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Dueling Pianos for Carlson May 10th

Carlson Community Services is thrilled to present All American Dueling Pianos on Friday, May 10th at 7:00 pm. Dan Gillogly, local legend and pianist extraordinaire will match wits and trade tunes with the equally talented Ted Oliver. You can expect a rousing evening of comedy, sing-alongs, dancing and all-around amazing entertainment. Dan is a



Dan Gillogly will bring his dueling pianos to the IPLC gym for a Carlson Community Services fundraiser on May 10th.

resident of the Villa with over 30 years of experience as an entertainer. He is a former music director at Second City and has performed at Howl at the Moon, The Redhead Piano Bar and on stages across the world.

Tickets for the show 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 two drinks. Tickets can be purchased at www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

The event is a fundraiser for neighborhood non-profit Carlson Community Services and will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wed., May 15 • 7:00 pm
Beats 1722-1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski

Sat., May 18 • 8:30 am
Irving Park Food Pantry
Annual Neighborhood Walk
3801 N. Keeler

Sat., May 18
West Walker Garage Sale
See back page for application and information!

Sun., June 16 • 9:00 am - Noon
GIPNA 15th Annual
Gourmet Pancake Breakfast
Independence Park Bungalow
Hamlin & Byron Avenues.

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

Dear Neighbor,

NOW THAT WE'VE HAD A FEW GOOD WEATHER DAYS, I'm optimistic that this year's garage and yard sale on May 18 will be blessed with good weather. I hope you will join us. Don't forget, if you miss the May 10 deadline to apply for the garage sale through the WWCA, you can still obtain a garage sale permit directly from your alderman's office. These are free, so there's no reason not to be a late entry, especially if that weather forecast looks good. Just remember to go to the correct alderman's office for your address, either the 35th, 39th or 45th Ward.

As we now know, we have new alderman in the 39th and 45th wards. We will be taking time over the summer to introduce ourselves to the new alderman and to educate them on the qualities and needs of our neighborhood.

I hope by now everyone has had the opportunity to visit the new public library in our neighborhood. The independence Branch library is a wonderful facility and sponsors numerous events. It's open 6 days a week, with extended hours into the evening on some nights. Please check out their website, go for a visit, and take advantage of this wonderful resource.

Mike Webber
WWCA President, Pro Tem

News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Summer Camp @ IPLC Returns in August

Looking for something for your kids to do this August? Send them to Summer Camp @IPLC. Children can attend for 1, 2, or all 3 weeks, for half days (\$65 a week) for any one or more of the four weeks, or for full days (\$150 a week) for any of the last two weeks. Your child will participate in arts & crafts, critical thinking activities, group games in the gym and nearby parks, and local field trips that are educational or service oriented. For more information, or if your child is interested in applying to be an Aide (for students who have completed 7th grade or more) contact office@iplc.org or call the church office: 773-267-1666. The camp runs August 5-23.

Letter Writing Campaign After Church at IPLC on Pentecost, June 9th

This year as we celebrate the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit, our advocate, the Service Team invites you to write a letter of advocacy to your legislator. Legislator names, addresses, envelopes, stamps and a letter template will be provided- as well as a RED treat for the day: strawberry shortcake! Join us in the fellowship hall after church on Sunday, June 9th as part of the "Bread for the World Offering of Letters." It only takes 15 minutes and hand written letters have a significant impact on the decisions made in Congress. As in years past, your persistent and faithful advocacy will be important in defending the interests of people who are hungry.

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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45th Ward Report



I would like to take a moment to thank you for your partnership over these past years in laying the foundation for progress and lasting change in the 45th ward. When I first made the decision to run for alderman 8 years ago, it was based on my deep-rooted love for our community and the desire to improve it. Over the years, that love has

grown as I have seen an outpouring of compassion and care from our residents and our neighbors.

I want you to know that as I transition out of office, my love for our community won't diminish. I continue to remain inspired and hopeful for the future of our ward. I will continue to stay involved and will join you in your advocacy for resources for our community. Together, we have already accomplished a great deal.

We have seen over 100 businesses make the 45th Ward their home; laying the foundation to become a destination for Chicagoans once again. Three corners of Six Corners Shopping District will be welcoming transformational new development this year. We also welcomed a new state-of-the-art Independence Branch Library with 44-units of affordable senior housing units earlier this year.

We have fought for increased transparency and oversight at City Hall. We have fought for fiscal reform for how the city accrues its debt and for how they enter privatization deals. We have fought for an elected school board and for TIF reform. I trust the progressive leadership that will enter the Mayor's office in May, as well as from other wards throughout the city, will continue to carry the torch in fighting for a city we all deserve.

And while I am disappointed with February's returns, I want you to remember that this office and this campaign was never about one individual. This was always about creating community in the part of the city we love.

I hope you will continue our fight for a more just and equitable city; one that is welcoming to people from all walks of life. A city that will fight on behalf of our veterans, persons with disabilities, people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, women, men, and those of all different religious backgrounds.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve two terms as your alderman.

Sincerely, Alderman John Arena, 45th Ward

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

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Has Your Empty Nest Left You With Too Much Home?

For many of my clients, you've loved living in our neighborhood for 10, 20, 30+ years...but now you're ready to move on. Here are a few tips to get you started.

1. Get rid of some of the big stuff (and small stuff). Think carefully about the storage & floor plan/sq. ft of your new home and how your furnishings will fit there. Go through all those boxes in the basement, garage, attic...which leads to #2.
2. Remember the 1-year rule. If you haven't used it in the last year you probably won't use it next year...
3. You have a lot of great stuff. One way to decide what to keep is think about if you had a fire...what would you really like to pass on to your kids, grandkids...? This will also help you organize all your important documents to keep.
4. Give it away. Send an email to your family with photos and a deadline for them to come and get what they want. There are also a lot of resources looking for charitable donations.
5. Consider an estate sale. For a % of the sales, companies will come in and price items, run the sale and help remove the remaining items.

Deciding and planning to move from the home you love is a big decision. I can help you with that process.

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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723 Meeting April 17, 2019

Attendees: CAPS officer Zander, Capt. Jeff Hoffman, Sgt. Debbie Isa, Officer Lopez, one other beat officer, a representative from Ald. Rosa's office (35th), and approximately 25 residents.

The meeting began with a discussion of a couple of shootings in Beat 1722 & 1723. On April 8th, two men were shot in the 4000 block of N. St. Louis at 4:30 p.m. The shooting was gang-related. The second incident was on April 14th in the 4500 block of N. Kimball where there was a report of shots fired and casings were recovered, but there didn't appear to be any victims. On April 4th, there was a report of a woman shot at 2:30 a.m. at Pulaski and Montrose, but there is conflicting information about whether the shooting occurred in this location and may have been self-inflicted. Regarding the homicide that occurred at Pulaski and Cullom on March 8th, a person of interest has been detained and the police are awaiting ballistics reports. Given the number of recent shootings in the vicinity of Pulaski and Montrose, and complaints

about illegal activities at buildings at Pulaski and Cullom, a resident asked whether an outdoor roll call could be done there. Officer Zander stated it could be looked in to but was non-committal.

Officer Zander reported that Alderman Rosa has obtained funding for a police camera at Lawndale and Montrose. It will be installed soon. There are new cameras at Addison and Pulaski and Pulaski and Lawrence. Officer Zander reported that the bicycle units are back on patrol. Five more officers are being assigned to the 17th District.

A resident reported that an individual was trying to open car doors in the 4100 block of Springfield April 10th. The driver side window of a white van was broken the same night. The officers reminded everyone to lock their car doors and to remove any valuables. They reported that utility vans are being stolen for the tools that thieves suspect to be inside.

On June 6th there will be a Robbery Prevention Workshop at 6:30 p.m. The location will likely be Horner Park. On Wednesday, June 19th at 11:00 a.m., a Senior Citizen Community Meeting will be held at the 17th District. A free Shred-A-Thon will be held on Wednesday,

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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



Walk with the Pantry on May 18th!

Join your friends for a short walk through the Old Irving Park neighborhood on Saturday, May 18th as the Irving Park Community Food Pantry holds its second annual Neighborhood Walk! The walk will kick off at 9 am (we'll start gathering at 8:30), and it will cover 1.7 miles around the Pantry's base at 3801 N. Keeler Ave.

Our goal is to raise awareness about food insecurity in our neighborhood, which includes the 60641 and western half of 60618 ZIP codes. We hope walkers will donate and ask friends to help us buy food. We also are asking walkers to bring donations, especially men's white crew socks, toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and razors especially) or shelf-stable food such as peanut butter, mac & cheese, tuna, energy bars, etc.

We encourage school and church groups to walk together. Students can earn 2 hours of service time. Contact John Psiharis at info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org.



Supporters from all walks of life are invited to take part in the Pantry's 2nd annual Neighborhood Walk on May 18th. Photo by Craig Shutt

With the upcoming sale of the Irving Park United Methodist Church building that has served as our home for 35 years, the Pantry is looking at a potential location in our service area that will be convenient to our clients. Our intent to move by the fall. More plans and a specific address will be announced once the move is underway.

Congratulations to Jim Byrne, the Pantry's operation manager, who is retiring from the Pantry after volunteering

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Our Neighborhood is Hot!



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Carlson operates three programs – an after-school program, community garden and classical music concert series. Its mission is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

Why travel downtown or to the suburbs to see the best dueling pianos show? Here's your chance to see Dan perform in the neighborhood, for a great cause! For more information, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlson-communityservices.org.



Spring clean up at Carlson Community Services' Three Brothers Garden was done by Girl Scouts from Troop 20221 on a Saturday in early April. The girls, their moms and troop leaders picked up litter, removed leaves and debris from the garden's raised beds and turned over the soil. The garden beds are ready to be planted with spring vegetables for the Irving Park Food Pantry.

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.

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for 25 years. Jim joined upon his work retirement to drive the delivery truck and little by little got talked into more duties until he was helping to place our food order, organizing deliveries, allotting weekly food disbursements and generally running everything! We wish him the best in his second retirement and thank him and his wife, Nora, for all their years of service and dedication to the Pantry.

Thanks to co-owner **Mike Barrett of Liberty Tax Service** (4900 W. Irving Park Rd), who ran programs for the Pantry during February and March tied to the company's services. The total donation was over \$1,600! We appreciate his help and everyone in Old Irving Park who helps us meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

Schurz Showcase

Students Take 1st Place at the Great Lakes Midwest Regional Sea Perch Competition!

Congrats to the Señor Bulldogs and Schurz engineering teacher Pete Schoedel for their 1st place finish! The SeaPerch Program provides students with the opportunity to learn about robotics, engineering, science, and mathematics (STEM) while building an underwater ROV as part of a science and engineering technology curriculum. Stay tuned to learn if we qualify for Nationals in Washington D.C.!

New Performing Arts Training Program (PACT)

This fall, Schurz HS and the The Chicago Ballet Center will launch the Performing Arts Career Training (PACT) program. This early-dismissal ballet-focused program will provide rigorous training for students seeking careers in dance while, at the same time, preparing them for the many career paths that support the arts.

Dreamers Conference On April 6th, Schurz High School hosted its annual DREAMERS Conference to inform undocumented students and their families about college access and affordability. Thank you to our "dreamer friendly" universities Northern Illinois, Northeastern Illinois, Dominican University, National Louis University, and Wright College for attending the event to discuss admissions processes and scholarships available to undocumented or DACAdmented students.

JROTC Celebrates 100 years at Schurz! On April 5th, Schurz High School celebrated the 100th anniversary of the establishment of its JROTC program. Over 300 cadets, alumni, faculty and school administrators attended the Military Ball at Poretta's Banquets. Thank you to keynote speaker Schurz Principal Dr. Anthony Rodriguez, Senior Army Instructor ISG Christopher Thompson, Alderman-elect Jim Gardiner and Director of Military Instructions, COL D. Baggio for helping us celebrate this momentous occasion!

Schurz Family Movie Night Join us on **Friday, May 31st** for Family Movie Night brought to you by Schurz HS, The Logan Square Association & Friends of Schurz. **FREE ADMISSION!** Doors open at 5:30 pm, showtime at 6:30 pm. Concessions available for purchase. Family Movie Night is always the last Friday of the month!

To keep up on the latest at Carl Schurz HS visit us at www.schurzhs.org, or follow us on Twitter and Facebook @CarlSchurzHS. Questions or concerns? Kudos and compliments? Contact Dee Barrett at dibarrett@cps.edu.

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June 19th from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the 17th District parking lot, 4651 N. Pulaski.

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, May 15, 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.

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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 May:

- Beverly Birch**
- John Chikow**
- Anne-Marie Concepcion**
- Caitlin Kolb**
- Griselda Ramos**
- Charles Stiles**

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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with either PayPal or a credit card
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(www.westwalker.org)!**

Bring your 2018-2019 dues to our next WWCA meeting. Or you can mail in the application below.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yearly Membership Dues: Effective May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019

Check one: FAMILY \$15 BUSINESS \$20 SENIOR \$5

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 IL 40th District- Jaime Andrade

West Walker Civic Association

34th Annual Neighborhood Garage & Yard Sale

Saturday, May 18, 2019 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, etc.*). Street signs will be placed throughout the neighborhood.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, MAY 10

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 10.**

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

WWCA will file your application and deliver your permit to your address on Friday, May 17h (you will not receive confirmation before permits are delivered).

LATE REGISTRATION (After May 10)

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 your Alderman's office 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
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WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION GARAGE AND YARD SALE

Saturday, May 18, 2019

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