

WEST WALKER WIRE

MARCH 2018

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Schurz Hosts the Chicago Northside Mini Maker Faire

Schurz students, parents, alumni, and neighbors are invited to a Friends of **Schurz Volunteer Meeting on Monday, March 19 at 7 pm** in the Schurz Library. Learn about volunteer opportunities with Friends of Schurz, the upcoming Mini Maker Faire, and more! Enter through the main door.



The annual Chicago Northside Mini Maker Faire returns to Schurz on Saturday, May 5th! The Faire has become a popular showcase of invention and creativity that draws families from throughout Chicago to our neighborhood. It's also a massive undertaking run entirely by students and volunteers. The organizers are seeking sponsors and volunteers to help make the 2018 Faire a success. Among the types of volunteer support they need are people to help identify and recruit community sponsors, write grant proposals, and help get the word out in the weeks leading up to the Faire (including interviewing and writing blog posts about exhibitors on the Faire's website). **Maker application deadline is April 3.** Makers may apply at chicagonorthside.makerfaire.com.

Hands to Help Ministries Brings the Trivia



Back by popular demand, Hands to Help Ministries is excited to announce our Annual Community Trivia Night event and fundraiser! All money raised supports our services and activities, which help to break the cycle of homelessness in our community. Food will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase. Enter to win unique raffle prizes! Join us for food, fun and facts!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Early Voting - March 5-19

35th Ward: NEIU El Centro
3390 N Avondale

39th Ward: North Park Village. Admin
5801 N Pulaski

45th Ward: 16th Dist. Police Station
5151 N Milwaukee

Hours for above locations:

March 5 - 10: 9 am-5 pm

March 11: 10 am-4 pm

March 12 - 16: 9 am-7 pm

March 17: 9 am-5 pm

March 18: 10 am-4 pm

March 19: 9 am-5 pm

To register to vote, or for additional information, visit www.ChicagoElections.com. or call 312-269-7900

Sunday, Mar. 18 • 2:00 pm

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents
Ling's Classical Strings
Free Admission, Donations Welcome
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding

Tues., Mar. 20 • 5:30 to 8 pm.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

No WWCA Meeting - Please Vote!

Wed., Mar. 21 • 7:00 pm

Beats 1722-1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski

Fri., March 23 • 8:00 pm

Hodie Snitch and Holy Smokes
Independence Tap
3932 W. Irving Park Rd.

Sat., April 28 • 7-10 pm

Hands to Help Trivia Night Fundraiser
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym
4057 N. Harding

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

Dear Neighbor,

THANKS TO ALL THE HEARTY SOULS who braved above-average temperatures and the threat of sprinkles to attend the West Walker Winter Social at Independence Tap on February 24, 2018. As usual, quaffing, laughing, talking, and snacking ensued. Live music was played, tip jars filled, and general merriment was the code of conduct for the evening.

Also joining us were Mike Quigley, our U.S. Representative for the 5th Congressional District, and John Arena, 45th Ward Alderman, and his better half, Jill. We appreciate their effort to join us and the fact that we are a worthwhile host for their limited evening hours.

Speaking of elected officials, please note that there will be no WWCA general meeting in March. This is because the Latvian Center will be transformed into an official polling place for 2 precincts in our Neighborhood for the Primary Election on March 20, 2018.

If I may mount the soapbox for a moment, I would like to emphasize that the 2018 election cycle is one of the most consequential in recent memory. The Primary Election of March 20 will set the stage for the General Election of November 6, 2018. The number of movements, issues, and events which impact our society which have dominated the news, and our lives, over the last year has been truly astounding. Other than personal advocacy, one of the most effective means of influencing issues which are important to you is to elect individuals you believe will have the drive, voice and freedom to advocate on your behalf. This is true at the local, state, regional and national levels.

You have a right to vote, which is as important as the other rights we enjoy. So make sure to mark March 20 and November 6 on your calendar, on your wall on in your phone, and go out and exercise your franchise. Because no one should have a flabby franchise.

Mike Webber
President, Pro Tem
West Walker Civic Association

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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March of Our Lives Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.

Join Reverend Kara Wagner Sherer, of St. John's Episcopal Church on Kostner, on a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. as she, along with with the students and families from Parkland, Florida come together demanding an end to gun violence.

They will be joining with other Episcopalians (you need not be one to come along) leaving from **All Saints at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 23**, sleeping on coach buses and arriving in DC for the March of Our Lives on **Saturday, March 24 and returning by 7 a.m. Sunday** (in time for Palm Sunday). Tickets are \$100. Please click on the link to buy your tickets as soon as possible: we are renting 3 coaches, but can rent more if we can fill them! You can also donate to help someone else make the pilgrimage, teenagers are especially encouraged to come, and your donation can help them. There will be a march in Chicago on March 24, information on that is also below.

Eventbrite TICKETS link: <http://bit.ly/2t9JI4P>
Eventbrite DONATIONS link: <http://bit.ly/2Fj2NAW>
Chicago March: <http://bit.ly/2HYk29w>

News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Northwest Hoops Academy Meets in IPLC Gym Saturdays & Sundays Looking for extra basketball time for elementary school boys and girls? Northwest Hoops Academy is offering spring sessions in the IPLC Gym this March & April: Saturdays 4:30-6:30 for grades 5-8; Sundays 2:30-3:30 for grades K-2, Sundays 3:30-4:30 for grades 3-4. Private lessons also available. Licensed coaches helps with skills, drills, and scrimmages. For more information: richhk09@gmail.com or follow on Instagram: @nw hoopschi

Sundays in Lent at Irving Park Lutheran Church - The Church Around the World

This year each Sunday in Lent we are hearing people from here speak about their experiences in different places around the globe, we have special prayers and songs, and we're trying a different element of worship as celebrated in that place. Countries we are learning more about include Hungary, Swaziland, China, Japan, Palestine, and Argentina. Join us for worship at 10:30 am through March 28th!

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REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

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Tips To Sell Your Home

Hi Neighbors. Are you thinking of selling your home this year? Here are a few things to keep in mind.

- 1. Know our real estate market.** How much will your home sell for and how long will it take to sell? Who is your likely buyer? Who/where is your competition?
- 2. Homes priced right sell faster and for more money.** Buyers know the market and they typically look within \$25,000 increments. What pricing strategy is right for you – market pricing, premium pricing...?
- 3. Repairs left undone can cost you more \$\$\$.** Buyers will ask for more than the cost of the original repair because of fear of the unknown. Which repairs should you make?
- 4. Professional photos are key.** A wide range of professional photos will have buyers looking at your home instead of the competition. How many photos should you have? What rooms/angle should you show?
- 5. Make sure the buyer is qualified.** Yea! You have an offer. Make sure they are really qualified to buy your home before you sign the contract.

If you have any questions about our real estate market, buying or selling your home, feel free to give me a call.

If you're 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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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723 Meeting, February 21, 2018

Important Notice: As of January 2018, Beat 1722/1723 CAPS meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commander Susan Moss, CAPS Officer Hamid, Officer Zanders

Commander Susan Moss was introduced as the new Commander of the 17th District. Commander Moss, a 30-year CPD veteran, replaces Elias Voulgaris, who has moved on to the Office of Emergency Management and Communications. Attendees welcomed Commander Moss. Condolences were expressed on the passing of Commander Paul Bauer.

A resident asked about tow trucks driving recklessly throughout the 17th District. Officer Hamid reported that Cook County Towing has been issued a cease and desist order and may be in the process of relocating to Skokie. An inquiry was made about ongoing thefts from vehicles, wheel thefts and catalytic converter thefts. CPD has launched a special investigation into vehicle thefts. Officer

Hamid recommended getting wheel locks which are relatively inexpensive. He reported that there are often peaks and valleys in terms of crimes in the 17th District. Robberies usually peak around the holidays. Special attention to the alley between Pulaski and Harding in the 4100 block is being given due to suspected ongoing drug dealing.

Officer Hamid and Officer Zanders passed around photos of recently arrested suspects. They reported that an arrest was made in back-to-back robberies of the 711 at Montrose and Pulaski. The individual has been charged with four other convenience store robberies.

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. Starting in January 2018, meetings

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39th Ward Report



I am happy to announce that I recently attended the groundbreaking for the Independence Library and Independence Apartment at 4024 N. Elston Avenue. The new Library will not only provide a permanent home for the Independence branch library, but will also provide senior housing. The library and apartments will be opened at the end of 2018.

Winter Overnight Parking Restrictions are in effect until April 1. Signs are permanently posted. Vehicles Parked on critical arterial streets with a posted seasonal overnight restriction will be towed, as well as ticketed, between 3 am and 7 am. whether or not snow is on the ground.

Daylight Savings Time helps us make better use of daylight during the warmer months. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 11 at 2 am.

For the March 20 Primary Election, Chicago voters and residents will be able to use Early Voting & Registration through March 19 at North Park Village Administration Building (5801 N. Pulaski). Ballots cast in Early Voting are final. Those who need absentee ballots can get the applications from my office. To register to vote, or for additional information, please go to www.ChicagoElections.com.

The Chicago Park District Online Registration for Summer 2018 programs at parks located West of California Avenue will begin on Monday, March 23, 2018 at 9 am. and In-Person Registration will begin on Saturday, March 28 at 9 am. Please contact Gompers Park (4222 W. Foster Avenue- 773-685-3270) Peterson Park (5801 North Pulaski Road, Building J - 312-742-7584), or the Chicago Park District website (www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) for further information.

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 my website, www.AldermanLaurino.com or send us an email at Ward39@cityofchicago.org. We will be happy to add you to the list. Your information will remain private and will never be shared. As always, please feel free to contact my office at 773-736-5594 or send an email to Ward39@cityofchicago.org with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

Pro Se is Latin for *Helping Oneself*

by Audrey Cosgrove, Attorney

In the legal community there is a lot of talk about what we call, "Access to Justice," or the ability for everyone to be able to seek the protection of the court regardless of their ability to pay. The reality is the average person makes too much money to qualify for legal aid programs but not enough to afford legal fees. Every single time I appear in court at least half the people in court are not represented by an attorney. As an attorney it is painful to watch a lay person struggle at the bench. There is confusion about what documents to file, when to say what, and what constitutes permissible evidence in court. With the disclaimer that I cannot possibly transmit a legal education and 25 years of legal experience into 350 words, I can give you some common-sense tips to make your day in court go more smoothly.

Go to the website, www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org. There you can look to see if a case was filed, the filing costs, find fillable forms and even a tab marked "Self Help Center" that gives accurate information for people who go pro se. Be aware there are some cases where you cannot represent yourself, such as a criminal charge. Do not expect help from the judge or court personnel. They are prohibited from giving any advice. If the judge tells you to stop talking, don't be offended. They are probably protecting you from ruining your case by saying too much. Be very respectful to everyone. Figure out the "elevator speech" for why you are in court. Our courts are busy, and the judge will be impressed to have been spared your life story to learn why you are there. Put your documents in a logical order so you can find them when you're nervous. Close your mouth and listen when the judge talks or asks you questions. She is in the courtroom every day and understands your case a lot better than you think. Finally, even if you can't afford to hire an attorney to handle your whole case you might be able to afford an hour of an attorney's time to go over your case with you and give you advice on how to proceed. Just look for an attorney who offers limited scope services.

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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.

Soup & Bread Thanks!

Thank you to the restaurants, cooks and diners who made the 6th Soup & Bread for Carlson a success! Over 150 people came together February 25th to listen to the Indy Jam Band and sample nine delicious soups from Bourgeois Pig Cafe, Bread & Wine, Hot Woks Cool Sushi, Redlands Grill and Tre Kronor Restaurant. Neighborhood cooks included Ed Gardner, Susan Ford, Dorene Jordan, Ellen Olech and Sara Anderson. Forty-five gallons of soup were served, along with dozens of loaves of bread!

Thank you to raffle donors Backlot Coffee Company, The Lakefront Restaurant, Bruce Anderson, Helen Lira, Rodney Zech and Carlson Board and Committee members who donated to the wine basket. Many thanks to our event co-chairs Rebecca Haneberg and Ruth Olech, our hosts Irving Park Lutheran Church and all the volunteers who helped the evening run smoothly.

Soup & Bread for Carlson raised \$2,400 for Carlson's neighborhood programs – The Magic After-School Place, Three Brothers Garden and the Irving Park Fine Arts Series. For more information, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Ling's Classical Strings March 18th

Noted professional violinist and Mayfair resident John Ling will bring his string quartet to the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's final concert of the 2017/2018 season. The concert will be held Sunday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave.

Members of the quartet are John Ling, first violin, John Eckhardt, second violin, Daniel Golden, viola and Mark Anderson, cello. The concert will feature Mozart's String Quartet No. 19 in C Major, K. 465. Nicknamed the "Dissonance Quartet" it is perhaps Mozart's most famous and is the last of six quartets he dedicated to Joseph Haydn.

The concert is free, though donations are welcome. A reception with the artists follows the concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee. The concerts are relaxed and casual, lasting about an hour. Perfect for families!

The 2017/2018 Fine Arts season is dedicated to the memory of Nancy and Gordon Johnson, the Irving Park Lutheran Church members who with Artistic Director Roger Bingaman founded the series in 1994. The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is sponsored by Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 non-profit. Its mission is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. To learn more, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766.

News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

FDC Renews Major Pantry Grant

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is pleased to announce that the FDC Foundation has provided us with a grant of \$30,500. The money will fund our nutrition programs and our client resources coordinator position during the year. We are grateful to John Doyle, Susan Patke and the entire board of FDC for their continued support. Thanks also to volunteer Cathy Foster for preparing our proposal.

The Pantry will give out Easter baskets to our clients' children up to 8 years old during March (prior to Easter on April 1st). We are happy to accept items to fill these baskets (including the baskets) and pre-filled baskets. We use medium-sized baskets with grass and fun items from the dollar store:

- Plastic eggs filled with jelly beans or change.
- Snacks such as juice pouches, crackers, breakfast bars, and microwave popcorn.
- Wrapped candy.
- Bubbles, Nerf balls, Yo-Yos, pinwheels, etc.
- Easter pencils, erasers, toys.
- Small stuffed animals.
- Stickers, crayons, markers.

Margaret Laurino
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39th Ward

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- Little books and activity pads.
- (Please use plastic or fabric baskets that stack easily.)

If you have any questions, email Megan Tormey at megan.tormey@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your help with this annual program!

Thank you to Community Savings Bank for their donation of \$2,000 and to Hoyne Federal Savings for their donation of \$250 and for undertaking a food drive to benefit the Pantry. We also are grateful to Red Rover for their continued support of the Pet Food Pantry through a \$2,000 grant. And we continue to receive \$600 in monthly GCFD food credits through the City of Chicago's grant program.

Thank you to Potbelly's for hosting a "Feed Your Smile" fundraiser for the Pantry in December, which raised \$125. Thanks also to Josie's Frozen Yogurt Café, which donates the proceeds from its gumball machine, which to date has raised \$378.00. Owner Barbara Murphy also is providing our clients with coupons for a free To-Go container of yogurt.

News From IPLC Continued from page 3

Wednesdays in Lent at IPLC Meal 6:30 - 7:30 pm, In the Fellowship Hall – fellowship time and an easy, free weeknight dinner
 Worship 7:30 - 8 pm, In the Sanctuary -- with readings, songs, and a special ritual of prayer, we reflect on the meaning of the cross in our lives. This short service also includes a children's message and is appropriate and meaningful for people of all ages.

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begin at 7:00 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 21, 2018. 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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 Event Calendar: <http://home.chicagopolice.org>

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Hands to Help Ministries continued from page 1

Here are the details:

When: Saturday, April 28, 2018 7-10 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm)

Where: Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym, 4057 N. Harding, Chicago, 60618

Tickets: \$50 prior to event \$60 at the door, table of 8 \$400 (includes a bottle of wine!)

This event has a history of selling out: Buy your tickets early!

Already have plans that evening? Help with a donation. Hands to Help is grateful for our business supporters who make Trivia a success. Visit our website www.HandstoHelpMinistries.org and learn about Master and Champ level sponsorships.

The Trivia Round Sponsor (\$80) level is a great option if you are unable to attend, but still want to support homeless neighbors and publicize your business to the community. Round sponsors are thanked as part of a designated trivia round and publicized on event signage.

We also appreciate gift certificates, food, and raffle prize donations that help make a successful event. Thank you!

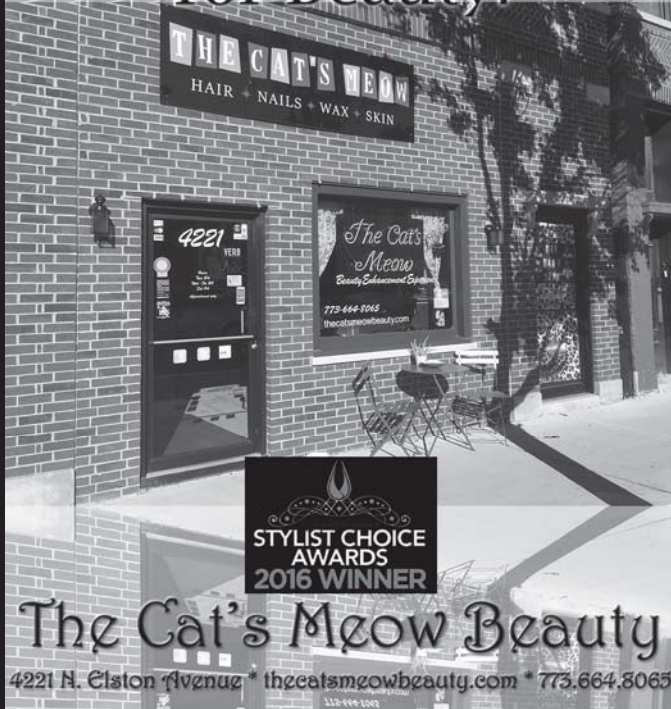
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WWCA Members

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Hanna Field
Jamie & Linsey Johnson

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.

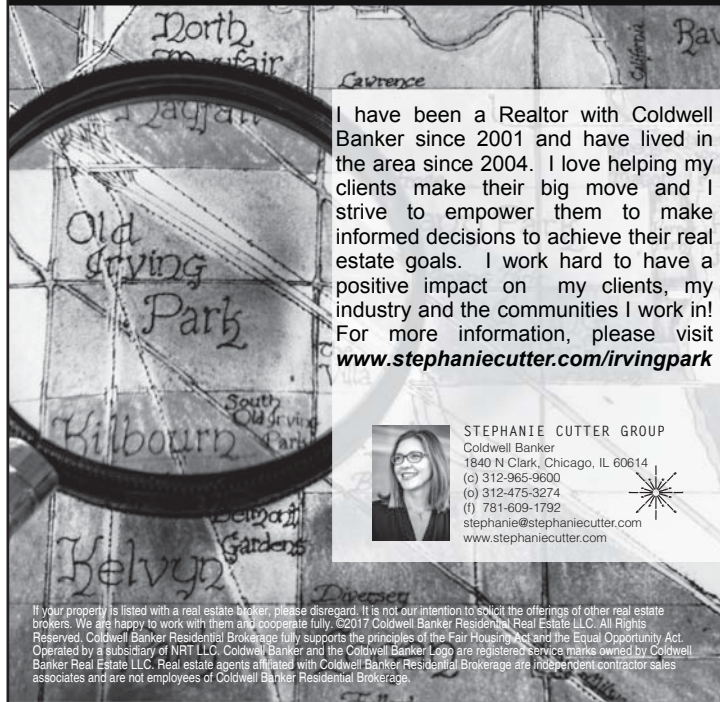
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You can also pay your WWCA dues with either PayPal or a credit card at the West Walker website (www.westwalker.org)!

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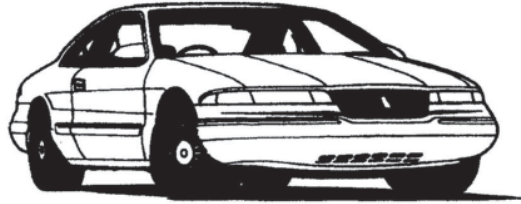
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