

WEST WALKER WIRE

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Volunteers Make Us Great!

2018 will be another great year for the WWCA Garage Sale, just like the last 32 years. In order to make sure that happens, we need a few volunteers to help out for a day or two prior to and on the day of the garage sale, which will be held Saturday, May 19 from 9am to 4pm. This worked wonderfully last year and I can't think everyone who helped out enough. I'm sure we'll have a great group of volunteers again this year.

One group is needed to help assemble the packets that go to each garage sale participant and then deliver the packets the evening before the garage sale. This would entail meeting for 1-2 hours the Wednesday or Thursday (we'll see which day works best for people) prior to the sale to assemble the packets. You would then take home a set of packets to deliver on Friday to designated participants.

The second group would come to Mike Webber's house Friday evening when convenient and pick up garage sale signs to be paced in designated locations either Friday night or Saturday morning. All signs would then need to be taken down Saturday after the garage sale and returned over the weekend to Mike's house.

In addition to our tireless Wire Carriers (yay!), four officers and board members (Mike Webber, Davor Engel, Dorie Westmeyer and Sue Gregoire) handle all West Walker business. Many hands make light the work. We really appreciate your help.

To volunteer, contact Mike Webber at webber.wwca@gmail.com or call 773-539-8346.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sun., April 15 • 3:00 pm
Bach's Coffee Contata, St. John's
Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner

Sun., April 15 • 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
IMC Youth Group Service Trip
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
3834 N. Spaulding

Wed., April 18 • 7:00 pm
Beats 1722-1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski

Sat., April 28 • 7-10 pm
Hands to Help Trivia Night Fundraiser
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym
4057 N. Harding

Sat., May 5 • 10 am - 4 pm
Northside Mini-Maker Faire
Schurz High School, 3601 N. Milwaukee

Sat., May 5 • 12 - 4 pm
GIPNA Pre-Mothers Day Fine Craft Fair
Independence Park Fieldhouse
3945 N. Springfield

Sun., May 6 • 8 am - 12 pm
Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym
4057 N. Harding

Sat., May 12 • 7:00 pm
IPFAC Presents: *Judy & Liza -
Once In a Lifetime*, Benefit for Carlson
Irish American Heritage Center
4626 N. Knox

Sat., May 19 • 9 am - 4 pm
33rd Annual WWCA Garage Sale.
See back page for more information!

Sat., May 19 • 9:00 am
IP Food Pantry Neighborhood Walk
See page 7 for more details!

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

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Dear Neighbor,

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 Sale. In its 33rd year, the sale is planned for Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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. Plus, garage sales are now in vogue as a green way to shop. Someone else's trash may very well be your treasure! The City of Chicago requires a garage sale permit for every home participating. We'll take care of getting the permit for you and list your address on our map and in our advertising—just complete the application in the Wire and turn it in by May 11 or sign up by May 11 on the WWCA website at www.westwalker.org.

I'd also like to invite everyone to watch as our new Independence Branch Library grows at 4022 N Elston. I just went by and was excited to see that the footings for the building are in place. Completion is still projected to be in December, 2018, which will be here before you know it!

Mike Webber
President, Pro Tem
West Walker Civic Association

Bach on Sunday, April 15 at St. John's

Join us for **Bach's Coffee Contata** and other songs of simple pleasure, on Sunday, April 15, at 3 pm. Usher in pring with an afternoon of coffeehouse and salon music. Four singers (Lieve Buzard, soprano; Joelle Kross, soprano; Alan Taylor, tenor and Kevin Krasinski, baritone) feature Bach's comedic Coffee Cantata and Handel's sensuous Arcadian Duets. Lighthearted songs are made even sweeter with coffee and pastries! The concert is free and we will be accepting generous donations to provide Summer Choir Camp scholarships for our Children's Choir members. St. John's is located at 3857 N. Kostner.

45th Ward Report



The Department of Streets and Sanitation begin their residential street cleaning schedule in April and will run through mid-November. The city hangs bright orange temporary parking restrictions the day before sweeping service is scheduled to begin. Those who fail to move their vehicle between the restricted hours, between 9 am and 2 pm, may receive a \$60 ticket. The street sweeping schedule is available to view at the 45th Ward Map (<https://tinyurl.com/ybsh59ja>). This

handy tool also has recycling pick-up dates, beat maps, and more useful information for 45th Ward residents. The map is also available to view on the homepage of the 45th Ward website at Ward45.org.

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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to the West Walker Community*

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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 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 help with skills, drills, and scrimmages. For more information: richhk09@gmail.com or follow on Instagram nwhoopschi

Gentle Chair Yoga Thursdays at Irving Park Lutheran Church

Come for Gentle Yoga in Victory Hall on Thursdays 6:45-7:45 pm. (On the third Thursdays of the month the class meets from 6:30-7:30 pm) Good for beginners and anyone wanting a gentle practice. Taught by Janet Misbach, certified and registered hatha yoga teachers. Contact her for more information at jgmisbach@gmail.com

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast at Irving Park Lutheran Church: Sunday May 6th at the IPLC Gym Stop by the gym before or after worship on Sunday May 6th to enjoy pancakes and sausages prepared by our very own Boy Scout Troop. The breakfast is a fundraiser for the troop, and pancakes are served as early as 8 am up until noon.

Children's Communion Classes at Irving Park Lutheran Church: Is your child hungry to participate in the Lord's Supper for the first time? Or, have they been communing for some time and are ready to learn more about the sacrament? Bring them to two special Saturday classes, April 21st and 28th from 10-11 am. The classes are designed for children who are in second grade or older and meet downstairs, outside the pastor's office. After the second class there's a special family brunch from 11am until noon, and then there's a special emphasis on communion and children in worship the next day, Sunday April 29th. For more information, and to let us know your child will participate, contact Pastor Bouman at erinbouman@sbcglobal.net or 773-267-1666.

Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles - Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study April 8- June 10 Luke will be our guide as we relive the events of the early church. Catch the wind of the same spirit that brings renewed life to today's Christians. Study participants will visit the key personalities, review their activities, reflect on their meaning, and discover their message to the Church today. Join us in the Chapel from 9:15-10:15 am.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

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How's the West Walker Market?

Chicago home prices increased 4.6% in 2017 and Trulia predicts a 2.5% increase in 2018. In our neighborhood, single family home prices increased 16%! This is partially due to higher new construction home prices. Here is our recap for the last 12 months.

Single family homes in West Walker

- 39 homes sold at an average sale price of \$503,500 compared to \$435,000 a year ago.
- On average it took 72 days to sell versus 102 days a year ago.
- Sellers received 98% of their asking price.
- 4 homes are currently for sale asking \$554,000 on average.

Multi-family homes in West Walker

- 12 multi-units sold at an average sale price of \$379,000 compared to \$377,000 a year ago.
- On average it took 87 days to sell versus 30 days a year ago.
- Sellers received 97% of their asking price.
- 1 multi-family is currently for sale asking \$524,900.

Every home is unique! I love our neighborhood and have lived here for over 20 years.

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 March 21, 2018

Important Notice: As of January 2018, Beat 1722/1723 CAPS meeting will start at 7:00 pm. **Present:** CAPS Officer Zanders, CAPS Coordinator Martha Hack

CAPS Officer Zanders started the meeting by asking for any old business. Hearing none, he introduced two employees of Erie Neighborhood House, a 148 year old agency assisting immigrants in Chicago communities.

In new business, Officer Zanders talked about 9-10 robberies which occurred over a short period of time in the 17th, 20th and 24th Districts on March 19th. Two juveniles have been arrested and it's hoped that two other individuals involved will be arrested soon. The victims were physically unharmed. On March 18th, a shooting occurred in the 4300 block of Monticello. The shooting doesn't appear to be gang related and may have been a result of road rage. No arrests have been made.

An inquiry was made about a series of criminal damage to vehicles and property made in the 4000-4100 blocks of

Harding and Springfield and vicinity in early March. Officer Zanders reported that two were damage to garages, and a few others were criminal damage to vehicles. Two arrests were made: one was a domestic related arrest, and the other was a road rage incident. The other incidents appear to be unrelated. Always lock your car doors and never leave valuables in your vehicles. Don't leave bikes or any other valuables unlocked in your garage.

An inquiry was made about the legality of a dumpster in the 3700 block of W. Berteau. The Alderman's office has been notified.

Officer Zanders reported that Commander Susan Moss (17th Dist.), is trying to get more officers in the 17th District.

Call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood. 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. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, April 18.

Liz Mills, CAPS Coordinator

It's a Sellers' Market in West Walker!



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39th Ward Report



With the milder weather, the Department of Streets and Sanitation has begun their Street Sweeping program. Street Sweeping is from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on weekdays. Be sure to watch for the brightly colored "No Parking" signs that are posted on light poles and parkway trees. Failure to comply with the parking restrictions for street sweeping will result in a costly ticket.

Would you like to get involved with the neighborhood and help beautify the community at the same time? Consider joining us on April 21st for Chicago's Citywide Clean and Green Event. Held annually, this event is a perfect way to meet your neighbors and help improve our community. To register for this free event, or for more information, please contact Jonathan in my office at 773-736-5594.

On Thursday, April 19, from 1 to 4 pm, the 17th Police District is hosting a "Shred-A-Thon" at 4651 N Pulaski Rd. Bring your document containing personal information and unnecessary paperwork where it will be destroyed

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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.

“Judy & Liza - Once In a Lifetime” Benefit for Carlson, May 12th



“Judy & Liza, Once in a Lifetime” will be performed to benefit Carlson Community Services on May 12th at the Irish American Heritage Center.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is pleased to present “Judy & Liz – Once in a Lifetime: The London Palladium Concert” on May 12th at 7 pm at the Irish American Heritage Center. The concert is a tribute to Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli’s one-

and-only performance together, which took place in 1964 at the London Palladium. The concert stars Nancy Hays as Judy Garland and Alexa Castelvechi as Liza Minnelli. A trio led by Robert Ollis will accompany the singers.

“The performance highlights the love shared between this famous mother-daughter duo,” said Nancy Hays, the show’s creator. “Since the show takes place Mother’s Day weekend, it’s a perfect bonding opportunity for moms and daughters of all ages,” she said.

The show is a re-creation of the only time Judy and Liza, who was 19 at the time, performed together. Long-time fans and music lovers who have just discovered these legendary artists are in for a treat. Tickets for the concert are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door for general admission, which includes light appetizers and

a cash bar. VIP tickets are \$50 and include premium reserved seating, appetizers and one drink. Tickets can be purchased at www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

The Irish American Heritage Center is located at 4626 N. Knox, Chicago. Parking is free and plentiful and the building is handicapped accessible. The concert is a benefit for Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit which operates three neighborhood programs – an after-school program, community garden and classical music concert series. For more information contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Carlson’s After-School Program Hosts buildOn

The Magic After-School Place has a long-standing relationship with Schurz High School’s buildOn mentoring program. That relationship was taken to a new level in mid-March when adult supporters of buildOn from Rodan & Fields visited MAP as part of buildOn’s 36 Hours immersive experience. Approximately 30 people from across the US were visiting to “walk in the shoes” of buildOn students and serve with them over the course of 36 hours. Typically, buildOn mentors spend time with MAP students helping with homework, leading games and promoting leadership skills among the older students. But for the 36 Hours visitors, Rachel Lockhart, MAP Director, recognized an opportunity to do an activity that required a lot of adult volunteers.



Hobbyhorsing at Carlson’s after-school program.

“I had seen that a ‘sport’ called hobbyhorsing is really popular with kids in Finland,” said Rachel. “And it looked really fun, so I created the Hobby Horse Challenge for the buildOn visitors. We had a blast!” The Hobby Horse Challenge featured MAP kids riding on stick hobby horses performing equestrian moves like steeple chase and dressage. Every age group participated with great enthusiasm proving that there’s always something fun going on at MAP!

The Magic After-School Place serves students in kindergarten through 8th grade from Belding and Murphy Schools. The program serves 60 children from predominately low-income households. MAP is a program of Carlson Community Services, a neighborhood non-profit with a mission to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Pantry Plans Neighborhood Walk for May 19th

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is organizing a walk through the Old Irving Park neighborhood, in the vicinity of the Pantry. The goal is to raise funds for the Pantry and generate awareness for the Pantry's efforts in our community. The walk will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 19th, and we can begin to assemble for the walk at 8:15. A route of about 1.7 miles through the neighborhood has been mapped out and approved by the city. It should take about 30 to 40 minutes to complete the route.

Our goal is to raise awareness about food insecurity in our neighborhood, which includes the 60641 and western half of 60618 ZIP codes. We will be asking walkers to ask their friends for pledges and trying to raise money to help us buy food for clients, as our client base continues to grow in these difficult times for those in need. We encourage school and church groups to gather to walk together. Students can earn 2 hours of service time for participating. For more information, contact Pantry Executive Director John Psiharis at info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org. More details will be posted to our Facebook page and available in next month's report.

Thank you to Liberty Tax Service on Irving Park Road, for its March promotion that benefitted the Pantry by discounting their tax-prep fees by 50% for everyone who makes a \$20 donation. The program ran through March 31st. It followed a February program in which Liberty donated \$5 to the Pantry for every form prepared.

We also want to thank Pet Supplies Plus and its various neighborhood locations for its strong support of our Pet Food Corner with large donations on a weekly basis. Thanks also to Susan and Randy Patke as well as Barb Carlson and Marjorie Pomonis, who organize and deliver the donations.

The Pantry continues to offer free weekly blood-pressure screenings to our clients. The program runs in cooperation with Presence Resurrection Medical Group, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and the American Heart Association.

The Pantry's nutrition class, in cooperation with Dominican University, has begun a new group of weekly instruction courses, under the direction of student Emily Scheinman.

Many thanks to our **Easter Distribution Coordinator, Megan Tormey**, who handled the publicity, donations



Left: Volunteer Renee Linnemeyer and Pantry Board Member Sara Yoest hand out Easter baskets. Right: Easter Coordinator Megan Tormey and friend hand out more Easter Baskets! Photos by Craig Shutt

and transportation of all of the completed Easter baskets! We couldn't have done this without her energy and generosity. Also thank you to all the area organizations, churches and businesses who donated to the cause.



The Pantry is pleased to welcome **Gladys Arana-Arriola** as its new Client Resources Coordinator! Gladys has a wealth of experience working with the homeless and advocating for affordable housing in both the Humboldt Park and

Uptown communities. She lives in Old Irving Park, a few blocks from the Pantry. She takes over for Elvia Esparza, who had taken a full-time job at Rush University Medical Center. We wish her good luck in her new position.



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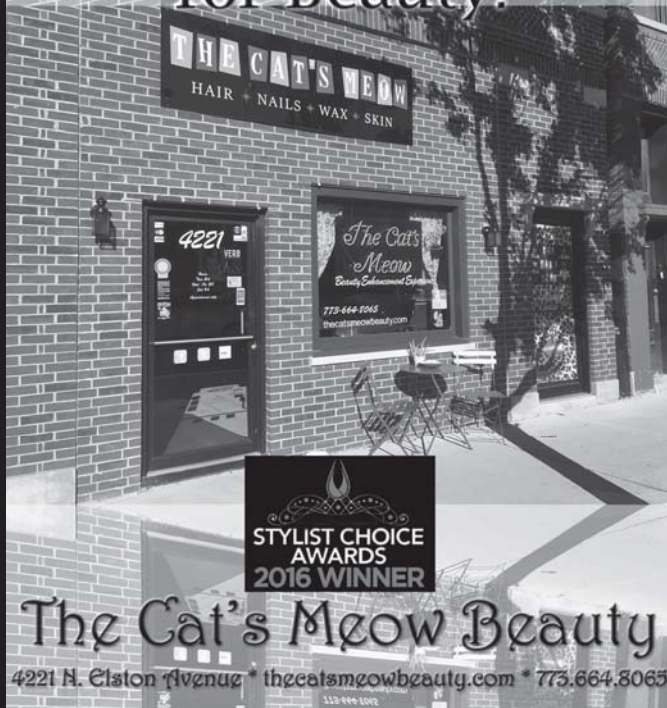


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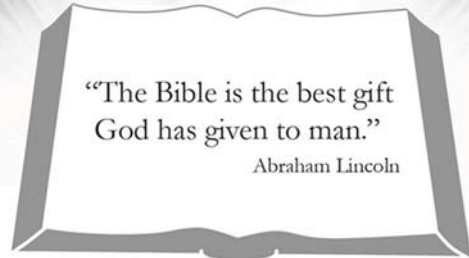
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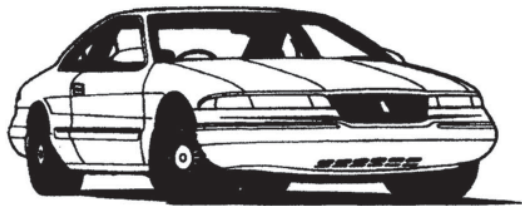
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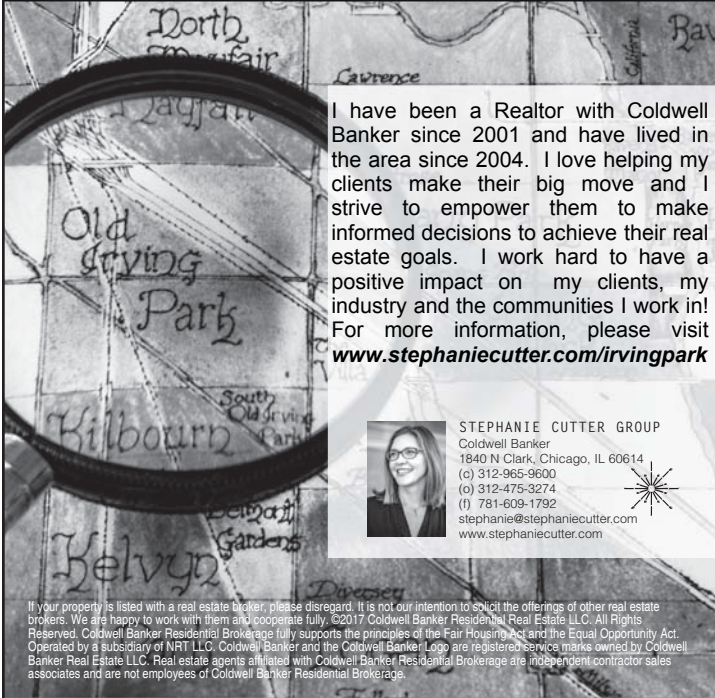
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**Bonnie & Harry Ryan
Thillens**

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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Saturday, May 19, 2018 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*). Street signs will be placed throughout the neighborhood.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, MAY 11

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 11.**

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

WWCA will file your application and deliver your permit to your address on Friday, May 18th (you will not receive confirmation before permits are delivered).

LATE REGISTRATION (After May 11)

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 19, 2018

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 2018-2019 WWCA Dues.