

MARCH 2019

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Save the Date: Hands to Help Trivia Night Saturday, April 13

Join us on Saturday, April 13 for our annual community event and fundraiser. All money raised supports our services and activities, which help to break the cycle of homelessness in our community!

Trivia Night will take place on Saturday, April 13. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and trivia begins promptly at 7:00 pm.

Great food and dessert, cash bar and unique raffle prizes will be enjoyed! All proceeds help our neighbors in need to obtain and maintain housing.

Prices are \$55 individual ticket in advance or \$60 at the door if space permits. Table of 8 is \$400, which includes a bottle of wine (tables may only be purchased in advance). Teams, small groups and individuals are all welcome! This event has a history of selling out, so we encourage you to purchase tickets early.

Please note that **no physical tickets will be distributed or delivered.**Pre-purchased tickets will be validated with a copy of your receipt or an ID presented at the time of entry into the event.

The Trivia night event will be in the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym which is located at 4053 N. Harding Avenue. For more information, please email info@handstohelpministries.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., March 19 • 7:00 pm WWCA General Meeting Latvian Community Center 4146 N. Elston

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

Sun., March 24 ● 2:00 pm
IPFAC Presents:
Mariachi Monumental de Mexico
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding
Free admission - reception follows

Fri., March 29 ● 5:30 pm Schurz Family Movie Night, *Big Hero 6* Auditorium, 3601 N. Milwaukee Free admission, film starts at 6:30 pm

Sun., March 31 ● Time TBD
Gateway Montessori
Used Toy & Book Sale
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym
4057 N. Harding

Sun., April 7 • 5 - 8 pm Girl Scout Spaghetti 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 EVERYONE who came out to the 13th Annual West Walker Winter Social at The Cabin at Old Irving of February 23. It's always great to have a casual evening with our Neighbors, old and new. I'd like to especially thank The Cabin owners, Harry Nyholm and Sherrill Bodine for their generosity in sharing this excellent space. Not only that, Harry made sure that we were supplied with sandwiches and small bites on the house. The food was a preview of the soon-to-reopen Picnic side of The Cabin later this spring. Be sure to stop back to thank Harry and try the new food service.

BY THE TIME this is published the February 26 election will be over. In all likelihood, not all the races will be decided, so make sure to vote in the run-off election on April 2. This will certainly be a race for all the Mayoral marbles, and will likely include some local Aldermanic races as well.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, our first WWCA general meeting of the year will be on March 19, 2019 at the Latvian Community Center at 7:30 pm. As I noted above, Aldermanic elections are on February 26 with run-off voting on April 2. We have three Wards representing the West Walker neighborhood: the 35th, 39th, and 45th. If any race yields a winning candidate on February 26, we will invite the Alderman or a representative to join us on March 19. We'll extend the same invitation to any candidates still participating in a run-off. Keep an eye on the polls and the weekly Blast for meeting updates.

Mike Webber President, pro tem, WWCA

Free Axe Throwing!

That got your attention, didn't it? The Backyard Axe Throwing League (BATL) is holding an open house on Friday, March 8 from 6-10pm.

Stop by their Six Corners location at 4842 W. Irving Park Road with friends and family for some good vibes and a chance to win one of our league season giveaways. No registration is required.

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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Please include a phone number in case we need to follow up with you. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for space and content. For information on advertising, please contact Shannan Bunting at WWWire@solsticepr.com.



45th Ward Report



Voting Information for the Upcoming Municipal Election Run-Off

The municipal run-off election is on Tuesday, April 2. You may visit any of the 50 early voting locations throughout the city until April 1 to vote in the run-off. The 16th District Police Station, 5151 N. Milwaukee, is the early voting location in the 45th

Ward. Other early voting locations close to West Walker include Kilbourn Park, 3501 N. Kilbourn, and NEIU El Centro, 3390 N. Avondale. A list of all early voting locations and hours throughout the city are available on the Chicago Board of Election's website at bit.ly/ChiEarlyVoting.

On April 2, you are required to vote at your polling place. You can find your polling place by entering your address on the voter's information page on the Chicago Board of Election's, bit.ly/ChiVoterInfo. Polls close at 7 pm on Election Day.

You may register to vote at ANY early voting location or at your polling place on April 2. You will need two forms of identification, one which must show a current address, to register to vote at a polling place. A list of acceptable forms of ID is available to view on the Chicago Board of Election's website at bit.ly/ChiVoterRegistration.

Former Sears Building Update

Seritage Growth Properties and Tucker Development continues their collective effort to design a proposal for the former Sears location at Six Corners.

Since the initial community discussion late last year, they've been in contact with Alderman Arena's Office and the Six Corners Association to keep us apprised of their progress and their efforts to incorporate community feedback into their design. While no formal proposal is yet available, we look forward to sharing additional information as further progress is made at this location.

For more information, contact Six Corners Association on 4041 N. Milwaukee Ave. You can also find the Six Corners Association on Facebook, Instagram and at www.sixcorners.com or call 773-685-9300.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer Realtor®, MBA, ADPR Your Neighborhood Realtor!

Thinking of Selling Your Home This Spring or Summer?

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- **1. Minor repairs.** Fix cracked tiles; doors and drawers that don't close; leaky faucets; Re-caulk tub/sink.
- **2. Re-paint in neutral colors.** Low cost and a great impression! Consider painting kitchen cabinets too!
- **3. Think about low cost updates.** Install new light fixtures; add new towel racks and decorative mirror.
- **4. Enhance curb appeal.** Paint the front door. Add flowers, fresh mulch or solar landscape lighting.
- **5. Make rooms look bigger.** Remove large/excess furniture. (Consider renting a storage unit.) Take the leaf out of the dining table.
- **6. De-clutter.** clear off countertops.
- 7. Organize: closets and cabinets to show off storage.
- **8. Avoid potential allergic issues.** Remove signs of pets or smoking.
- **9. Light it up.** Increase lights' wattage to brighten rooms.
- 10. Clean, clean, clean floors, carpets, walls, windows, kitchen, baths, inside of your fridge. Lysol & water the sink for a fresh, clean smell.

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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723 Meeting February 20, 2019

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, March 20, 2019 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

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Email: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org

Phone: 312-742-4588

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

Liz Mills, CAPS Coordinator

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I love our neighborhood & 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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News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Sunday Adult Bible Study on Ethics at IPLC Now through April join us for "A Life Worthy of the Gospel." This series examines how Christians think and act faithfully in a complex and often ambiguous world, looking at models from Scripture, church history, and life today.

Part of the study includes videos featuring noted ethicist Dr. Sondra Wheeler, who received her PhD from Yale and is currently a professor of Christian ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC.

Other Sundays will feature guest ethicists: Dr. Roger Willer, Director of Theological Ethics of the ELCA, will speak about the draft ELCA Social Statement on Women and Justice on Sunday March 24th. The Rev. Dr. Richard Perry, recently retired Professor of Church and Society and Director of the Urban Ministry program at LSTC, will be speaking about ethics and race on Sunday March 31st.

Every week participants engage in lively discussion, and the conversations include various perspectives and many questions. Join us for one Sunday, or a series of them, whenever works in your schedule, 9:15 – 10:15 am in the Chapel.

Save the Date! 3rd Annual IPLC Girl Scout Spaghetti Fundraiser April 7 Join the Girl Scouts from 5 to 8 pm on Sunday, April 7 for delicious spaghetti in the IPLC Gym located at 4057 N. Harding! Admission is \$8 per person, \$5 for seniors. All are invited!

Used Toy and Book Sale 3/31 in the IPLC Gym Please join the children of Gateway Montessori for a used toy and book sale in the gym on Sunday, March 31after worship service. The children are fundraising to pay for their stay at Nature's Classroom Institute in Lake Geneva, IL where they will experience hands on science and nature education. The children will be selling used books, toys, and freshly prepared snacks and treats. We hope to see you there!

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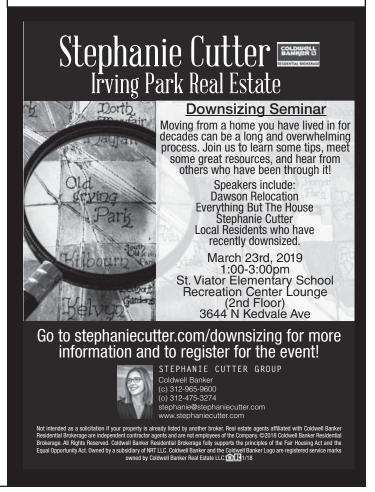
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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit connecting

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

Soup & Bread Thanks!



Dana Harder and Miiri Kotche catch up at Soup & Bread for Carlson.

Thank you to the restaurants, cooks and diners who made the 7th Soup & Bread for Carlson a success! Over 150 people came together February 10th to listen to the Indy Jam Band and sample nine delicious soups from Bourgeois Pig Cafe, Hearth & Crust, La Villa and Tre Kronor. Neighborhood

cooks included Ed Gardner, Sara Anderson, Ellen Olech, Dorene Jordan, Sarah Steedman and Bonnie Tawse. Fortythree gallons of soup were served, along with dozens of loaves of bread!

Thank you to raffle donors Filament Theatre, Windy City Playhouse, Le Sud Restaurant, Koi Fine Asian Cuisine, Turquoise Café, Mike and Dorene Jordan and West Walker neighbors. 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. Special thanks to Sheila Gidley and Terra InCognito





From left: Rina Jorgensen (left), Joyce Winer and Ethan Kaplan form a mother/son soup serving team for Carlson's Soup & Bread; Kids get crafty at Soup & Bread for Carlson.

Design for donating 130 handmade bowls for diners to choose from. They were a hit!

Soup & Bread for Carlson raised nearly \$3,000 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 Free Mariachi Concert March 24th

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is excited to present Mariachi Monumental de Mexico in the final concert of

its 25th season.
Noted violinist and
Mayfair resident
John Ling is a
member of the
acclaimed mariachi
group. The concert
will take place on
Sunday, March
24th at 2:00 p.m. at
Irving Park Lutheran
Church, 4100 N.
Harding Avenue.



Mariachi Monumental de Mexico will perform in the last concert of the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's season.

Founded by five friends in 2010, Mariachi Monumental de Mexico brings the best of traditional and folkloric mariachi music to Chicago and the midwest. Members are from diverse areas of Mexico and the United States and are active educators and ambassadors of mariachi music. Mariachi Monumental de Mexico makes regular appearances at Chicago Bulls, White Sox and Fire Soccer Club games. Mariachi Monumental de Mexico will play a mix of traditional mariachi music as well as popular songs.

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 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 Provides Major Pantry Grant

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is pleased to announce that the FDC Foundation has awarded us a grant of \$30,000 for special programs in 2019. The money will fund our nutrition programs, our client resources coordinator position for the year and some supplemental pet-food purchases. 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 Irving Park Community Food Pantry will give out Easter baskets to clients' children up to 8 years old during the first three weeks of April (prior to Easter on April 21st). We are looking for items to fill these baskets (we also need baskets) as well as pre-filled baskets. We use medium-sized baskets with grass and fun items typical of those sold at 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.
- · Little books and activity pads.

Please use plastic or fabric baskets that stack easily.

If you have any questions or are interested in helping to give out the baskets during our regular distributions (Wednesdays from nine to noon and Tuesday night April 8th 6 to 7:30 p.m.), email craigshutt@gmail.com. Thank you for your help with this annual program!

The Pantry also is looking for a coordinator who can work with the local organizations that prepare the baskets and line up local volunteers to distribute them during our weekly distributions. (Our previous coordinator moved out of our area.) The person does not have to physically be available to come to Pantry but needs to be aware of what baskets are coming from where, buy added supplies and coordinate volunteers (one or two) for the distributions. If you have an interest in helping, please email craigshutt@gmail.com.



Spotted: Pastor Erin Bouman of Irving Park Lutheran Church dropped by the Food Pantry in February to deliver to Executive Director John Psiharis a \$500 donation to help the Pantry buy additional food to aid SNAP clients who used up their early-February benefits too quickly. The Pantry also was named the church's Partner in Ministry in February, with parishioners donating money and food, and she brought in the first results of that program.



Pantry Publicity Coordinator Craig Shutt (left) and Executive Director John Psiharis show off some of the socks in the two large bags that were donated by students at St. Viator during their drive in February. Photo by Matt Marton



Join us for Ward Night Tuesday evenings from 5-7_{PM}

Contact the 45th Ward Office

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Schurz Showcase

Award Winning Green Initiatives Congratulations to all of Schurz's gardeners for being awarded the Seed Keeper Company's 2019 Illinois State Award! The award recognizes Schurz's many efforts to promote gardening, including tabling during the Independence Park Farmers Markets, hosting workshops in the school's Grow Lab and Learning Garden, and sending harvests to the school lunchroom. The school received a certificate of recognition and a gift box of garden tools. This will help the students in the STEM Grow Lab & Learning Gardens plant, harvest, teach, as well as host students, faculty, staff and community members in these spaces! To everyone who has harvested a tomato, picked a leaf, turned compost, planted a seed, cleaned a Tower Garden, or watered a plant...we thank you!

Family Movie Night Join us in the auditorium on Friday, March 29th for *Big Hero 6* hosted by the Schurz Robotics Club. Doors open at 5:30pm for a robotics demonstration and interactive activity, then stay for the movie at 6:30pm. Popcorn, candy and pizza will be available for purchase (proceeds benefiting the robotics club) and ADMISSION IS FREE!

Immigration Rights Resource Clinic The Schurz Immigrant Rights Resource Clinic is an access point for immigration information, workshops, resources and provides appointments with accredited legal representatives. Where eligible, the resource center will provide application assistance for citizenship, green card renewals, DACA renewals and referrals to trusted immigration legal service partners who provide other services when needed. Visit us on Tuesdays between 1-5pm. Walk-ins are welcome!

Student Council Blood Drive We did it!!! Thank you to everyone who came out for the blood drive yesterday! Our students and neighbors really came through,

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collecting 115 units of blood were collected! It was so busy that Vitalant has committed to bringing more staff for the next blood drive! Thank you and congratulations to the Schurz Student council for their hard work planning and executing this amazingly successful event! Not only were we able to help 340 people in desperate need, we retain our bragging rights as the #1 high school collection site in the city! Remember to come back for the May blood drive (as if we'd let you forget!)

Upcoming Events

March 9th - Parent Advisory Council & Bilingual Advisory Council Meeting at 11 am.

March 12 - Local School Council Meeting at 6 pm. March 28 - "One Last Look" Open House at 5 pm.

Filament Presents 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'

Filament Theatre brings to the stage *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, playing March 30 - May 26 at Filament Theatre located on 4041 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Based on Newbery Award winner Kate DiCamillo's best selling book, adaptor Dwayne Harford has crafted the beloved story for the stage. Director Kathryn Walsh returns to Filament Theatre to bring new life into what the Chicago Tribune calls "the most charming of narratives." Single tickets are currently available at www.filamenttheatre.org/edward. For more information including age recommendations, visit www. filamenttheatre.org/edward.

Filament Theatre offers a sensory-friendly performance of The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane on Sunday, April 28 at 1 pm. This performance is reserved specifically for families who have at least one member with special needs. Tickets are now available!

Preview Performances: Saturday, March 30 at 3:30 pm; Sunday, March 31 at 3:30 pm; and Saturday, April 6 at 1 pm.

Press Performances: Saturday, April 6 at 3:30 pm & Sunday, April 7 at 3:30 pm

Regular Run: Saturday, April 13 through May 26. Curtain Times: Saturdays at 1pm & 3:30 pm; Sundays at 3:30 pm.

Tickets: Previews: \$16. Regular run: \$16/children, \$19.50 /adults, \$18/seniors. All ticket fees included in price. Tickets are available at www.filamenttheatre.org/edward. For ouestions call the Filament office at 773-270-1660.

Free City Stickers for Veterans

Starting on February 1, 2019, the office of the City Clerk launched a pilot program expanding free City Stickers for many of our City's Veterans. Residents who have an Illinois Driver's License or State ID with a Veteran's designation issued on or before December 31, 2018 will be eligible to receive one City Sticker for a passenger, large passenger or motorbike for free.

Ex-Prisoners of War, Purple-Heart Veterans, or disabled veterans with Illinois XP, PR, IS, or DV plates will remain eligible for Chicago City Vehicle Stickers for no fee.

Please note that residents can only take advantage of this offer at Office of the City Clerk locations. There will be no refunds for already issued stickers, people will qualify when their sticker is up for renewal.

Annual Residential Zone Parking may be added for \$25.00 if purchaser resides in a Residential area.

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WWCA Members

Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! Here's a list of neighbors who have joined or renewed as of March:

Jim & Carole Bruton

Joey Burns

Adam Fox

Stella Higgs

Libby Levndowski & Peter Wilhelm

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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)!

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, and a LOT MORE!

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