



WEST WALKER WIRE

JUNE 2018

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Free Summer Arts Courses through Columbia Summer Arts Summit!

Columbia College @ Schurz is excited to offer **FREE** summer programs for Schurz and Jones students this summer! Programs in Cartoon Animation, Creative Writing, Film, and Photography run June 25th - July 20th, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Students will explore the arts and learn skills they can use in college & beyond. Classes will be held at Columbia College, and taught by Columbia teaching artists, faculty members and staff. Registration forms can be downloaded here: <https://tinyurl.com/y7nkxg8p> OR you may obtain them through June 11th on the door of the Columbia Arts Office (2nd Floor Schurz Library Balcony) or on the desk in the Schurz Library. Completed registration forms should be returned to the Schurz main office by June 11th. E-mail jvictorine@colum.edu with any questions.

Hands to Help Thanks

Thanks to all who participated or supported the annual Hands To Help Trivia Night this past spring! This year the event was held at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym. With over 100 attendees from the local community and outside support, \$11,000 was raised to help those who are or in danger of becoming homeless in our neighborhood. These funds go to helping individuals and families secure and maintain a place of residence. Already looking forward the 2019 event!

Stop by and say hello to us this summer at the Hands To Help booth at the Independence Park Farmer's Market! Starting June 24, we will be at the market once a month raising awareness of how we help the homeless in our neighborhood and how you can be a part of furthering our mission. You can also check out our Facebook page to learn how you can help.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2nd & 4th Sundays • 9 am - 1 pm
GIPNA Farmers Markets
at Independence Park
Springfield and Irving Park Roads
*June 10/24, July 8/22, Aug. 12/26,
Sept. 9/23, Oct. 14/28*

Mon., June 11 • 4-7 pm
Eat at Potbelly's to Support
IPLC Boy Scouts Troop 863
4185 W. Irving Park Road
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for the Troop 863 fundraiser!***

Sun., June 17 • 9 am to noon
14th Annual GIPNA
Gourmet Pancake Breakfast
Independence Park Bungalow
Corner of Hamlin & Byron
Dine With Dad! All you can eat!

Wed., June 20 • 7:00 pm
Beats 1722-1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski

Wed., July 18 • 7:00 pm
Beats 1722-1723 CAPS Meeting
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Wed., Aug. 15 • 7:00 pm
Beats 1722-1723 CAPS Meeting
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Sat., Sept. 11 • 1:00 pm
Carlson Community Services Golf
Outing at Maple Meadows Golf Course,
Wood Dale IL
[www.carlsoncommunityservices.org/
events](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org/events)

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

Dear Neighbor,

SUNSHINE RETURNED for the 33th Annual West Walker Civic Association Garage Sale, which was held on Saturday, May 19th. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to everyone who helped assemble and distribute all the garage sale permits and maps, as well as put up and take down our garage sale signs.

There are no Wires published in July or August. We will include any important developments and events in the West Walker Email Blast, which is distributed via email every Friday. If you do not receive the Blast and would like to, just go to westwalker.org and sign up to join the Blast list.

The big summer event is the old-fashioned **Fourth of July Celebration** in Independence Park. The bike parade lead by a firetruck kicks off at 10 am, followed by games. Hope to see you there! Hopefully, calm will be the prevailing mood over the summer. Everyone can do their part by being courteous and watchful. Attending CAPS meetings will keep our beat officers aware of neighborhood concerns.

Watch our library grow over the summer. With completion planned by the end of the year, our eyes will be on this exciting addition to the neighborhood.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Mike Webber, WWCA President, Pro Tem

News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Senior Volunteer Opportunity with AARP The RSVP program partners with non-profits throughout Chicago and places volunteers 55 and over with those non-profits. The RSVP program in Chicago is sponsored by AARP Foundation. Every summer AARP Foundation hosts a meal pack in 5 cities and this year Chicago is one of them. It will be on **Saturday, August 4th**, at the Wintrust Arena. During the event, 1 million meals will be packed by 5,000 volunteers. The event relies heavily on the volunteer role of Table Captain. Table Captains lead teams through the packing. Qualifications for Table Captain includes: the ability to lead a group of 12-15 individuals, remain on your feet for 2-3 hours and be preferably age 55 and over. There will be a Table Captain Training Event

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Join us for Ward Night
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WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

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45th Ward Report



City Sticker/CityKey ID Event June 22

On Friday, June 22, I will host a City Sticker Sale and CityKey ID event from 10 am to 2 pm in the annex space at the Copernicus Center, 5214 W. Lawrence. To purchase a vehicle sticker, bring your 2018 Chicago

city vehicle courtesy reminder form or your state vehicle registration card, which includes your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). The ward sale is limited to drivers with stickers expiring June 30. All motorists must purchase and display their vehicle sticker July 1 to avoid tickets.

This year, **no cash payments are accepted**. Accepted forms include check, money order, and major credit cards. To purchase your city sticker before June 30, go to the City Clerk's satellite office at 5430 W. Gale Street, most currency exchanges (service fees may apply), purchase online (<http://bit.ly/EZBuy>), or via mail following instructions on the back of your renewal notice.

At this year's event, residents will have the opportunity to purchase a **City of Chicago CityKey ID**. The CityKey ID program was established to bring Chicago together as one community. The CityKey program enables Chicagoans an opportunity to obtain an optional, valid, government-issued ID. CityKey ID acts as a Ventra card, library card, and offers an array of benefits at various businesses and organizations throughout the city. Chicago residents of any age can obtain a CityKey ID either at the mobile printing event on June 22 or by scheduling an appointment online with the City Clerk's office at www.getcitykey.com. For more information and an FAQ list, visit the CityKey, <http://bit.ly/CityKeyFAQ>.

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on **Saturday, June 9th** at Northeastern Illinois University to help prepare for the event. The Table Captain Training event will also produce 1500 meals! To sign-up for the June 9th event, email jogrady@aarp.org today!

Summer Camp@IPLC: August 6 - 24 Send your kids to Summer Camp@IPLC. Children can attend for 1, 2, or all 3 weeks, for half-days (\$65 a week) or for full days (\$150 a week). Arts & crafts, critical thinking activities, group games in the gym and nearby parks, local educational or service-oriented field trips are all part of the program! Go to iplc.org and click on Youth and Family, Summer Camp @ IPLC or write to summercampiplc@gmail.com.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

Your Neighborhood Realtor!

Five Answers You (or Your Realtor) Should Never Give When Selling Your Home

Hi Neighbors. What may seem like an innocent answer about why you're selling can give your homebuyer leverage when its time to negotiate a sales price.

- 1. Our family needs a bigger house.** That may start the buyer thinking the house is too small for them too!
- 2. We've already bought a new house.** The homebuyer will think you have to sell quickly.
- 3. My back (or knee problems) make it difficult to climb the stairs.** We all want fewer stairs as we age, but no need to point that out to the buyer.
- 4. The house is too difficult for us to maintain.** Avoid talking about repairs or improvements you never got around too.
- 5. Our taxes...utilities costs...keep going up.** It's always better not to draw attention to additional (increasing) costs of owning your home.

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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723 Meeting May 16, 2018

In attendance: 17th District Commander Susan Moss, CAPS Officer Maryjane Parks, CAPS Officer Hamid, Ald. Deb Mell (33rd Ward), Gail Beitz, Alderman Laurino's Office (39th Ward), Jessica Vasquez, Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa's Office (35th Ward)

Ald. Deb Mell stated that the 17th District is low on officers. All 17th District Aldermen are urging CPD to send graduating recruits to replace the many officers who have retired within the past few years. At the end of May, 10 recruits will be assigned to the 17th District, but Mell feels more are needed. CDR Moss explained that during the day, there is one officer in one car to patrol each Beat. At night, there are two officers in one car per Beat. More officers are needed for Rapid Response Cars, which respond to crimes in progress. Recently, more patrols have been dedicated to Central Park, between Montrose and Leland where there was a recent shooting

CDR Moss introduced a guest speaker from the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC). According to Sue from OEMC, there are 5 million 911

calls received annually. About 36 people take the calls. There are two types of call takers – police and fire. If you are reporting a crime, you may remain anonymous. Clearly state your request to remain anonymous to the 911 call-taker. The call-taker will note this and your information will be unavailable to the dispatcher. If you are the victim of a crime, you cannot remain anonymous.

When to call 911 vs. 311: If a crime is in progress, or there's immediate threat to life or bodily injury, or there is major property damage or loss due to crime, call 911. Call 311 to request City Services and report situations not requiring an immediate police response (file a police report, report auto theft or other offense when the suspect is no longer at the scene).

In September, OEMC will roll out Smart 911 which will enable 911 call-takers to better pinpoint callers' locations calling from mobile devices. Currently, 911 call-takers can track a cell phone to a 6-9 block radius. Smart 911 will report a physical address, as it does now land lines.

A number of package thefts were reported in late April and May in the West Walker area. Have your packages delivered to a secure location if at all possible. A few arrests for package theft have been made recently.

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It's a Sellers' Market in West Walker!



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39th Ward Report



Have you been doing some spring cleaning? Have a garage sale! Permits are free, easy to fill out, and are available in my office. Bring your proof of residence (driver's license, state ID, or utility bill). There is a limit of two sales per address.

On Thursday, June 14, City Vehicle and Residential Zone Parking Stickers will be available in my 39th Ward Office (4404 W. Lawrence Ave.) from 10 am to 2 pm. Ward sales are limited to customers with "June" vehicle sticker expirations. NO CASH will be accepted at the ward office sale. All major credit cards, money orders, and checks are the only forms of payment accepted for the purchase of Chicago City of Chicago Vehicle Stickers.

On Saturday, June 16, from 9 am until noon, bring any papers you would like shredded to Coletti's Restaurant (5707 N. Central). Hosted by Representative John D'Amico and myself, this event will allow you to safely and securely shred and recycle your sensitive documents for free! Limit of two boxes per person, do not leave boxes at site, remember to remove all staples and paper clips before bringing in your documents. This event is for residents only, NO BUSINESSES.

I am proud to announce that my office is a drop off location for Operation Help-a-Hero. We are accepting donations of household items for homeless veterans until July 5. Drop off **only new, store-bought** items during business hours. All materials will be collected by Military Outreach USA and the American Red Cross to be delivered to the United States' Department of Veterans' Affairs.

To receive the latest news and updates from the 39th Ward, register for my e-newsletter. Sign up on my website, AldermanLaurino.com or email us at Ward39@cityofchicago.org. Your information will remain private and will never be shared. As always, feel free to contact my office at 773-736-5594 with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

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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

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for our beat are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. If you or a neighbor have been the victim of a crime and you would like to share that information with your neighbors, e-mail the details to westwalkercrimealerts@gmail.com. The exact address of the crime and name of the victim will be kept anonymous.

Liz Mills, CAPS Coordinator

Belding International Festival June 15

Belding School invites the community to join our International Festival on Friday, June 15. This fundraiser celebrates the amazing diversity of Belding School. Students from more than 70 nations and speaking more than 20 different languages attend Belding. For weeks leading up to the festival, Belding students learn about cultures around the globe.

The community is invited to then join us for our family event on June 15 from 3:30 - 7 pm. The festival features professional and student performances including: Mariachi Monumental, Dabka dance, Trinity Irish Dancers, the Schurz High school band, Belding band and student dance groups. Inflatable bouncy houses, crafts and cultural displays and games! Admission is \$10 wristbands for anyone age 5 and up, and \$3 for ages 3 and 4 and under. Food is not included but will be available to purchase separately.



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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 Gala Benefits Carlson Neighborhood Programs

Professional singers Nancy Hays and Alexa Castelvechi captured the essence of Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli and delighted the crowd at an event on May 12th to benefit Carlson Community Services. Elegantly set in the Irish American Heritage Center's Erin Room, Hays and Castelvechi re-created the one night in 1964 that Judy and Liza performed together in London. The mother/daughter duo performed 90 minutes of music, accompanied by the Robert Ollis Trio, captivating an audience of 160 people in a special Mother's Day weekend celebration.



Carlson Board member Melanie Zech, Helen Lira and Dorie Westmeyer enjoy the Judy & Liza tribute concert on May 12th to benefit Carlson Community Services



Tim Bouman (left) his mom, Melanie Reschke and Dorothy Homeyer enjoy a special mother's day outing.

Irving Park Fine Arts artistic director Roger Bingaman served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Now in its 24th season, the Fine Arts classical music concert series is one of Carlson's three programs.

Carlson would like to thank Wintrust Bank

Mayfair for its sponsorship of the event and The Winebow Group for donated wine. The following donors contributed wonderful silent auction items: Bruce Anderson,

Christopher Richard & Roger Bingaman, Erin & Tim Bouman, Kirsten Gettings, Lori Johnson, Dorene & Michael Jordan, Helen Lira, Music Theatre Works, Jen O'Grady, Old Irving Brewing, Community Tavern, Hearth & Crust, Turquoise Cafe, Distinct Bath and The Cat's Meow and K.P. Sweets. The evening wouldn't have happened without support from Carlson's board and committee members.

"Once in a Lifetime – Judy & Liza at the London Palladium" raised \$6,000 for Carlson Community Services' neighborhood programs. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, Carlson has three programs, the Irving Park Fine Arts Series, The Magic After-School Place after-school program and Three Brother Community Garden. For more information visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766.

Exercise Your Right to Garden at Three Brothers Garden!

Spring is here and Three Brothers Garden is waiting for you! The garden is a "pantry" garden, which means all vegetables grown in the garden are donated to Irving Park Food Pantry. Last year, 526 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.

The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski Rd., next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church Parking lot. Irving Park Lutheran Church is partners with Carlson Community Services, which operates the garden. Tuesday night harvests are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will continue through the fall. 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. Join us in the garden!

Margaret Laurino
Alderman
39th Ward

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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Pantry Planning Herb Garden

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is starting up its Herb Garden for the year at the Irving Park United Methodist Church in the space adjacent to the Pantry entrance just off Keeler Ave. alongside the Serenity and Prayer Garden. We are seeking donations to help continue to provide clients with fresh herbs every week throughout the summer and fall.

The garden is a collaboration with Three Brothers Garden, which operates its own garden for the Pantry, and IPUMC. The herbs that we grow, comprising basil, oregano, cilantro, thyme, parsley, mint, rosemary and sage, are harvested early Wednesday mornings and distributed to clients later that day. Volunteer Jeri Winkels coordinates the feeding, care and cutting of the weekly herbs with a variety of volunteers.

The garden flourishes, and we provide more than 50 bags of herbs each week to clients. We are now looking for donations to increase production, such as organic soils, garden tools (trowels, weeders, spades, rakes and aerators), garden gloves, small baggies and herb plants. We also need volunteers to help tend the garden during the week or sponsors who will "adopt" one of the herb beds and tend it. We also are looking for tried-and-true recipes that will maximize the use of the herbs that we can use in classes for our clients.

For more information on the program or to arrange a donation, please contact Sandra Schwarzbeck at schwarzbeck@sbcglobal.net.

Visit us at the GIPNA Farmers Market in Independence Park on Sunday, June 10th and 24th. Volunteers will be staffing our booth to answer questions, accept donations and sell (for a donation) merchandise such as lunch bags and water bottles.

We know this is unfortunate timing, but with no newsletter in July we wanted to remind you that as you (shudder) shop for back-to-school supplies later this summer to keep us in mind. We will once again be providing our clients' children with supplies in August. Items include loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, erasers, #2 pencils, crayons (24 pack), markers, colored pencils and pens. We do not want backpacks. Details of drop-offs will be listed on our Facebook page.



Pantry volunteers (from left) Craig O'Connor, Carol Schultz and Gina Hubberts at last year's GIPNA Farmers Market at Independence Park. You can meet our volunteers all summer at this year's farmers markets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 9 am to 1 pm. Learn more about what we do and how we serve our neighbors in need!

Thank you to everyone who donates their time, effort and money to help us continue our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" in Old Irving Park!

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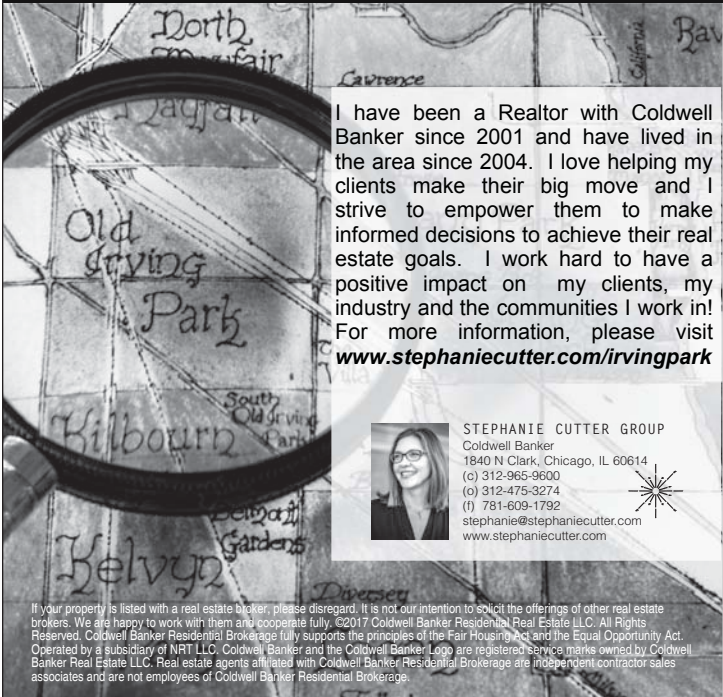
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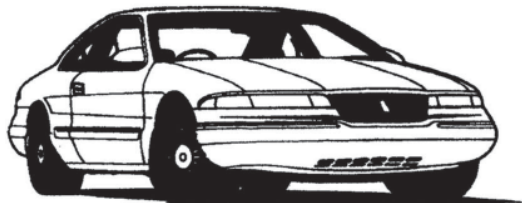


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Mark Lira	Tom Van der Doef & Kathy Keeley
John Lopez	Tom & Nancy Walker
Tony Manno	Kathy Wyant

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, and Independence Library.

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