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Merry Christmas!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 9 • 2:00 pm

IPFAC Presents Bear Williams Blues Band Christmas Show
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding
Free admission, donations welcome, reception follows the concert

Sat., Dec. 15 • 11 am - 3 pm

Holiday Craft Fair
Independence Park Field House
3945 N. Springfield

Wed., Dec. 19 • 7:00 pm

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

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

Dear Neighbor,

THANK YOU to Mike Quigley's Congressional Aide, Jessica Merritt, who joined us at the West Walker General Meeting on November 20, 2018. to provide updates on newly re-elected Congressman Quigley's activities and the house agenda starting in 2019. Jessica was able to respond to Neighbors concerns at the meeting and encouraged all Neighbors to reach out to her for any issues handled through the congressman's office. Jessica can be reached at 773-267-5926 or Jessica.merritt@mail.house.gov.

B SIDE BURGER is now open in the Neighborhood at 3734 W. Irving Park Rd. Chicago IL 60618. Located in the former Bread & Wine space, owner Ted Theo has created a retro music atmosphere (think Ed Debevic's without the insults), serving quality grill classics, including burgers, gyros, Italian beef, hot dogs and more. Stop in to see our new Neighbor.

May the Holiday Season bring Joy and Health to All.

Mike Webber
President, pro tem, WWCA

Holiday Craft Fair December 15

Don't miss the Independence Park Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 11 am to 3 pm. Come shop for handmade gifts by 40 local crafters! Jewelry, pottery, knits, baked good, and much more. Support local artists this holiday season! The Independence Park Fieldhouse is located at 3945 N. Springfield Ave.

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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45th Ward Report



Reminder: Shovel Your Sidewalks
 Now that we have received our first snow fall of the season, I want to remind residents and business owners that city ordinance requires you to shovel your sidewalks in a timely manner. With snowy weather and cold temperatures on the way, shoveling your sidewalks is the neighborly thing to do. Also, please be aware that failing to clear sidewalks of snow could result in a fine.

Please also lend a helping hand to our elderly and disabled neighbors throughout the remainder of winter. The 45th Ward has a large senior citizen demographic who cannot always clear their sidewalks with ease. It is the neighborly thing to do and will help everyone get through the winter.

Finally, motorists are asked to be cognizant of snow route signs indicating no parking where there are more than two inches of snow fall. You can find a map of the snow routes in the city of Chicago on my website at <http://ward45.org/parking/#Winter%20Parking>.

Though Chicago winters are long and grueling, taking extra steps to keep paths clear of snow and ready for snow removal can make the slightest difference in enduring them.

Filament Theatre presents The Snow Queen Through Dec. 23

The Filament Theatre is pleased to present The Snow Queen, adapted from Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairy tale. Director Allegra Libonati returns to Filament Theatre to bring new magic to this classic tale. This epic story of courage and friendship across the wintry wonders of the North Pole and beyond will warm even the most frozen hearts with music, puppetry, and lots of theatrical magic.

Tickets are available at filamenttheatre.org. \$14 for children, \$17.50 for adults, \$16 for seniors. For questions call the Filament office at 773-270-1660. Filament Theatre is located at 4041 N. Milwaukee Ave.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Your Neighborhood Realtor!

How's the West Walker Real Estate Market?

Hi Neighbors,

2018 was a good year for real estate in West Walker.

On average, single family homes sold for \$485,000; 2-4 flats for \$438,000 & condos for \$201,000.

Buyers appreciate our beautiful homes, larger lot sizes, proximity to transportation & walkability to Independence Park, Tony's and our new 2019 library!

We are seeing more home renovations and \$800 - \$1 million new construction homes. All of this adds up to a positive outlook for 2019 Real Estate in West Walker.

I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

**Want to know how much your home is worth?
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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723 Meeting
November 21, 2018

No Report.

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 are held on the third Wednesday of the month and typically last one hour.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. 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.

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CAPS.017

Twitter: @ChicagoCAPS17

Email: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org

Phone: 312-742-4588

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

Liz Mills, CAPS Coordinator

CTA Irving Park and Addison Blue Line Renovations

The renovations continue. The Irving Park Blue Line platform Escalator on the south side of Irving Park Road is now out of service until December 15th.

*Happy Holidays to You
and Your Family!*

I've met so many wonderful neighbors and just want to say thank you.



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News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Christmas Worship at Irving Park Lutheran Church – New Times!

Monday, Dec. 24th

Family Christmas Eve Service at 4:30 pm
Festive Christmas Eve Service at 10:00 pm

Tuesday Dec. 25th, 10:30 am

Christmas Day Worship with Lessons and Carols

Sunday Dec. 30th

10:30 am, 1st Sunday of Christmas

Sunday Jan. 6th

10:30 am, Epiphany (After Worship: Taking Down the Greens)

Join us on Sunday, December 16

All are invited to see IPLC's Sunday School Christmas Play: **Who Cares for God's Creation?** on Sunday, December 16th at 10:30 am. Come celebrate the children's wonderful message and thank them for all they bring to our congregation! Also on Dec. 16, all are invited to the **Miriam Circle Christmas Cookie Sale & Craft Boutique**, which will take place in Victory Hall during coffee hour and following the Sunday School Christmas Play. All proceeds will be sent to the following: Hands to Help, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and ELCA Disaster Relief-California Fires. IPLC is located at 3938 W. Belle Plaine. Call 773-267-1666 or visit www.iplc.org for more information!

Lessons and Carols Festival at St. John's Episcopal Church

Join us for a Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols on Saturday, December 8. Worship at 5 pm, followed by a festive dinner in Parish Hall at 6 pm. This service is presented by the St. John's Choir and Children's Choir. A Festival of Christmas Lessons and Carols celebrates the season and the anniversary of our historic 1888 building. Childcare provided. St. Nicholas will pay a visit!

All are welcome!

We welcome and value all people. Whatever your cultural or ethnic background, politics or religious affiliation, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, or lived experience...you'll find you are welcome here! At St. John's, you'll find a place to call home. St. John's is located at 3857 N. Kostner. Call 773-725-9026 or visit www.stjohnschicago.com for more information.

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit connecting

the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

Carlson Trivia Night Big Success for Carlson Program, Team Zech

Thanks to everyone who participated in Carlson Community Services' November Trivia Night to benefit Carlson's programs. In our 12th contest, we had a sell-out plus crowd battling for \$200 in prize money and bragging rights. From players to sponsors to raffle and beverage donors, we are grateful for your support!

A team led by Carlson board member Melanie Zech and her husband, Rod won the 8-round competition, their 5th victory! The team generously donated their \$200 in prize winnings back to Carlson Community Services. The evening netted over \$11,000 for Carlson's programs -- The Magic After-School Place, Three Brothers Garden and the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series.

Thanks to the following Round Sponsors and Raffle Prize donors who helped make the evening a financial success: Round Sponsors were Dorie Westmeyer, Charles Rutenberg Realty, Wintrust Bank, Alderman John Arena, 39th Ward Committeeman Robert Murphy and Carlson Community Services Board & Committees. Raffle and silent auction donors were Bruce Anderson, Mike & Dorene Jordan, Rod & Melanie Zech, Big Bricks, Lush Wine and Spirits and Helen Lira. Special thanks to Revolution Brewing, the Irish American Heritage Center and Mark and Helen Lira for beer and wine donations. A shout goes out to our many volunteers and to our host, Irving Park Lutheran Church for their help in making the event a success. Another fun night in the neighborhood for a great cause!

Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that helps at-risk kids succeed with The Magic After-School Place (MAP), provides vegetables to people in need and beautifies our neighborhood with Three Brothers Garden and makes fine arts affordable and accessible through the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series. For more information, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org.



Lots of West Walker neighbors joined in the fun at Carlson's Trivia Night.

News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Pantry Celebrates Holidays December 19th

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry will hold its annual holiday distribution for clients on Wednesday, December 19th. At this event each year, we close the Pantry to our typical operation and provide qualified clients with the makings of a holiday dinner. We also allow clients with children up to 12 years old to “shop” our Toy Room for a gift and a book for each child.

To fill these needs, we are especially in need of stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned yams and vegetables, instant potatoes, cake mixes, Jell-O and canned pumpkin. Monetary donations to help buy these items are especially appreciated, as we often can leverage our volume and sources to buy at greatly reduced prices. A letter explaining our needs and how you can help was mailed in mid-November.

We typically give out about 350 toys. We especially need gifts for older children (age 10 to 12). Books always are gone early for all ages. We’re also collecting stocking stuffers. Hats, gloves, scarves, and blankets also are given to those in need.

Unwrapped new toys and food donations can be brought to the Pantry at the Irving Park United Methodist Church (3801 N. Keeler Ave.) during Pantry hours (9 to noon on Wednesdays and 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11th). They also can be dropped off at Ald. Arena’s 45th Ward office (4754 N. Milwaukee), Irving Park Lutheran Church (3928 W. Belle Plaine), Irving Park YMCA (4251 W. Irving Park) and Old Irving Brewery (4419 W Montrose Ave). Toys can be donated until December 13th.

Volunteers are needed to collect toys at drop-off points, set up the toy room Monday and Tuesday nights (Dec. 17th and 18th) and distribute toys December 19th. For information, contact Sara Yoest at sara.yoest74@gmail.com.

Please remember to use the Smile feature at Amazon when you shop for the holidays at that site. If you use that bookmark (which doesn’t change how you access the site or your cost) and designate the Pantry as the recipient, we receive 0.5% of the price of all purchases made. It adds up!



Sara Yoest (at right in Pantry t-shirt) prepares her team to help clients select a gift from the Pantry’s Toy Room in 2017. To donate or volunteer, email sara.yoest74@gmail.com. Photo by Craig Shutt



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Disney II School News

Disney II Magnet High School is scheduling prospective parent tours of its Lawndale Campus. The next tours are Tuesday, Dec. 11 and Wednesday, Dec. 12. You can sign up online at tinyurl.com/ya4o3k9l or call 773-534-5010.

Murphy School News

Friends of Murphy invite you to help our school raise \$16,000 in the Murphy Match! A very generous donor has agreed to match every dollar up to \$8000! Donate online by visiting friendsofmurphy.org/ now through December 14th.



Join us for Ward Night
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St. Edward School News

We invite all prospective families to our Welcome Wednesday Tour on December 12. Registration is at 8:30 am in the main school building, 4343 W. Sunnyside. Also, save the date for Registration which opens on Sunday, January 27 beginning at 10:30 am.

Congratulations to our Boys' Varsity Football team for a great season. The team won its division and was the runner up in the championship game. Way to go boys!

Our 6th grade Girls' Basketball team also made it to the championship round and came in 2nd place. Congratulations to the 8th and 5th grade Girls' Basketball teams for winning the consolation brackets. Go Big Red!

St. Ed's Quiz Bowl team took the Loyola Academy tournament by storm. Charlie McNeil finished 1st overall along with Emmet Rhoads as 10th place overall! St. Edward finished in 4th place which allows the team to compete in Nationals in May.

Why cook on New Year's Day. Join us at Potbelly, 4185 W. Irving Park Road, from 3-7pm for dinner. 20% of the proceeds go back to St. Ed's - no flyer needed.



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Our theater productions are on Friday, January 11 and Saturday, January 12. Our junior high and 1st - 5th grade casts have been working hard on Peter and the Starcatcher and Peter Pan Junior. Check out our website for more details on how to order tickets.

St. Edward School is a 2017 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon and is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside Avenue and serves students in grades PK3 - 8th grade. For more information, please visit the website at www.stedwardschool.com.

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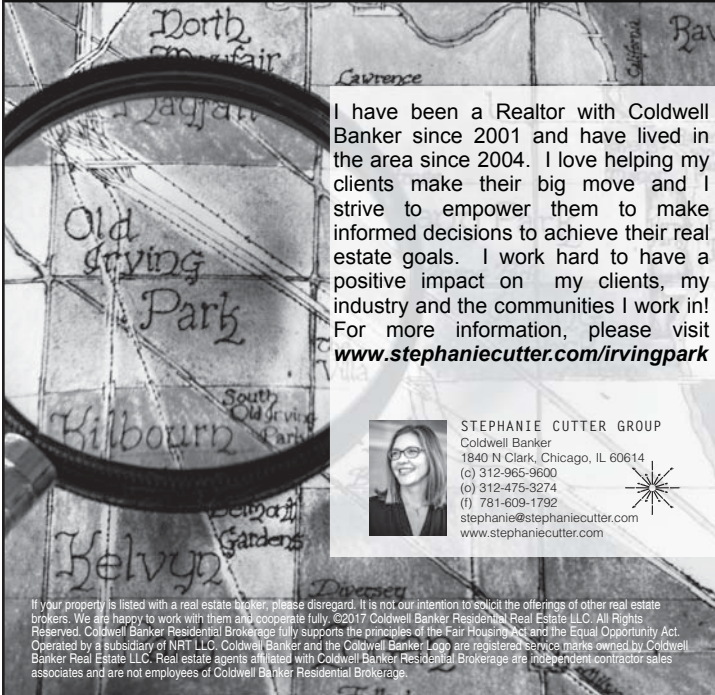
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-Connie



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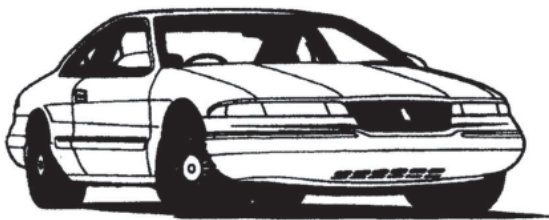
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