



WEST WALKER WIRE

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Come See Us at the Independence Park Farmer's Market!

Hands To Help Ministries is a 501(c)3 non-profit assisting neighbors living on the northwest side of Chicago who are homeless - or at-risk of becoming homeless - to obtain and maintain housing. We have a booth at the Independence Park Farmer's Market on the last Sunday of the month to raise awareness and connect with the community on the issue of homelessness. We have a hand out that tells you how you can help when you see someone who needs assistance, so stop by and see us.

Hands to Help is also part of the Amazon Smile! When shopping Amazon, use the Amazon Smile site (smile.amazon.com) and select Hands to Help as your charity for donations. A portion of your purchase will then go to Hands to Help.

We would also like to thank Gayle Nelson for her nearly two years service at Hands to Help. During that time, we served over two hundred neighbors. Gayle built community and partner relationships, welcomed volunteers and created a vision for our future expansion. Best wishes to Gayle as she moves on to new opportunities!



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MINISTRIES

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat., Sept. 16 • 7:00 pm
Twilight Dinner in the Garden
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner

Sun., Sept. 17 • 8 am - noon
Boy Scout Troop 863
Pancake Breakfast
4057 N. Harding

Wed., Sept. 20 • 7:30 pm
Beat 1722 & 1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District Station Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski

Sat., Nov. 4 • 7-10 pm
Carlson's Trivia Night
Look for more details at:
www.carlsoncommunityservices.org

Sun., Oct. 1 • 2 pm
IPFAC Presents
Jim Konsbruck and Tom Klippert
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding

Friday, Oct. 6 • 8 pm
Bernstein at 100:
Songs of Love and Longing
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner

Sat., Oct. 7 • 10:30 am
IPLC Pet Blessing
3938 West Belle Plaine
(in Three Brother's Garden,
next to parking lot on Pulaski)

Tues., Oct. 17 • 7:00 pm
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,

OUR FIRST WEST WALKER MEETING this fall will be on October 17, 2017, at the Latvian Community Center, 4146 N. Elston Avenue, at 7:00 pm. Please keep an eye out for the October Wire for more details on the meeting program.

As always, the WWCA is seeking additional volunteers to help us serve the neighborhood. Right now, we need a volunteer to serve as our meeting Secretary as well as one or more volunteers to deliver the Wire. If you want to help but don't feel those positions use your talents, let us know you want to help and we'll find a fit for you.

Finally, crime and violence have been in the news a great deal this summer, although it seems reduced from last summer, and calmer overall in our area. Please take the time to attend a CAPS meeting or have one person from your block go to represent your concerns. This month's meeting is on September 20, 7:30 p.m. at the 17th District station, 4650 N Pulaski.

Please be safe, be aware and keep an eye out for all our school kids.

Mike Webber
President, 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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St. John's Episcopal Presents Bernstein at 100: Songs of Love and Longing on October 6

For the 100th anniversary of Leonard Bernstein's birth, we present a selection of his songs, both sacred and profane. The concert will be on **Friday, October 6 at 8 pm.**

Featuring Anita Kallen, Jason Martin, Duncan Moore, Catherine Thomson, and Music Director Mark Burnell. This show is suitable for adults and children 7 and older. Free childcare is available. A reception follows the performance. Tickets are \$30 adults, \$10 children, and include one beverage. Tickets available online, at the parish office, or at the door.

Twilight Dinner

On **Saturday, September 16, at 7 pm**, St. John's is hosting a Twilight Dinner in the garden. Enjoy an evening in the garden at dusk under romantic lighting, where you can enjoy a gourmet dinner accompanied by live music! Gather with friends to feast, laugh, and toast one of the last summer evenings of the season. Free childcare provided on site. A vegetarian dinner option is available and non-alcoholic beverages are included. Cash bar. \$30 per person in advance at St. John's or online, \$40 at the door.

News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Sing with the IPLC Choir Sundays this Fall! The Chancel Choir rehearses every Sunday at 9:30 am (except 2nd Sundays). Rehearsal schedule is designed to accommodate busy lives and encourage drop-ins; come whenever you can!

Gentle/Chair Yoga Thursday Evenings

This fall the focus will be on loving our beautiful bones—bone strength, muscle strength, and balance. This gentle class also includes mindfulness and meditation. Utilize a chair as a prop. Good for anyone wanting a gentle practice. Begins Thursday, September 14th. Class times: 6:45-7:45 pm (on the third Thursday of the month the class meets from 6:30-7:30 pm).

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, 8 am - noon

Stop by the gym on Sunday, September 17th before or after worship to enjoy pancakes and sausages prepared by our very own Boy Scout Troop. The breakfast is a fundraiser the troop is holding for their STEP UP NOW pledge for Gym Repairs.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Your Neighborhood Realtor!

To Sell Your Home, You Need to Think Like a Buyer

Hi Neighbors,

The Fall market is gearing up to be great. Buyers are looking to purchase before the holidays.

When you're ready to sell your home, it's important to think like your prospective buyer. Here are a few highlights from a NAR Study and some of my insights when you are ready to sell. Buyers:

- Search online for about 10 weeks & look at 10 homes. *Make sure you have a broad range of good professional photos.*
- Expect to live in their home about 14 years. *Inform buyers about our great neighborhood too!*
- 44% view convenience to their job as the most important factor. *West Walker can't be beat with the Blue Line, Metra and I90/94 close by.*
- Repeat buyers purchase within 14 miles of their current home. *Many of our buyers are condo owners in the West Loop and Roscoe Village ready to move up to a single family home.*
- Purchase when it is the right time. *Listen and tailor your marketing & sales approach to each buyer.*

Thinking like a buyer is just one of my strategies to help you sell your home.

**If you're thinking of selling in the next
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CAPS Report

Beat 1722 & 1723 Beat Meeting, August 16, 2017

Present: CAPS Officer Maryjane Parks, CAPS Officer Hamid Gail Beitz, 39th Ward Office (Alderman Laurino)

Under previously reported issues, it was reported that there were shots fired in the vicinity of 4500 N. Central Park, near a residence that has been the source of prior problems. Another inquiry was made about suspected drug dealing in the alley behind 4100 block of N. Avers and 3800 W. Berteau. Gail Beitz in the 39th Ward office will follow up with streets and sanitation about removing gym shoes from the power lines there.

In new issues, it was reported that there is drug dealing and possibly prostitution in the alley at Berteau and Pulaski.

A neighbor inquired about whether it was legal to plant a tree in the parkway since it is taking the city approximately 18 months to fill requests for parkway trees. Gail Beitz in Alderman Laurino's office reported that it's legal, but a permit must be obtained. Utilities may have to be moved if there is digging in the parkway.

Officer Hamid reported that there has been an arrest in the home invasion and sexual assault that happened in the 4600 block of Kildare. Neighbors helped detain the individual until officers arrived. The officers and neighbors were commended for their part in the suspect's arrest.

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, September 20, 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.

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How's the West Walker Real Estate Market?



FOR SALE - 4249 N. Hamlin



UNDER CONTRACT - 4015 & 4017 N. Harding



SOLD - 4239 N. Ridgeway

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"Dorie has great knowledge of the neighborhood and did a wonderful job of advising us of what to ask for the sale price, how to stage the house, and in showing the house effectively. We had buyers before the house was actually listed and we received a good price." – Mary Byrns

If you are thinking of selling in the next 24 months, and want to get the highest sale price, please call me for a free home consultation.



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39th Ward Report



Before we know it, summer will be over and with that some of our favorite warm weather activities. But it's not too late to have a garage sale or block party. If you are interested, please contact my office for your free permit.

We will be entering into flu season in a few months. Once again, you can get your free flu shot in my 39th Ward Public Service office (4404 W. Lawrence). Please stop by on Friday, October 6, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm to be protected from this season's flu virus.

In news in and around West Walker... Wendy's, located at the former self-serve car wash at 4412 N. Pulaski, is planning to open in October. The Independence Park Library/Senior Housing project is moving along through the legislative process.

The 17th Police District is holding a landlord training at their headquarters, 4560 N. Pulaski, on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 5:00 – 6:30. If you are a landlord, I encourage you to attend this free training.

We have a new community market in the 39th Ward. Stop by the second North Park Community Market for local food, artisans and fun! The Market is at Peterson School, 5510 N. Christiana on Sunday, Sept. 24, from 9:00 – 1:00.

For 39th Ward updates, please sign-up for my newsletter at www.AldermanLaurino.com or follow my Facebook page. As always, contact my office at 773-736-5594 or e-mail us with your concerns or questions.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

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Here's how to reach or follow the 17th District CAPS office.

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Twitter: @ChicagoCAPS17

Email: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org

Phone: 312-742-4588

Event Calendar: <http://home.chicagopolice.org>

Liz Mills

CAPS Coordinator

Powers of Attorney for Teenagers?

by Audrey Cosgrove, Attorney

With our older children heading back to college or off into the world this would be a good time to remind you to get a power of attorney ("POA") for health care and for property from your unmarried child who is over 18. If they are involved in a serious accident or have an emotional breakdown and a doctor determines they are incapable of making decisions on their own, you have no legal right to make any decisions about their medical or mental health treatment. Remarkably, this is true even if they are still using your health insurance.

Further, if your child is deemed to be incapable of making decisions for an extended period you may need to settle some of their financial obligations. You will need the power of attorney for property to do the simplest things like terminate their student housing agreement.

These POA forms can be somewhat confusing and many people prefer to hire an attorney. However completely valid forms are available for free online.

For an Illinois power of attorney for health go to:
<https://www.illinois.gov/sites/gac/Forms/Documents/POAHealthCare2016.pdf>

For an Illinois power of attorney for property go to:
https://www.illinois.gov/sites/gac/Forms/Documents/POA_Property_July2011.pdf

What will happen if you do not get a power of attorney from your child? You will be compelled to go to court for emergency guardianship to have any say over your child's treatment.

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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.

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Kicks off Season October 1st with Guitar Duo

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is thrilled to feature West Walker musician Jim Konsbruck in the first concert of its 2017/2018 season. Performing along with guitarist Konsbruck will be Tom Klippert. The concert will be held on Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave.

Konsbruck and Clippert will perform a mix of guitar solos and duos, including contemporary compositions, music from South America and the stunning "Concerto in D Minor" by Baroque composer Alessandro Marcello.

Jim Konsbruck is Adjunct Professor of Music at Valparaiso University. He is a frequent performer in the Chicago area as a soloist as well as in ensemble. He earned a Master of Music degree from the Chicago College of Performing Arts (CCPA) of Roosevelt University. Jim, his wife Lynn and two sons live in the West Walker neighborhood.

Tom Clippert teaches classical and jazz guitar and directs the guitar ensemble at Oakton Community College. He received a Master of Music degree from Yale University. He frequently performs as both soloist and chamber musician throughout the Chicago area.

The concert is free, although donations are welcome. A reception with the artists hosted by the Fine Arts Committee follows the concert. The 2017/2018 season is dedicated to the memory of Nancy and Gordon Johnson,



West Walker resident and guitarist Jim Konsbruck will perform in the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's first concert of the 2017/2018 season. The concert is Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. Admission is free.

the Irving Park Lutheran Church members who founded the series in 1994, along with artistic director Roger Bingaman.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Series, now in its 24th season, is sponsored by Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Carlson's mission is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766 or visit carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Carlson's Trivia Night, Saturday, November 4th

Save the date for Carlson's Trivia Night, scheduled for Saturday, November 4th. Look for details in the West Walker e-mail blast and on our web site at www.carlsoncommunityservices.org. It's a fun evening and a great way to support our programs!

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!



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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



Volunteers who walk with the Pantry at the annual Hunger Walk earn \$12 per person for the Pantry's GCFD account. If you didn't sign up in August, please go to the Walk or IPCFP web page to donate. Photo by Doug Moore

Donate to the Pantry's Hunger Walk Efforts

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's 32nd annual Hunger Walk will be held Saturday, September 16th at Jackson Park (near Hyde Park). Volunteers and friends of the Irving Park Community Food Pantry will walk the 2-mile course to raise awareness about hunger in our communities.

The Walk is the Pantry's biggest annual fund-raising event. Registration closed August 28, but you can still donate to help the Pantry throughout the year. Donations to our Walk page (www.classy.org/team/124844) go directly to our GCFD account, from which we order food from their menu at low volume prices.

You also can donate at our web page (www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org) or by mailing a check to the Irving Park Food Pantry at 3801 N. Keeler Ave., Chicago IL 60641. A donation letter was sent out last month.

The Pantry is collecting winter coats of all sizes, especially for men, to distribute to clients in October. Please check your closets for any gently used coats. They can be brought to the Pantry's home at 3801 N. Keeler during Pantry operating hours (Wednesdays 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesday, Sept. 12th and Oct. 10th 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.).

Additional dropoff points include Disney II Magnet Elementary School (3815 N. Kedvale), Old Irving Brewing (4419 W. Montrose), and the Linnemeyer front porch at 3822 N. Tripp. More locations will be listed soon on our Facebook page.



Members of Sow Chicago, a new mission program based in Irving Park, helped out at the Irving Park Community Food Pantry in August. (To learn more visit www.sowchicago.org.) Photo by Craig Shutt

The Pantry in June began offering clients free blood-pressure screenings and in July added a heart-health class in Spanish and English on Wednesday mornings. The programs are conducted in cooperation with Presence Resurrection Medical Group, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and the American Heart Association. They will continue through the end of the year.

Volunteers from the Pantry will be staffing a booth at the last GIPNA Farmers Markets of the year on October 8th and 22nd. They will answer questions and accept donations. You also can sign up to receive our Breadcrumbs e-mail newsletter. We appreciate all your support in ensuring we live up to our motto of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Join us for Ward Night
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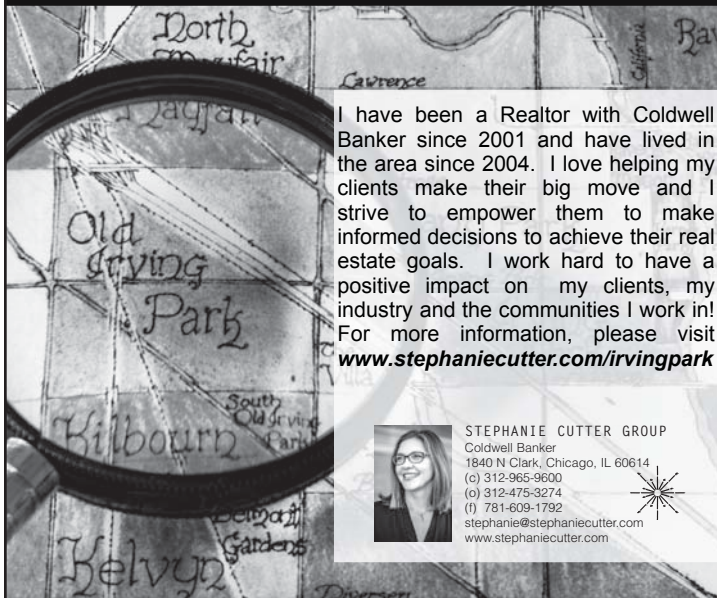
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45th Ward Report



I am pleased to announce that the new Independence Branch Library passed the Plan Commission on Thursday, July 20.

The building is a unique collaboration between the Chicago Housing Authority and the Chicago Public Library, with the library on the first two floors and four floors of affordable

senior housing above. The new location at 4024 N. Elston is designed by John Ronan Architects, a finalist in the competition to build the Obama Presidential Library.

For decades, neighbors and library users have lobbied for a new library. After the library's former location closed in 2015 due to smoke damage from an adjacent fire, momentum grew for a new and improved facility. In October, it was announced that the library would have a permanent home where the former Hollerbach Funeral Home was located.

The proposal will go before the Zoning Committee on September 11, and the library is expected to open before Christmas 2018. I want to thank the Friends of Independence Library, West Walker Civic Association, Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association, Old Irving Park Association, Rep. Jaime Andrade, the Mayor's office, Ald. Marge Laurino, Ald. Deb Mell, Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, and all the residents and neighborhood groups who advocated to make this happen.

Together, we will get this done.

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IPLC Sunday School Classes Resume September 17th

Happy 500th Birthday Lutheran Church! This year we'll focus on Martin Luther and the formation of the Lutheran Church in 1517. Children love birthdays – and this is a big one! Classes begin on Sunday, September 17th at 9:15 am. The nursery is staffed, and grade specific classes are offered for children ages three years through high school.

Pet Blessing Saturday, October 7, 10:30 am Bring your pet for a blessing at 10:30 am on Saturday, October 7th, in the Three Brother's Garden, next to the parking lot on Pulaski, as we mark the feast of St. Francis, which occurs every year on Oct. 4th. Francis is the patron saint of animals, and wrote the *Canticle of Creatures!*



WWCA Members

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

Fiorella Family
Michael & Michele Labell
Tonny Manno

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 2017-2018 dues to our next WWCA meeting on October 17! Or you can mail in the application below.

WEST WALKER WIRE AD RATES

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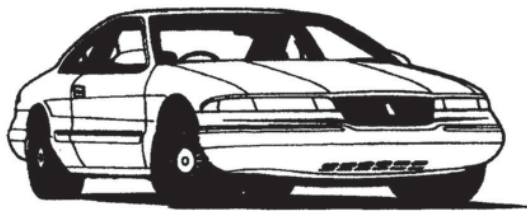
Come On Out to the GIPNA Farmers Markets!

There are still several remaining Farmers Markets for the season! Come check them out while you can! They take place in Independence Park at Hamlin and Irving Park Roads. They are on Sunday, October 8th, and Sunday, October 22nd, from 9 am to 1 pm. You'll find a good variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, meats, plants, pastries, pestos, coffee, preserves, cheeses, music and so much more!

Do You Have Something to Say?

Is there a new restaurant in the neighborhood that you would like to review? Is there a special community event that would be of interest to West Walker residents? Send us your contributions! Deadline for the Wire is always seven days prior to the first of the month. Email your articles (no more than approximately 400 words please) to Lee at west_walker_wire@yahoo.com!

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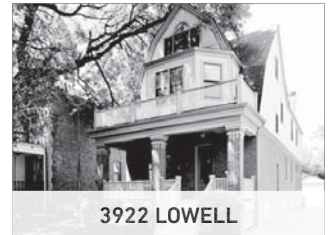
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