions and engage with the musicians. Admission to this event is free and no registration is required. For more information, please call 312-744-5472.

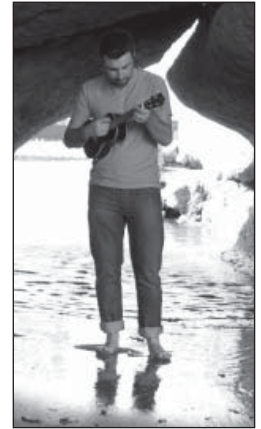
To receive last minute updates and news from the 39th Ward, please register for my e-newsletter. You can sign up on the upper right of my website, www.AldermanLaurino.com or send us an email at Ward39@cityofchicago.org and we'll add you to the list. As always, please contact my office at 773-736-5594 or at Ward39@cityofchicago.org with questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

News from Irving Park United Methodist Church

Bobby Jo Valentine Performs

May 14 Come and enjoy the music of Bobby Jo Valentine as he performs a Benefit Concert on Thursday, May 14 at 7 p.m. to raise funds for the Irving Park United Methodist Church's North Wall! Bobby Jo Valentine's music is captivating. Using an acoustic guitar and a ukulele, he sings songs of honest emotion in a style described as "hopeful folk/pop." Childcare will be provided for this wonderful concert by this gifted West Coast songwriter!



G-Force! Vacation Bible School In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. Kid-friendly transportation, such as skateboards, running shoes, roller blades, will all be part of the action! Science Zone and lots of Art, Music and Games will be involved too! VBS is June 22-26, from 6 - 8 p.m. Register your kids by calling the office at 773-283-6262! Watch a preview on youtube: www.youtube.com/user/cokesburyvbs. IPUMC is located at 3801 North Keeler (at Grace). For more information, call 773-283-6262 or contact irvingparkumc@comcast.net via email.

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



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

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

Three Brothers Garden Introduces “Project Homegrown” At Irving Park Food Pantry



Dorene Jordan (left) demonstrates how to make a rot pot out of newspaper for Project Homegrown.

Three Brothers Garden has launched a series of hands-on classes to help clients of the Irving Park Food Pantry learn to grow vegetables at home.

Called “Project Homegrown,” the initiative

builds on the national trend of growing vegetables at home and links it with Food Pantry clients’ stated desire for more fresh fruits and vegetables. Dorene Jordan, a registered nurse, master gardener and Three Brothers Garden volunteer is spearheading the project.

Project Homegrown consists of a series of hands-on classes where clients learn how to make a rot pot, plant seeds, transplant seedlings to a larger container and care for their plants through the summer season. At the season end, classes will focus on harvesting and using what’s been grown in recipes. Up to 50 clients will participate in the program.

“With a little sun, soil and seeds, you’d be amazed at how easy it is to grow vegetables,” Dorene said. “We want to share the knowledge we’ve gained at Three Brothers Garden to inspire clients at the food pantry to grow their own vegetables, starting small with basil, tomatoes and cilantro grown in containers.”

A grant from the CHIditarod Foundation is funding the purchase of needed supplies. Food pantry clients need only find a place at their home that receives sufficient sunlight. The CHIditarod Foundation seeks to alleviate hunger and solve the root causes of hunger through creativity, engagement and direct action.

Since 2009, Three Brothers Garden has grown nearly 5,000 lbs. of fresh vegetables for the Irving Park Food Pantry. Three Brothers Garden is a program run by Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 non-profit with a mission to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information or to volunteer in the garden, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org or 773-398-6766.



A food pantry client shows off her six pots planted with cilantro, basil and cherry tomatoes.

Magic Mushroom and Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Present “Tales of Olympus” July 17

Magic Mushroom children’s summer program and the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present “Tales of Olympus” on Friday, July 17th at 10:00 a.m. “Tales of Olympus” presents Greek mythology as told by gods and goddesses with the help of a modern day boy. This exciting musical will take youngsters of all ages to Mt. Olympus and back, with song, dance, costumes and sets.

The performance will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 3938 W. Belle Plaine (at Harding Ave.). The show is free of charge, but donations will be accepted gladly. American Eagle Productions, a Chicago-based theatre company specializing in children’s classics, created the show.

Magic Mushroom children’s summer program serves the Irving Park neighborhood with a superior summer enrichment program for children aged 3 years through 6th grade. The program is sponsored by Irving Park Lutheran Church.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Series is celebrating its 21st season of bringing high quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood. Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 neighborhood not-for-profit, sponsors the program. For information, contact Liz at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org or 773-398-6766.

News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



Irving Park Food Pantry volunteers Adele Burgos, Gina Hubberts, Debra Delgado and Gerri Calderone get ready to go at last year's Hunger Walk at Soldier Field to support the Pantry's efforts to combat food insecurity in the Old Irving Park neighborhood.

Hunger Walk Set For June 21st

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is gearing up for the 30th annual Hunger Walk, to be held Saturday June 20th 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. Students can receive volunteer service hours for participating!

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 March, especially the volunteers who organized and distributed the baskets each Wednesday: Mimi Nguyen, Audra Nelson and her children, Jeremiah Galassini, and Larry Pavia.

Thanks also to the groups who helped purchase items for the baskets and put them together, including volunteers at Irving Park United Methodist Church and Irving Park Lutheran Church and at AIM Consulting in Chicago - A Technology Consulting and Solutions Firm. We appreciate their help in ensuring our clients' children could receive a treat on Easter morning!



(From top:) Volunteers Audra Nelson (and her minions) along with Jeremiah Galassini (center) and Larry Pavia were part of the team that helped coordinate the Pantry's Easter basket program during March, giving them out to qualifying clients. Volunteers Matt Marton, Steve Ballard and Ashley Abboushi sort food donations received. Photos by Craig Shutt.

Our thanks again this month go to Liberty Tax Services on West Irving Park Road, which partnered with the Pantry again in March to raise money for the Pantry. The company offered a 50% discount on tax-preparation fees to anyone making a \$20 donation to the Pantry. The program raised \$1,120! A promotion in January and February raised more than \$1,300.

Thank you to Immaculate Heart of Mary, whose food drive on our behalf in April resulted in 20 boxes of nonperishable food items.

Despite several significant donations this year, the Pantry has run out of the toiletries we provide to clients, including shampoos, soaps, razors, shaving cream, diapers, deodorants, feminine-hygiene products, toilet paper, Kleenex, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Travel-sized items work well, so please keep us in mind if you can supply any of these items (or travel and can bring them home from a hotel). We also need men's white crew (mid-length) socks.

Thank you to everyone for your donations of time, money and effort on our behalf to ensure we remain Neighbors Helping Neighbors!



CICS-Irving Park School

PUMA PROWL WALK-A-THON We are looking for sponsors for our fourth annual walk-a-thon to be held on May 13th.

Proceeds raised will help our students by purchasing leading-edge technology, as well as supporting teachers and staff through training and support. The Puma PTO is a registered 501(c)3 entity, so all donations are tax-deductible. A website has been set up to collect pledge donations electronically. Donate online at: <https://rally.org/2015-Puma-Prowl>. For more information, please contact Susie Clark at susclark1@yahoo.com.

Career Day On April 15th, we had a variety of parents and other professionals come into school and discuss their careers. Some of our interesting guests included a fashion designer, a chef, an engineer, a Navy chief, a firefighter and an FBI agent (all of whom are CICS IP parents!).

Charter School Lobby Day Please join us to remind our legislators that they represent charter school families across the state who are ready to advocate for the right to high-quality public school options! Thursday May 21st, in Springfield. If interested, please contact Ms. Mandel at Imandel@distinctiveschools.org.

PARCC Testing We made the shift to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Illinois, with this move to new instructional content also comes a new assessment to measure that content –PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career). The PARCC measures students' content knowledge and key skills related to the CCSS, such as their ability to think critically, solve problems, and use information from reading material to write well-developed essays.

Disney II Magnet School

Battle of the Books BoB is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, from 3:30 - 5 p.m. at the Kedvale Campus. The Battle of the Books program encourages ongoing reading, teamwork and partnership throughout the course of a year. This club is open to 7th and 8th graders who will read selected books, discuss them, and answer questions about them. In January the club will hold tryouts to create a team to compete in a citywide challenge. While all may continue to participate in the club only six to seven will compete.

PTA Annual Book/Media Sale The Annual Book/Media Sale will be on Saturday, May 16 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kedvale Campus (3815 N Kedvale Ave).

Travelling Students Our 5th graders will be on an overnight Outdoor Education trip May 26th-28th, and our 8th graders will be visiting Washington D.C. May 28th-30th. Best wishes for safe and fun travels!

St. Edward School

St. Edward School presents the BIG RED RUN 5k fun run/walk Saturday, May 30, at 8:30 a.m. Partial proceeds from the event will go to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund which assists educators in teaching children about America's longest war. Register online at www.stedsbigredrace.com. The cost is \$25 per adult (15 and over) and \$15 per child (14 and under). Racers under 2 are free with a t-shirt available for purchase for \$5. We look forward to kicking off race season with you!

Batter up! St. Edward's Youth Program is accepting registrations for t-ball. This is an instructional league with games held Thursdays and Saturdays June and July at Mayfair Park. Children ages 3-6 years old are invited to play. For more information, visit www.stedwardschool.com/student-life/athletics/.

Our musical theater actors and actresses have been working hard! On Saturday, May 16th, you are invited to St. Ed's production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." Show times are 2 p.m., 4:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are on-sale now! We highly recommend ordering in advance online so you can avoid a long line on show day. Also, we will reserve the closest seats for pre-sale (Section A) so ordering online gets you closer to the stage. Order online at youthcochicago.ticketleap.com/steward-charliebrown/details. Seats are \$5 per adult, and \$3 per child. As with all ticket vendors, there is a small service charge. All net proceeds go to support St Edward School - thank you!

ALDERMAN JOHN
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Join us for Ward Night
Tuesday evenings from 5-7PM

Contact the 45th Ward Office

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Phone: 773-286-4545 ward45@cityofchicago.org
www.ward45.org



Our Academic and Fine Arts Fair showcases our students' many talents. On Friday, May 29th from 7-9 p.m., please join us in Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell, to see what our students have accomplished this year. Each classroom will have a display, highlighting their work. We are excited to recognize our students' and teachers' accomplishments!

Want to see how we can give your child so much more than just a seat in the classroom? Come visit us! Contact us to schedule a personalized tour. We'd love to meet you! For more information, please email events@stedwardschool.com or 773-736-9133. We are located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. Visit www.stedwardschool.com.

Schurz High School

Photography Students Participate in an International Exchange Schurz photography (taught by Mr. Mark Nelson) students are currently exchanging work with a high school in Barcelona, Spain. Schurz is one of four Chicago schools involved in this art exchange with four schools in Barcelona. This project was coordinated by Monroe Elementary School's art teacher, Rene Arceo. Mr. Nelson has been working with Profesor Juan Esteban de Mercado and his students for

this collaboration. Schurz will soon be receiving art work from their sister school in Barcelona, INSTITUT XXV OLIMPIADA. The work from Barcelona will be exhibited at Schurz during the month of May. In addition to sending a student-compiled photography portfolio, Schurz also mailed two SchurZone yearbooks as a gift to the Institut.

Schurz Places 8th in State Academic Decathlon Competition The Schurz Academic Decathlon Team is proud to end its 2014-15 season with an 8th place finish at the Illinois State Finals. The team won many medals, including in speech, which featured Nicole Alberto as one of the Speaker Showcase Winners. Thank you to all the volunteers, tutors and administration for the continued support. Students interested in joining Academic Decathlon for the 2015-16 school year should see Mr. Arsenie in Room 219. Next year's topic will be India.

Pre-Engineering/JROTC team Places 3rd in Midwest Regional SeaPerch Four teams from Schurz competed at the Midwest Regional SeaPerch Competition at the Great Lakes Naval Base on March 14. Each team built an ROV (remotely operated vehicle) for underwater competition against 77 other teams from the Midwest. They competed in three categories: Poster/Presentation,

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Just Listed in West Walker! - 4039 N. Springfield

Beautiful American Four Square on Prime 50x125 lot. Lovely floor plan with double parlor, dining room, kitchen and family room on the main level and 3 large bedrooms up with full bath and laundry. Full basement with great ceiling height waiting for your ideas. Great home on a great block!

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Obstacle Course and Finesse Course. One of the teams consisting of Davantae Raggs, Diego Nava and Urany Alanis placed 3rd overall in the HS division and will be invited to go to the National Competition in May. A special shout out to our ROTC Cadet team who won Third Place in Midwest Regional SeaPerch. Thanks to Col. Baggio, our ROTC team, and Mr. Schoedel for all they did to help prepare our students for these events. The teams also had a chance to meet our new governor, Bruce Rauner. Congratulations to all for a great event applying the principles of STEM!!



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National Honor Society Inducts New Members

The National Honor Society congratulates the following new members: Sophomores - Evelyn Diaz, David Lopez, Alexis Mercado, Janely Rios; Juniors - Lesly Aviles, Gladys Bautista, Charlie Caneda, Kimberly Contreras, Pamela Diaz, Elizabeth Flores, Jocelyn Gomez, Yvette Gutierrez, Jameline Rojas, Santiago Torres; Seniors - Maria Calderon, Cristian Delgado, Nuvia Garcia, Edward Lopez, Jaqueline Luna, and Stephanie Ramirez.

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Girl Scouts Work to Clear the Path and Earn Silver Award

The 8th Grade Girl Scout Troop from St. Edward's in Mayfair is working to "Clear the Path to School" on May 17. The troop has organized a service project to clean up the path from Independence Park through the Pulaski underpass between the Disney II campuses. The Scouts, many of whom attend Disney II, are working toward their Silver Award with this project, the highest Scouting honor they can achieve.

Anyone who walks into our neighborhood from the Pulaski exit at the viaduct along the Parkview walkway knows the problems: bird droppings, trash, discarded paraphernalia, and more. The Scouts plan to clean from Independence Park, through the pathway and under the viaduct; clean the viaduct mural (supervised by mural artist Tony Sparrow); and plant flowers and/or shrubbery. They're also looking into posting additional "do not feed the pigeons" and "no soliciting" signs.

"Clear the Path" will take place on Sunday, May 17, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Volunteers will meet at the southwest corner of Independence Park, near the softball field. The Scouts are also seeking donations of plants, soil, mulch, river rocks, garden bench and planters, and snacks and/or sandwiches for volunteers, and monetary donations.

45th Ward Alderman John Arena has pledged cleaning supplies, and Independence Park, GIPNA, the Independence Park Advisory Council (IPAC), and the Old Irving Park Association (OIPA) are also providing promotion and support. Disney II has asked students to help for service hours; if the day is successful, Disney II PTA could make it an annual event for students and the community.

To volunteer, or for more information, call or text troop leaders Linda Graziano at 312-203-1303 or Cynthia Rivera at 773-517-5506. Thank you!

GIPNA Events

While you visit the West Walker Garage Sale, check out the Independence Park Yard Sale, also on Saturday, May 16th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you need to do some spring cleaning and earn some money, a 10x10 space is only \$20 to participate. Bring your own table or rent one for only \$10. Visit independenceparkchicago.com/2015-yard-sale/ for details.

Pancake Breakfast Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 21 for the Annual GIPNA Pancake Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Bungalow at 3900 N. Hamlin.

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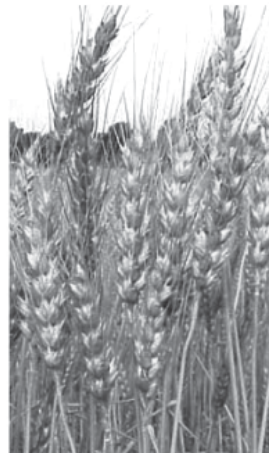
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John 12:24

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Lifeboat Returns to Filament through May 24



Filament Theater's critically acclaimed production of *Lifeboat* by Nicola McCartney, and directed by Filament Artistic Director Julie Ritchey runs through May 24th.

During World War II, a ship carrying 90 evacuees set sail to escape the bombings and dangers of Britain. On Friday September 17, 1940, the ship was torpedoed by a German U-boat leaving only eleven of the evacuees alive. As the ship sank, two fifteen year old girls clung to an upturned lifeboat for 19 terrifying hours. *Lifeboat* is the inspiring true story of Bess Walder and Beth Cummings who survived in the face of despair.

Lifeboat runs through May 24th on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. This production is appropriate for 3rd graders and up. The Filament Theater is located at 4041 N. Milwaukee. Call 773-270-1660 for more information. For information on other productions, please visit filamenttheatre.org.

Stick Fly at Windy City Playhouse Through July 5

Stick Fly by Lydia R. Diamond, directed by Chuck Smith will run at the Windy City Playhouse through July 5th.

It was supposed to be a nice family weekend. It was supposed to be relaxing, a summer vacation on Martha's Vineyard. It was supposed to be, but the LeVays well know that few family gatherings turn out as planned. When both sons arrive with their respective girlfriends, the proverbial gates fly open, and out comes race, politics, social status, and family conflict. To hell with the pleasantries. This is family and it's too darn hot. Join the Playhouse for the wise-cracking family's drama.

Windy City Playhouse is located at 3014 W. Irving Park Rd. Box Office is open Wednesday through Sunday, 4-8 p.m. Call 773-891-8985. For tickets and information outside of box office hours, please call our administrative office at 312-374-3196. For information on other productions, please visit windycityplayhouse.com.

Concert at St. John's Episcopal

Come and enjoy Mio Nakamura in concert playing the works of Mozart, Chopin, Brahms and Ravel, Friday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 3857 N. Kostner. Call 773-725-9026.

Irving Park Baptist Seeks Musicians

Attention Guitarists, drummers, keyboardists and bassists! Irving Park Baptist Church is looking for musicians to help expand their music ministry! This is a great opportunity for performance experience, enhancing leadership skills, and offers wonderful volunteering opportunities for students. Our style is a mix of contemporary and traditional music. For more information, contact irvingparkbaptist@gmail.com.

Document Shred & Electronic Recycling Day is May 9

Join State Representative Jamie Andrade, State Senator Iris Y. Martinez, Alderman Rey Colón and the Avondale Neighborhood Association for a day of recycling on Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to noon! Bring documents and electronic items to Avondale-Logandale School at 3212 W. George Street. This event is FREE and open to the public. Contact Rep. Andrade's office at 773-267-2880 or staterrep40@gmail.com for more information.

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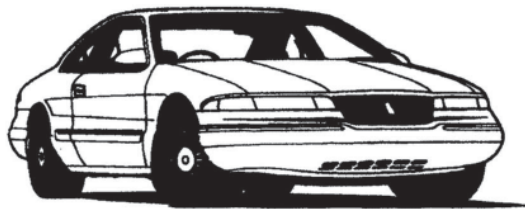


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30th Annual Neighborhood Garage and Yard Sale

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All West Walker residents are invited to participate in our
30th Annual Garage and Yard Sale

Cost to participate is \$5 for WWCA members and \$10 for non-members.
Your \$5 or \$10 helps pay the cost of advertising and printing.

The sale is advertised in the following newspapers and online sites:
Chicago Tribune • Red Eye • Hoy • Reader • Reader On-Line • Craigslist

Signs are posted on the main perimeter streets.

3,000 maps indicating the location of each participating garage or yard
are distributed the week of the sale.

Under **current city ordinance**, every home having a garage or yard sale must display a **Garage Sale Permit**, which must be acquired from the alderman's office. The Garage and Yard Sale Committee will file the applications and obtain the permits for all paid participants. **Your permit will be delivered to your address the Friday before the sale. (There will be NO confirmation given before that.)**

Return the form below to have your address listed as a participant in the sale, along with your application fee by May 10, 2015.

Or sign up on the WWCA website at <http://www.westwalker.org>.

For further information call Bob Crowley at 773.267.1921.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION GARAGE AND YARD SALE

Saturday, May 16, 2015

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

- I am a member of the West Walker Civic Association. Enclosed is my **\$5** participation fee.
- I am **not now a member** of the West Walker Civic Association but want to join. Enclosed is my **\$20** participation fee. Please credit \$15 toward my WWCA dues for 2015-2016.
- I am **not** a member of the West Walker Civic Association. Enclosed is my **\$10** participation fee.

Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Mail or drop off your form and payment to: Bob Crowley, 4125 N. Harding Ave, Chicago, IL 60618



WWCA Members

Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA!
A list of those neighbors who have joined or renewed as of April, 2015 appears below.

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Libby Levandoski
Timothy Hakanson
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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 & businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.
- E-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime.
- Area non-profit groups like Irving Park Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.
- Free special events, like the Halloween Party and Fall Festival and 4th of July celebration at Independence Park.

Bring your 2015-2016 dues to our next WWCA meeting on May 19! Or you can mail in the application below.

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