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Bradley University Chorale Performs a Free Concert March 13



The St. John's Concert Series presents The Bradley University Chorale on Sunday, March 13, at 3:00 pm.

The 45-member choir from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, will present a specially

commissioned work, "Sea Poems," by American composer William Averitt as well as music by Mozart, Giovanni Bassani, Kirke Mechem, Eriks Esenvalds, Sydney Guillaume, A.R. Rahman, Billy Joel, and others. Under the direction of Dr. John Jost, the Bradley Chorale has performed across the United States and Europe, winning national and international recognition. The ensemble has performed often for state and regional music educator conventions. In 2013 the Chorale toured in southern Spain and will tour Denmark in May of this year.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 3857 N Kostner in Chicago. For more information, call 773-725-9026.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wed., Mar. 16 • 7:30 pm

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

Sat.-Sun., Mar. 19 - 20 • 10 am - 3 pm

Maple Syrup Festival
North Park Village Nature Center
5801 N. Pulaski Road

Wed., Mar. 20 • 7:30 pm

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

Tues., Mar. 22 • 7:00 pm

Community Meeting Regarding
Independence Branch Library
Disney II Lawndale Auditorium
3800 N. Lawndale

Sun., April 10 • 11:30 am-1:00 pm

IPLC Open House at the Gym
4057 N. Harding

Tues., Apr. 19 • 7:00 pm

WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Ctr., 4146 N. Elston

Fri., April 29 • 7 -11 pm

Trivia Night to Benefit
Hands to Help Ministries
Filament Theatre, 4041 N. Milwaukee

Sat., Apr. 30 • 7:00 pm

Jazz Night Featuring Frieda Lee
to benefit Carlson Community Services
Location TBD

Sat., May 14 • 9 am to 4 pm

WWCA Garage and Yard Sale

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

Join Hands to Help on April 29th

Test your trivia knowledge with Hands to Help Ministries on April 29th at the Filament Theatre, 4041 N. Milwaukee, Chicago from 7 -11 pm. Hands to Help is excited to return to the Filament and hold its annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased on Hands to Help's website: www.handstohelpministries.org. Enjoy tasty food, test your trivia knowledge, and meet new friends.

Local businesses are encouraged to financially support this fun event. It is a great opportunity to reach out to neighbors and customers. Hands to Help also appreciates generous donations of food and drinks. For more information please contact Gayle at hthexccdirector@gmail.com or 773-599-0502.

It was a cold winter for many of the neighbors Hands to Help serves. As temperatures dip, more visit Hands to Help Ministries' office hours at St. John's Episcopal Church. Many just came from the Irving Park Food Pantry a few blocks away and are using the Church's kitchen to prepare a warm meal as they wait to talk with Hands to Help's Outreach Worker, Harrison. Others appreciated the purses filled with toiletries and other necessities created by thoughtful neighbors over the last month.

Hands to Help is a grassroots organization started with the help of area churches and fellow neighbors in the Portage and Irving Park communities. Our small staff plus many volunteers provides resources to neighbors on the brink of homelessness and those who have become homeless. Each year we serve an average of 100 neighbors.

We look forward to seeing you on April 29th. To purchase your tickets or for more information visit Hands to Help's website at www.handstohelpministries.org, Facebook, or Twitter (@Handstohelpchgo). All proceeds benefit your neighbors served by Hands to Help. See you soon!

Sunday, March 13 is Daylight Savings Time!
Turn clocks forward one hour at 2 am!



REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Thinking of selling your home this Spring or Summer?

Here are 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. Light grey is in.
3. **Think about low cost updates.** Replace gold fixtures and outlet plates. 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 call me for a free consultation.** I've lived here for 20 years. I love our neighborhood and I know the Chicago market.

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CAPS Report

February 17, Beats 1722 & 1723

No report from the February Beat Meeting.

On Wednesday, March 30th there will be a Hispanic Outreach Community Beat Meeting sponsored by the 17th District. Meet and greet the 17 District Commander, Police Officers, Elected Officials and representatives from City Services. The meeting will take place at Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose and will be in English and Spanish. Residents are invited to come with questions, concerns and ideas. Learn what resources are in your neighborhood. Learn about crime in your area and prevention tips. Learn how the community, working together with the police, make a safer neighborhood. All are welcome! For More information call or E-Mail the 17th District Community Policing Office, 4650 N. Pulaski Road, at 312-742-4588 or Email: CAPS.017District@chicagopolice.org

As always, call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide detailed descriptions of the individuals and vehicles involved in any incident. Even if a neighbor has already reported the incident or activity, other neighbors should make separate calls. The police often look at the number of calls for service in determining the allocation of officers and resources with respect to a particular situation or incident. CAPS meetings for our beat are currently held monthly at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month and typically last one hour. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, March 16, 2016. If you or a neighbor have been the victim of a crime and you would like to share that information with your neighbors, e-mail the details to westwalkercrimealerts@gmail.com. The exact address of the crime and name of the victim will be kept anonymous.

Liz Mills
CAPS Coordinator

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39th Ward Report



Daylight Savings Time helps us make better use of daylight during the warmer months, so please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 a.m.

Whether or not there is snow, the snow-related parking restrictions and overnight parking ban are still in effect until April 1. Please keep in mind that these parking tickets are quite costly.

The Chicago Park District opens Online Registration for Summer 2016 programs on Monday, April 4 and In-Person Walk-In Registration begins on Saturday, April 9. Please contact Independence Park (3945 North Springfield Avenue – 773-478-3538) or the Chicago Park District website at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com for more information.

The annual Maple Syrup Festival is being hosted by the North Park Village Nature Center (5801 North Pulaski Road) on Saturday, March, 19 and Sunday, March 20 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This sweet, warm tradition is free and fun for all ages. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the entire maple syrup-making process from tapping the trees, collecting sap and boiling it down to syrup. So plan on taking a walk through the sugar bush, listening to storytelling, making a maple craft, warming up by the fire and tasting maple syrup fresh off the fire. No registration is required for this event.

As always, if you'd like to receive the latest news and updates from the 39th Ward, please consider registering 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 will add your e-mail to the list. Your information will remain private and will never be shared. Please contact my office at 773-736-5594 or e-mail us at Ward39@cityofchicago.org with your concerns or questions.

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Saturday, May 7, from 10 am to 4 pm at Schurz High School, located at 3601 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

Join us as Schurz High School celebrates over 100 years of history by taking bold new steps into the future of teaching and learning! Chicago Northside Mini Maker Faire is a festival of creativity and innovation showcasing the incredible

talent of our students, faculty, families, and wonderful new friends and makers from across the city, and even the country!

Maker Faire is a venue for inventors, technophiles, artists, crafters, mad scientists, hackers, musicians, and anyone who makes cool things and want to show others how it's done. Applications accepted through April 1st. Families, students and thinkers of all ages are welcome. Like us on Facebook!

Community Meeting for the Independence Branch Library

On Tuesday March 22 at 7:00 pm, Chicago Public Library Commissioner Brian Bannon and elected officials will meet with the community to discuss the Independence Branch Library, which has been closed since October 30th due to a nearby fire. It will be held at the Disney II Lawndale campus auditorium at 3800 N Lawndale. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Let's show them how much our library means to us by attending! All ages invited. For library updates, visit New Independence Library on Facebook.

News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Lenten Wednesdays through March 16th begin with a simple food & fellowship meal at 6:30 - 7:30 pm, followed by Worship at 7:30 - 8:00 pm, with contemplative prayer & song.

Join us for Palm/Passion Sunday on March 20th! At 9:15 am there will be the Miriam Circle Bake Sale in Victory Hall. The Sunday School Refugee Journey takes place in the Gym at 10:30 am, followed by a Palm Procession from the Gym to the Sanctuary. Maundy Thursday is March 24, with a 6:30 pm Seder (RSVP w/ office) in Victory Hall, followed by 8:00 pm Communion & Stripping of the Altar. March 25th is our Good Friday Worship at 7:30 pm.

March 27th, Easter Sunday begins with a 9:00 am Breakfast, followed by a 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt, and 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary.

Easter Egg Hunt! Children, come to Irving Park Lutheran Church on Easter Sunday with a basket, and join us on a hunt for candy-filled plastic eggs, hidden throughout the building by the 7th & 8th grade Confirmation Students! There'll be plenty of eggs for everyone, hidden at all levels of difficulty. We'll start the Egg Hunt in Victory Hall at 10 am (and you can join us there for breakfast beginning at 9 am!), and send the children off in waves of searchers, according to age.

Open House at the Gym on Sunday, April 10th 11:30am-1 pm. Come celebrate and see the repairs done to the IPLC Gym at a special reception, beginning at 11:30 (directly after our 10:30 am worship service, to which you are also welcome!) until 1:00 pm on Sunday, April 10th. There will be cake and punch, we'll unveil the plaque with the names of contributors, and we'll talk some about the next, more internally-focused phase of repairs, which may include: updating interior lighting, interior painting and/or resurfacing, installing trim around the windows and doors, updating the bathrooms, and more. For more information, visit IPLC.org.



Join us for Ward Night
Tuesday evenings from 5-7^{PM}

Contact the 45th Ward Office

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www.ward45.org

Election Information

Any Chicago voter may use any Early Voting site in the city, regardless of where the voter lives.

Ballots cast in Early Voting are final. After casting ballots in Early Voting, voters may not return to amend, change or undo a ballot for any reason. It is a felony to vote more than once -- or to attempt to vote more than once -- in the same election.

Voters don't need a reason or excuse to use Early Voting. Government-issued photo ID is not required but is helpful if there is a question about the voter's registration, address or signature.

Registration services also are available at all Early Voting sites. NOTE: Any voter who needs to register for the first time or file an address change or name change must present two forms of ID, one of which shows the voter's current address.

30th Ward - Kilbourn Park 3501 N. Kilbourn - This is a "permanent early voting site." Hours are as follows:
Mon., March 7 thru Fri., March 11: 9 am - 7 pm
Sat., March 12: 9 am - 5 pm
Sun., March 13: 10 am - 4 pm
Mon., March 14: 9 am - 7 pm

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Matt. 6:26

...seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matt. 6:33



Save the Date!

Enjoy An Evening with Chicago Jazz Legend Frieda Lee on Saturday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. Location to be determined. This is a fundraiser for Carlson Community Services Carlson Community Services. Carlson Community Services. Carlson is a 501(c)3 non-profit connecting the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org

Tim's House at Mt. Olive Church

Tim's House is a place for people struggling with homelessness to gather, pray, talk, get support, and share a home-cooked meal together. We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays from 4pm-7pm, and Fridays from 10am-2pm. This has become a great networking opportunity for people looking to secure housing, medical care, IDs, furniture, and emotional support regarding the day-to-day struggles of homelessness. Everyone helps each other at Tim's House and we have become a family in this place! We also begin our day with coffee and bagels, and finish by sharing a home cooked meal together.

Tim's House opened its doors in January 2011 to people struggling with homelessness as an expansion of Timothy's Ministry. Some of our guests tell us that they travel up to 2 hours to get to Tim's House and have commented that it is wonderful to come to a place where they feel loved and welcomed! We pray together around a table and encourage one another.

Please consider **volunteering** one day at Tim's House! We are always grateful for people willing to cook a meal, serve, or share encouragement with our group. We are looking for speakers for Thursday evenings willing to share their skills. Whether you are a barber, medical professional, Social Security/housing expert, or work in any area, we would be grateful to welcome you to share information or services that might help to lift someone's heart and give hope. Please contact Marian: Marian@TimothysMinistry.org if you would like to get involved. For more information, visit www.timothysministry.org. Mt. Olive Church is located at 3850 N Tripp in Chicago.

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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Be a Bunny for the Irving Park Food Pantry

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry again is distributing Easter baskets to its clients for their children on the first four Wednesdays of March (Easter is March 27th). We are collecting goodies (candy, snacks, small toys, etc.) for children in the age categories of under 2, 2 to 5, and 6 to 8 years old. We will need donations throughout the month, as we often run out before the fourth week arrives.

Please drop off any donations at the Irving Park United Methodist Church (corner of Grace and Keeler - Grace Street entrance). Financial donations are extremely helpful and are used to purchase necessary supplies, especially to fill in depleted items late in the month. This can be done by mail or through PayPal at the Pantry's website (www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org). Questions can be sent to Lee Stein at volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org.

Thanks to the congregations at Irving Park United Methodist Church and Irving Park Lutheran Church for their continued support of this tradition through donations and time to create the baskets for children.

Thank you to the second-grade students at Disney II Elementary Magnet School and their teachers, Katie Fielden and Elyse D'Andrea, who donated the profits from their December crafts fair to the Pantry. The students' donation totaled \$1,314, a new record for the program, now in its third year.

Pantry Executive Director John Psiharis, Office Manager Sandra Schwarzbeck and Publicity Coordinator Craig Shutt visited the class to learn about the program, answer students' questions and accept the donation. We appreciate their efforts on our behalf and the thoughtful questions they had during our visit.

Mark your calendars now for June 25th, the date of the Annual Hunger Walk, sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. The 3.1-mile (5k) walk at Soldier Field along the lakefront raises awareness and funds to help food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens throughout Chicago. Last year, the Irving Park Food Pantry raised more than \$15,000 from the Walk, with all funds going into our food budget and GCFD account. We will be telling people more about it as the date nears.



Top: Executive Director John Psiharis (back row center) and Office Manager Sandra Schwarzbeck (back row with scarves) accept the donation from the second-grade students at Disney II Elementary Magnet School and their teachers, Katie Fielden (back row, right) and Elyse D'Andrea (back row, left). Photo by Craig Shutt. (Bottom) St. Viator Elementary School students collected four copy-paper boxes of personal-care items and a shopping bag of knit hats for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry during their drive in January.

In January, the Pantry served 1,365 people in 491 households, including 103 new clients in 44 households and 67 people in 22 families who came during our Tuesday night hours. Our volunteers also helped six households with nine people apply for SNAP benefits. Our Pet Food Corner provided pet food to 258 households for dogs, cats, birds and other small animals.

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Alderman
39th Ward

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CICS- Irving Park

High-Tech Instruction

Thanks to the successful fundraising efforts of our PTO, 60 new Chromebooks and

charging carts were purchased in September and another 50 in December. The middle grades were the latest to incorporate these into their classroom instructions. This allows the use of newer, and more focused interactive lesson plans for all.

Battle of the Books Our 5th and 6th graders are participating in a nationwide reading competition called Battle of the Books. Students will read 20 books and meet to discuss them each week. The first round of city competition starts in April

Hoops and Hollers! Our CICS-IP Puma Boys and Girls 7/8th grade teams competed in the Park District February Frenzy in February. This was a fun way for them to extend the regular season.

Mathletics Students in 5th thru 8th grades are participating in MathCON. This is an online, timed math competition that is first administered by their teachers, with winners advancing to regional competition at UIC. Good Luck math-letes!

Three Cheers! Our Competition Cheerleaders placed 5th at the Lake Zurich Network Competition. They next compete at the CPS City Finals.

St. Edward School

Check us out! School tours will be held Thursday, March 17. Registration is also open for 2016-2017 year for Pre-K 3 through 8th grade. We invite you to see why we give our students so much more than just a seat in the classroom. Call 773-736-9133 for more information or to schedule a tour on a more convenient day.

Congratulations to our boys' basketball teams! For the second year in a row, our 7th grade boys' basketball team went undefeated in the Northwest Catholic Conference, clinching the championship game! Our 8th grade team won the NWCC league, and came in second in the play-offs. We are BIG RED proud of our teams!

Our girls' volleyball teams are off and spiking! Beginning in 6th grade, our girls are invited to play area schools as well as participate in tournaments.

Please come support Boy Scout Troop 904 and the Annual Pancake Breakfast. On Sunday, March 20 from 8 am-1pm, enjoy a delicious breakfast and learn more about the Boy Scouts. The breakfast will be held in the gym, 4447 N. Lowell, and tickets are available at the door.

On Wednesday, March 23, our students will participate in Living Stations of the Cross at 1:45 pm in St. Edward Church, 4350 W. Sunnyside. We invite you to participate in this special Easter tradition.

Thank you to all who supported Lights, Camera, Big Red Auction and the Big Red Raffle! We had an amazing night of Oscar worthy fun!

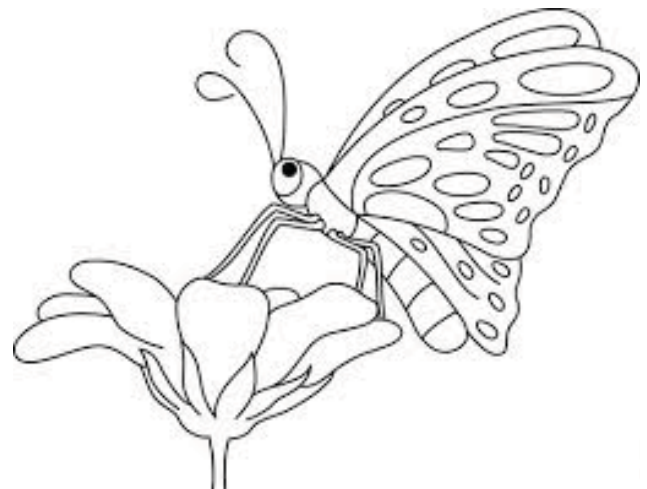
Upcoming Events

School Tours/Registration, Thursday, April 21, 9-11 am, 4343 W. Sunnyside

May 1 - 7, Superdawg Fundraiser, check our website for more information after April 20th

Saturday, May 21, Big Red Run 5K/1 mile walk - registration opens March 1st! www.StEdsBigRedRace.com

For over 100 years, St. Edward School has provided a Catholic education to children from three-year old pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. We have an average student-teacher ratio of 18:1, and feature an extensive music program as well as art, gym, sports, chess, and Spanish at all grade levels. Our students matriculate to highly selective CPS and Catholic schools in Chicagoland. Our school is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. For more information on the School call 773-736-9133, or visit www.stedwardschool.com.





WWCA Members

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

- Santiney Han
- Marge Tiritilli
- Anthony Stompanato
- Kevin & Wanda McDonald
- Bill Dugan & Tracy Monko
- Bonnie Ryan

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 2015-2016 dues to our next WWCA meeting on May 14th! Or you can mail in the application below.

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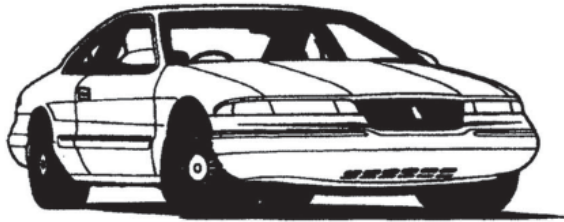
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