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Boy Scout Fundraiser at West Walker Garage Sale May 20th

IPLC Boy Scout Troop is collecting items to sell at the annual neighborhood yard sale, Saturday May 20th. The scouts will be set in the alley behind the Gym, and will also be selling food. Stop by to buy things the day of the sale (9 am-4 pm) and consider donating items to be sold beforehand. You can bring donated items to the Monday night Boy Scout meetings 7-8:30 pm. The scouts will store the items until the time of the sale and

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3539 W. Grace

Tues., May 16 • 6:30 pm

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3857 N Kostner

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

Wed., May 17 • 7:30 pm

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

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Anne Nakamura Stoelting
Memorial Concert
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N Kostner

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You can also visit our
Community Calendar online at:
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Dear Neighbor,

Independence Branch Library Community Meeting May 15.

A public meeting to gather community input on the final design will be on Monday, May 15, from 6-8 pm at Murphy Elementary School on 3539 W. Grace. Construction on the new Independence Branch Library at 4022 N. Elston is slated to begin later this year, with completion anticipated by winter of 2018.

The design includes a library on the ground level with affordable housing above as part of a unique agreement between the Chicago Housing Authority and the Chicago Public Library for a mixed-use development at the site. John Ronan Architects, the only Chicago finalist for the Obama Library, won a design contest to create the project.

This will likely be the only opportunity for community input on a project which will become a cornerstone for the West Walker Neighborhood. Please attend to have your voice heard!

The last West Walker Community Meeting this Spring is Tuesday, May 16. This will be our final meeting before the summer break. For those unable to attend the Independence Branch Library meeting on May 15, we will provide a snapshot of the meeting and will direct any additional input toward the library planning concerns. Any other community issues can be addressed as well.

The 32nd Annual West Walker Civic Association Garage and Yard Sale is May 20th! Even though spring is taking its time to arrive, there is one sure sign that it is around the corner, and that's the annual West Walker Civic Association Garage and Yard Sale. In its 32nd year, the sale is planned for Saturday, May 20 from 9 am to 4 pm. It's one of my favorite events, whether I'm manning my own sale or shopping everyone else's. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors who've been hibernating all winter and meet others who have recently moved in.

Anyone who misses the May 12, 2017 deadline to have the WWCA process your Garage Sale permit can go directly to their Alderman's office for a permit. Make sure to allow at least 2 days for the permit to be processed.

Mike Webber
President, pro tem, WWCA

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

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

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Upcoming Events at St. John's Episcopal Church

On the Table Conversation:

Mental Health and Addiction, May 16

You are invited to The Chicago Community Trust's On the Table Conversation: *Mental Health and Addiction*, hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church on Tuesday, May 16 beginning at 6:30 pm, with a potluck dinner and discussion.

St. John's On the Table conversation will be lead by Nancy Little, St. John's parishioner and Project Director at Thresholds, one of the oldest and largest providers of healthcare, housing, and hope for thousands of persons with mental illnesses and substance use disorders in Illinois. You are welcome to bring a potluck dish to share for dinner. Drinks provided. For more information or to RSVP, please contact info@stjohnschicago.com.

Anne Nakamura Stoelting Memorial Concert

Join us on **Sunday, May 21, at 2 pm** for an afternoon of works by Marcello, Schumann, Brahms, Kreisler, and Rachmaninoff performed by Daniel Glynn, oboe, Emily Nash, violin, Molly Rife, cello, and Mio Nakamura, piano. The St. John's Children's Choir will also perform. This concert is free and open to the public. This concert honors and remembers Anne Nakamura Stoelting, a donor to the St. John's Concert Series and Children's Choir.

Islam and Muslims in the Current Global Context: Moving beyond Media Sound Bites

Join us May 13th at 5 pm for a presentation by Scott C. Alexander, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Islamic Studies and Director of Catholic-Muslim Studies at the Catholic Theological Union.

This presentation will be on Saturday, May 13 at 5 pm. It is free and open to the public! There is hardly a person who watches television, reads a newspaper, or listens to the radio who has not formed some opinion about Islam and Muslims. There are many reasons for this, most of which have to do with various perceptions of the roles played by Islam and Muslims in domestic and international politics. One of the problems, however, with media attempts to understand these "roles" is that these attempts are almost always superficial and thus often inaccurate. Building on a basic premise in the critical study of religion, this presentation identifies salient issues in the mass media coverage of Islam and Muslims, and seeks to explore key complexities left unaddressed by the average media sound bite.

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CAPS Report

Beat 1722 & 1723 Beat Meeting, April 19, 2017

Present: CAPS Officer Veronica Meraz. Beat Facilitator Martha Hack, Monica Trevino, 35th Ward Office (Alderman Rosa), Beat Officers.

A resident asked if an update was available about drug dealing in the vicinity of Montrose and Ridgeway, which was reported at the March CAPS meeting. CAPS Officer Meraz stated she would follow up. A resident also inquired about drug dealing occurring in the alley behind the 4100 block of Avers. Officer Meraz will follow up. Residents are encouraged to call 911 any time they see suspicious activity or drug dealing.

The information packet that is distributed at the CAPS meetings has been shortened to include violent crimes only.

Someone asked whether Chicago Police are responsible for shootings on expressways. Shootings on Chicago's expressways are the responsibility of the Illinois State Police.

CAPS Officer Meraz reported that there is an ongoing investigation of the sexual assault that occurred in the

4600 block of N. Monticello on April 1st. She reported that there is no one in custody.

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, May 17, 2017. 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. You can follow the 17th District CAPS office on Facebook by searching CAPS - 017th District Albany Park.

Liz Mills
CAPS Coordinator

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39th Ward Report



Please join us as plans are presented for a new Independence Park Library on Monday, May 15, 6:00 p.m., at Murphy School, 3539 W. Grace. The new Library, along with senior housing, will be built on the site of the former Hollerbach Funeral Home at 4022 N. Elston. Architect John Ronan, development team and city

staff will be available to answer questions. West Walker residents were well-represented in preliminary planning meetings. I'd like to thank WWCA President Mike Webber and Vice-President Davor Engel, Roberta Bole, Friends of the Independence Park Library, and Liz Mills, Carlson Ministries, for their valuable input.

With summer, hopefully, around the corner, it's time to apply for your free garage sale or block party permits. Please contact Rose in my office and she will be happy to assist you with the permits.

Please save the date for a couple of popular June events. On Thursday, June 15, my office is hosting our annual City Sticker Sale in the 39th Ward Office, 4404 W. Lawrence, Thursday, June 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. On Saturday, June 24, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. State Representative John D'Amico and I are hosting Paper Shredding Day at Colletti's Restaurant, 5707 North Central Avenue (corner of Central and Elston). More details on these and other summer events will follow in my June letter.

I encourage you to subscribe to my e-newsletter. You can subscribe through my website, www.AldermanLaurino.com, or contact my office at (773) 736-5594 or email us at ward39@cityofchicago.org to request to be added to the list. For last minute updates, please follow my Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MargaretLaurino>. Rest assured that we never share or sell any e-mail addresses or personal information.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my public service office

Sincerely,
Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

Prom Problems and Probable Cause

by Audrey Cosgrove, Attorney

It is just a fact of life that coming of age is fraught with peril. As the adults in their life we help our children by being clear about our expectations, the possible penalties of their conduct and by being there for them when they fail. Teens don't realize they have a long life ahead of them and their career goals might be limited by their conduct now. Future employers only access available arrest records but employers for more sensitive positions, like police officers, firefighters, doctors, lawyers and military service have almost unlimited access to records that we thought were removed. This is the first installment of a 3-part article on the problems our teens encounter.

Part 1: Youth and Alcohol

Summer is nearly upon us and that means proms, graduations and warm summer nights at the lake. It seems that the whenever teens and young adults get together their ability to make the right choices is seriously diminished.

Parties are synonymous with alcohol and Illinois is a strict parent to our drinking minors. Unlike in criminal cases a "minor" when it comes to alcohol use, is any person under 21 years of age. Some of the possible scenarios and penalties are as follows:

Fake ID? Using someone else's ID, altering an official state ID, all these tricks are a misdemeanor offense. And if your child hooked up with a real criminal mastermind who is manufacturing ID's, possession is a Class 4 Felony and includes suspension of your driver's license.

Parents hosting a party where the under 21 set drink? Parents get a minimum \$500 fine. If one of those kids gets injured or dies, you are facing a Class 4 felony.

Illinois law prohibits the consumption or possession of alcoholic liquor by any person under 21 years of age, which is a Class A Misdemeanor. The person under 21 years of age is subject to a minimum \$500.00 fine. And the penalty is enhanced for transporting alcohol. Open alcohol in a car? Everyone can be charged with the same beverage, even if they did not touch the drink. Expect a minimum one year driver's license suspension for the first offense.

Finally, if your child is driving with ANY amount of alcohol in their system there is a minimum 3-month driver's license suspension, 6 months if they refuse testing. A driver's record cannot ever be expunged.

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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.

Carlson's After-School Program Partners with Mentors from Schurz High School



Adult mentors from Schurz High School's buildOn program joined their teen mentors at Carlson Community Services' after-school program for a carnival in April.

Carlson Community Services' Magic After-School Place (MAP) is brimming with activity and energy every afternoon. Fifty 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 Schurz High School's buildOn program. MAP is buildOn's longest running project at Schurz (almost 5 years!). Between buildOn and NHS/buildOn, a total of 86 unique high school mentors have volunteered at MAP 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. By the end of the school year, we anticipate mentors will have logged over 1,000 hours.

"I think buildOn students love volunteering at MAP because they get to form one-on-one bonds with younger students and build strong relationships," said Jessie Schwartz, buildOn's service learning program manager. "They look

forward to seeing the MAP students and appreciated how excited the kids are to have them there."

BuildOn is an international nonprofit organization that runs youth service after-school programs in United States high schools, and builds schools in developing countries. Schurz graduate Charlie Caneda was a MAP mentor through buildOn and now is on the MAP staff. Eventually we hope to have MAP students return to us as mentors!

The mission of Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org. Follow us on Facebook for photos and info about our programs and events!

Three Brothers Garden Wants YOU!

If you've been looking for a volunteer opportunity and enjoy gardening, Three Brothers Garden is waiting for you! A program of Carlson Community Services, the garden is a "pantry" garden, which means all vegetables grown in the garden are donated to Irving Park Food Pantry. Last year, 711 lbs. of vegetables were harvested for the food pantry. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. If you're a novice, we'll show you how to plant, maintain and harvest. Students in need of service hours find working in the garden with other teens fun and rewarding.



Volunteers will harvest vegetables every Tuesday at Three Brothers Garden beginning in mid-June. Pictured are garden co-chairs Rebecca Haneberg and Ruth Olech and volunteer Judy Sviatko.

The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski Rd., next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot. Tuesday night harvests will begin in mid-to-late June. To be added to the list to receive announcements about our harvest and work days, e-mail Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org, or visit carlsoncommunityservices.org and sign up for our email updates. Join us and get growing!



News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Community Donations Aid Pantry

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry received a number of major contributions in recent weeks that were greatly appreciated. These included:

- \$500 from the Old Irving Park Association for our general operations.
- \$1,440 from Liberty Tax Service, collected from a promotion they ran in March and April based on the number of tax returns they completed. It follows a program in January and February that generated a donation of \$420.
- Food donations from a drive held by Beaubien Elementary School.
- Socks collected by Belding School during its sock drive in April.
- Large amounts of pet food donated by Pet Supplies Plus, collected and delivered by Randy Patke (from the Elston near Addison store) and volunteer Margie Pomonis (Lincolnwood store).
- Completed Easter baskets donated by the congregations at Irving Park Lutheran Church and Irving Park United Methodist Church.

We appreciate all those who give their time, money and effort to organize and participate in these programs. We are especially in need of dry goods (peanut butter, mac & cheese, whole-grain crackers, dried fruit and nuts, dry soup mixes, and energy bars), plus key toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, razors and shaving cream) and men's white crew socks. Please contact info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org if you have questions or want to discuss a program.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Easter program. We gave out approximately 200 baskets filled with toys, candy and stuffed animals to our clients' children under 12 years of age. We appreciate your help in ensuring these children could celebrate the holiday as their friends do.

The Pantry has begun work on its herb garden for the new season. The garden, just outside the Pantry's door at 3801 N. Keeler, grows basil, chives, cilantro, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary and thyme. We appreciate all donations of herbs and gardening materials or tools. We harvest the herbs each week and include them in our food distributions.



Michael Barrett (left) of Liberty Tax on Irving Park delivers the second of two checks from promotions the tax-preparation firm sponsored prior to tax day. The programs raised more than \$1,400 for the Pantry. Accepting the donation is Executive Director John Psiharis.

In March, the Pantry served 1,259 people in 432 households, including 61 people in 21 households during our Tuesday night distribution. Volunteers also helped 19 households with 26 people apply for Web SNAP benefits. Pet food was distributed to 196 households. Thank you to everyone who volunteers and donates for helping us be "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

Stephanie Cutter



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Schurz High School

Two Schurz Teachers Receive Prestigious Summer Fellowships

Two Schurz High school teachers, Mircea (Mitch)

Arsenie and Christine Salerno are representing Schurz and Chicago Public Schools this summer in prestigious fellowships through the Lindblad Expeditions/National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship and Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad "Teaching the Andes" Program, respectively.

Mr. Arsenie and the rest of the 11th annual class of Grosvenor Teaching Fellows will embark on a global expedition this summer aboard one of the Lindblad expedition ships "in pursuit of enhancing their geographic knowledge with hands-on field experience they will bring back to their classrooms and professional communities." Mr. Arsenie specifically will be going on a two-week circumnavigation of Iceland aboard the National Geographic Explorer.

An environmental systems and societies teacher in the International Baccalaureate program as well as the AP environmental science teacher, Mr. Arsenie also coaches a successful Academic Decathlon team here at Schurz High School. A firm believer in experiential learning and using technology to empower students, he promotes a global perspective and environmental sensitivity by bringing students outdoors and inspiring them to never stop asking questions.

The Fulbright-Hays Teaching the Andes program in which Ms. Salerno, an International Baccalaureate Spanish teacher and former varsity softball coach, will be participating includes a two-week stay in Peru and a two-week stay in Ecuador where teachers will learn about Andean culture through a pedagogic lens. The goal of this month-long program is to create innovative curriculum that supports hands-on learning opportunities for students in urban districts. Twelve teachers from across the country will learn how to speak Quechua, an indigenous language spoken in Peru and Ecuador, in an attempt to create unity between indigenous and urban populations.

Upon her return in July, Ms. Salerno will create a new hands-on curriculum that promotes interest in this region of the world. "I hope to expand my knowledge of Andean language and culture in order to create

international-minded students who respect differences in our world," said Salerno.

Schurz High School is honored to share these talented educators with the world and looking forward to learning through the experiences that they bring back from abroad!

Belding Elementary School

Belding International Fest May 19

Belding Elementary is pleased to announce its Annual International Fest! Come join us in celebrating approximately 70 different cultures in which contribute to our wonderful school. All ticket sales and silent auction contributions will go towards Belding's Bilingual Department. Be a part of this wonderful celebration on **Friday, May 19th**, beginning with our Parade of Nations starting promptly at 3 pm, followed by various cultural dances. Food and activities will be available between 4 pm and 6 pm.

General admission is \$10! Various foods can be purchased with cash only. Wristband tickets will be sold at the front gate on the day of the event as well at a rate of \$10 per entry.

Admission includes many different performances by various cultural groups including: Djembe drumming of West Africa, West African dancing, Polynesian Dancers, Cambodian Roneat music, and a special performance by the JESSE WHITE TUMBLERS! The festival begins with a student led parade of nations and a performance by the Belding band.

Try the diverse foods that will be available! Many community vendors will be a part of our International Fest. Food can be purchased with cash only. Some participating restaurants include: La Villa, Noon Kabob, and more! Belding Elementary School is located at 4257 N. Tripp. Visit beldingelementary.com for more information or call 773-534-3590.

St. Edward School

Two Spring Musical Performances May 13

Hakuna Matata! With the help from Windy City Music Theatre, St. Edward school is putting on the spring musical, The Lion King. Watch the talented students on **Saturday, May 13** at 2:35 pm and a second show at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 17 and under. For more information and to buy early tickets visit: windycitymusictheatre.ticketleap.com/st-edward-lion-king/details.

Big Red Run May 20

It is time for the 3rd annual BIG RED RUN! This event is made for runners of all speeds, featuring a 5K and 1 mile fun/run walk. After the run, stay for celebratory food and drinks, games and activities. The race begins at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 20 at St. Edward School. For more information and registration instructions, please visit 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.

News from Irving Park United Methodist Church

Jean-Luc Guionnet Performs May 9

Jean-Luc Guionnet will be performing on the Pels organ at Irving Park United Methodist Church on **Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm**. He is an experimental organist, who evokes sounds from the particular organ he is in partnership with, trying to make it sound in a way that no other organ would, even to "express that very organ like one would press out the juice of that very fruit." The cost for the concert will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. <http://www.allmusic.com/artist/jean-luc-guionnet-mn000231714/biography>

In the artist's own words: "An organ is half-way between a vehicle and artificial intelligence: a kind of a self-driven engine. It's a common transport that takes one somewhere ... (a nave, a rowing boat, a building, a vessel, a ship in a building.) By playing the organ, the artist outlines the spring of energy, thanks to which the instrument is working."

Action 30 Mondays from 7:00-7:30 pm are opportunities for the whole community to learn and act on issues of concern.

May 15: Global Citizenship Program for youth for vision and change

May 22: Hands to Help on Homeless intervention

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45th Ward Report



Public Artwork Meeting for Addison and Irving Park Blue Line Stations June 12

The community is invited to attend a public meeting to provide input on the design of new public artwork at the Addison and Irving Park Blue Line stations on Monday, June 12, from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Independence

Park Field House, 3945 N. Springfield Avenue.

Francesco Simeti was selected by the Chicago Transit Board to create a site-specific installation at the Addison Blue Line station. He is known for creating thought provoking imagery using wallpapers, sculptures, and 3D collage. His work has been featured both nationally and internationally - including in Brooklyn, London, Milan, Finland, Rome, and more.

Dan Devening was selected to create the artwork installation at the Irving Park Line station. Devening is a curator, artist, and Adjunct Professor of painting at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Since the mid 1980's, his paintings and works on paper have been featured nationally and internationally.

The installation of the new artwork at both stations will add value to the station, community, and enhance the experience of daily commuters. The anticipated installation date is 18 months from the community meeting. I hope you will join me in providing input to guide the direction of both of these projects.

Senior Living Expo May 31

Come to the Senior Living Expo on Wednesday, May 31, from 1 to 5 pm, brought to you by your trusted real estate resource, Jean-Marie Minton of Minton Regan Properties.

This informative event is FREE to the public! Join us and get a free health screening. There will be raffle prizes, food and beverages. Learn about products and services designed for seniors and their families - all under one roof! Join us May 31st at the Irish American Heritage Center in the Erin Room, located at 4626 N. Knox.

Hands to Help Thanks for HUGE Outpouring of Support

Hands to Help Ministries thanks our neighbors and friends for their generous donations funding our critical programs helping to break the cycle of homelessness in the West Walker and surrounding community. These gifts provide the foundation for supplementary services for your neighbors as well as planned expansion to serve additional northwest side neighbors.

Hands to Help is also grateful for the outpouring of support leading to our SOLD OUT largest ever Trivia Fundraiser. The growing community support led to Trivia tables selling out a month before the event. The success of the event was due to our Master level sponsor Marc Sussman and Chicago Klee Development and Trivia Round Sponsor Monarch Thrift Shop (2866 N. Milwaukee), as well as the Pitchfork Music Festival for their donation of two VIP tickets. Additionally, Trivia guests enjoyed great food and raffle items from: Bacci Pizzeria - Jefferson Park, BeefBelly Restaurant, Broasted Chicken Royale, Eli's Cheesecake, Fannie's Café, Bakery and Boutique, The Filament Theatre, FishGuy Market, Hala In, Half Acre Beer Company, Jeff's Red Hots- Italian Sandwiches, Robert House Wines, Roma's Italian Beef & Sausage, Sicilia Bakery, Sketchbook Brewing Company, Wines for Humanity, Maggie Baron, Thirty-One Consultant, Dan Christensen, Ginnie Fraser, The Lourdes family and Mark Roberts.

Hands to Help was started over ten years ago by a small group of neighbors and area houses of worship partnering together to support other neighbors who live on the streets or are on the brink of losing their homes. We are successful because of your support and welcome additional volunteers and supporters. Join us as a board member, volunteer, or generous donor. Even if you missed Trivia, please consider checking us out and participating in our movement. Visit handstohelpministries.org. THANK YOU!

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will take whatever doesn't sell to the Salvation Army afterward. For more information, contact Greg Petersen at gpetersen0425@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your help and generosity!

Summer Worship Schedule Shift (9:30 am) Begins Memorial Day Weekend

Beginning, Sunday, May 28 (Memorial Day weekend) there is one worship service at 9:30 am, which will continue through Labor Day weekend.

Letter Writing Campaign After Church June 4

The IPLC Service Team invites you to write a letter to your legislator (legislator names, addresses, envelopes, stamps and a letter template will be provided- as well as coffee and treats) after church on Sunday, June 4th, as part of the "Bread for the World Offering of Letters." It only takes 15 minutes and hand written letters have a significant impact on the decisions made in Congress. This will be a challenging year. Programs that help families alleviate hunger and get out of poverty are threatened with deep funding cuts. As in years past, your persistent and faithful advocacy will be important in defending the interests of people who are hungry.

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Kilbourn Park Plant Sale May 20 & 21

The folks at Kilbourn Park are busy in the Greenhouse getting ready for the big weekend! This year's Plant Sale is on Saturday and Sunday May 20th and 21st. Mark your calendars! Kilbourn Park is located at 3501 N. Kilbourn.

Graffiti Action May 20

Join us at Woodward Plaza on **Saturday, May 20** at 10 am for the annual Graffiti Action Day. Using an environmentally safe, tea tree oil based product, we will remove graffiti from non-porous surfaces along Milwaukee Avenue. Supplies and graffiti removal product are provided for volunteers. We will work until noon. Woodward plaza is located at the intersection of Milwaukee, Kimball and Diversey.

Seedling & Seed Swap May 21

The Avondale Gardening Swap group is hosting a Seedling & Seed Swap on Sunday, May 21 at 3:30-5:30 pm at Reed's Local. They invite neighborhood gardeners to stop by and trade seeds and seedlings, get some gardening advice, make plans to share future harvests, or just come to meet fellow local gardeners. Reed's is located at 3017 W. Belmont.

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Flavors of Albany Park May 24

On Wednesday, from 6-9 pm, celebrate the diverse cuisines of the northwest side at Chicago's global restaurant crawl to sample food from local restaurants along Kedzie Avenue with entertainment and meet ABC 7 Chicago's "The Hungry Hound," Steve Dolinsky!

Many thanks to our sponsors Swedish Covenant Hospital, Midwest Orthodontics, 1st Family Dental, Alderman Deb Mell (33rd Ward), and Cook County Commissioner Luis Arroyo!

Restaurants/stops will include: Cafe Orient 33, Jaafer Sweets, Kabobi Grill, LD Pho, Wabi Sabi, Noon-O-Kabab, Golden Crust Pizza & Tap, Fruityland Ice Cream, Foremost Liquor, KOVAL Distillery, Starbucks, Wok Cuisine, Tortuga's Latin Kitchen, Tano's Pizzeria, Pizza & Pan Pa Ya, and Lindo Michoacan. Tickets now available online at apflavors.eventbrite.com

39th Ward Trails & Bikeways Workshop May 25

Learn about proposed projects and share ideas for improving local trails and bike routes! Please join 39th Ward Alderman Margaret Laurino and the Active



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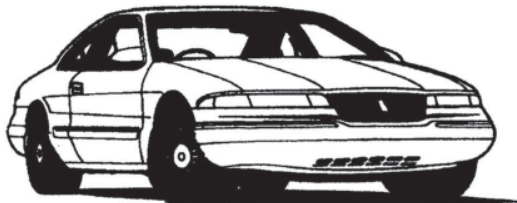
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Transportation Alliance for a public Trails & Bikeways Workshop on **Thursday, May 25**, from 6:30 - 8 pm, at the Gompers Park Fieldhouse (4222 W. Foster). On the agenda: updates on local trail projects, including proposed Weber Spur Trail, improving access to and from existing trails, such as the North Branch Trail, and opportunities to support other regional trails, including a continuous Chicago River Trail. For questions contact Steve Simmons at steve@activetrans.org or 312-216-0472.

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WWCA Members

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

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Irving Park Luthern Church
Pat & Frank Lasch
Theresa Litman
Dorothy Panzke
Mari Guin Riesen
Chuck Stiles
Mr. & Mrs. Sutherland
Kathy Wyant

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, 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 2017-2018 dues to our next WWCA meeting on May 16! Or you can mail in the application below.

WEST WALKER WIRE AD RATES

	<u>1 TIME</u>	<u>3 TIMES</u>	<u>6 TIMES</u>	<u>10 TIMES</u>
Business card NA <i>(3.5" wide x 2" high)</i>	\$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$95 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$130 <input type="checkbox"/>	
1/4-page ad \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(3.7" wide x 5" high)</i>	\$85 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$165 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$265 <input type="checkbox"/>	
1/2-page ad \$65 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(7.5" wide x 5" high)</i>	\$170 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$335 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$525 <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact E-Mail: _____

- The *Wire* is published 10 times a year (September through June).
- ALL AD ARTWORK is due on the 20th of the month prior. High-resolution pdfs, tiffs, and jpgs (black-and-white) are preferred. Microsoft Word files and camera-ready "hard copy" versions also are acceptable.
- WE PREFER that ad artwork be submitted as a file attachment and sent in an e-mail to: WWWire@solsticepr.com.

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

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Please note your e-mail address if you would like to receive e-mail updates:

E-MAIL: _____

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

Take-out Tuesday

The Albany Park Chamber of Commerce launched this program last month to promote our business district and get more customers out to support our local business owners. Enjoy the take-out and delivery specials from Rojo Gusano, Tortuga's, Noon-O-Kabab, Angelo's Wine Bar, T&B Grill, and Semiramis. View all specials online at bit.ly/TOTuesdays.

How it works: on the 1st Tuesday of the month through September 5, participating restaurants will have a take-out or delivery specials. Customers participating in Take-Out Tuesdays are eligible to win a gift certificate from a participating business. Customers will submit a picture of their receipt from a participating restaurant showing the business name and the date, and email it to events@northrivercommission.org by the Friday of each "Take-Out Tuesday" week. A winner will be drawn and get a mention on our social media! Try it out!

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West Walker Civic Association

32nd Annual Neighborhood Garage & Yard Sale

Saturday, May 20, 2017 9 am to 4 pm

(RAIN OR SHINE)

The WWCA Garage Sale will be advertised in local publications (*Chicago Tribune, Red Eye, Hoy, etc.*) and promoted online (*Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist*). Signs will be distributed throughout the neighborhood and at the Independence Park Garage Sale (the same day in Independence Park).

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, MAY 12

Return the form below and payment to **Mike Webber** at **4036 N. Avers** OR sign up online at **www.westwalker.org** by **end of day, Friday, May 12.**

Make checks payable to: **West Walker Civic Association**

WWCA will file your application and deliver your permit to your address on Friday, May 19th (you will not receive confirmation before permits are delivered).

LATE REGISTRATION (After May 12)

You are responsible for obtaining your permit from the alderman's office and your address will not be shown on the map - **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Permit forms available at Alderman Laurino's office, 4404 W. Lawrence Ave., or online at www.cityofchicago.org.

Under **current city ordinance**, every home having a garage or yard sale must display a **Garage Sale Permit**, which must be acquired from your alderman's office.

Any questions - call or email Mike Webber at
773-539-8346 / webber.wwca@gmail.com

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION GARAGE AND YARD SALE

Saturday, May 20, 2017

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
E-MAIL: _____

- \$5 I am a current member of the West Walker Civic Association.
- \$15 I am not a member of the West Walker Civic Association.
- \$20 I would like to join the West Walker Civic Association. Please credit \$15 toward my 2017-2018 WWCA Dues.