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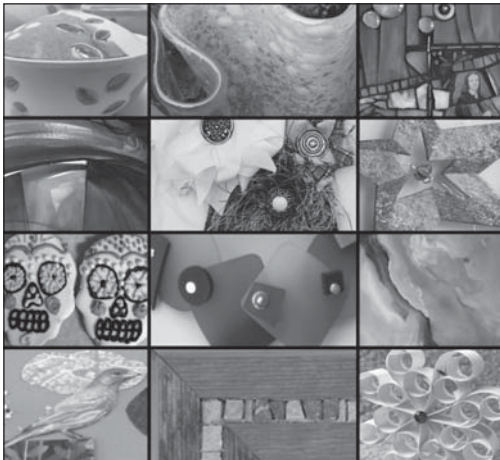
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## First Festival of the Arts October 26 and 27 at St. John's

St. John's Episcopal Church on Chicago's Northwest Side will host a new Festival of the Arts on October 26 and 27, celebrating new and local talent in visual, culinary and horticultural art with a focus on sustainable, recycled and upcycled materials.

Join us Saturday, October 26, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, October 27, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information contact T.J. Hine at [art@stjohnschicago.com](mailto:art@stjohnschicago.com) or 312-286-1375. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 3857 N. Kostner Avenue.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Sun., Oct. 13 • 9 am - 12 pm**

Free Flu Shots at IPLC  
3938 West Belle Plaine

**Wed., Oct. 16 • 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Sat., Oct. 19 • 10 am -12 pm**

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry  
Emanuel United Methodist Church  
4256 N. Ridgeway

**Sat., Oct. 19 • 9:00 am**

1st Annual Schurz Schuffle 5K  
3601 N. Milwaukee  
*To register, see page 5*

**Sun., Oct. 20 • 5 - 9 pm.**

St. Edward Parish Bingo  
4350 W. Sunnyside

**Wed., Oct. 30 • Schurz Halloween**

Spooktacular Concert, 6:00 pm  
Haunted House, 4:30 pm  
3601 N. Milwaukee

**Sat., Nov. 2 • 7-10 pm,**

Carlson's Annual Trivia Night  
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym  
4057 N. Harding Ave.

**Sun., Nov. 10 • 2 pm**

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents  
Polenc Trio for Oboe, Bassoon & Piano  
Irving Park Lutheran Church  
4100 N. Harding Ave.

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

## What's Happening at Independence Branch Library?

There is always something going on at the Independence Branch Public Library! Check out one or more of the events below:

Independence Branch Library is located at 4024 N. Elston Avenue. For more information, call 312-744-0900.

As part of our Community Cinema Program, the month of October has a few thrillers in store. Join us in the First Floor Meeting Room!

**Wednesday, October 16, 2:00 - 3:30 pm / Film Screening: The Thing (1982)** Americans at a base in Antarctica are terrorized by an otherworldly creature that can shapeshift into the form of anything it kills. *Running time: 108 minutes, Rated R*

**Thursday, October 31, 6:00 - 7:30 pm / Family Movie Night: Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (2005)** Come hang out with us after trick or treats! Costumes Welcome! Wallace and his loyal dog, Gromit, set out to discover the mystery behind the garden sabotage that plagues their village and threatens the annual giant vegetable growing contest. *Running time: 80 minutes, Rating: G*

**Blast from the Past Game Night / Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 - 7:30 pm** Enjoy Independence's first game night! Come as a group or by yourself and meet other gamers. Takes place in the library Community Room. Suitable for adults.

Are you a knitter? Are you seeking a knitting community? Then come to the **Tuesday Night Knitting Club!** We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 pm. We also welcome crochet or embroiderers or any other needlecrafts!

**DIY Bird Feeder / Monday, October 14, 2:00 - 3:30 pm** Drop In for this all ages event. Create a bird feeder to add to the outdoor garden or take home! Please be advised materials\* are limited and is based on a first come first served basis. \*Peanut butter will be used. Allergy warning is advised.

**Upcycling Wooden Slats into Picturesque Art / Wednesday, October 23, 2:00 - 4:00 pm** Join us in the first floor meeting room for this innovative workshop that will transform old wooden slats into beautiful art themed around wildflowers, a common motive in Polish art. Dorota Tomczyk, artist and owner of Art Painting and Decorating Inc. will demonstrate and guide you how to paint with acrylics on panels made out of recycled wood. No experience necessary. All materials will be provided. Registration Required. Suitable for adults and teens.

**Defending the Sacred: Protecting, Reclaiming and Repairing Indigenous Lands / Saturday, November 2, 1:00 - 3:00 pm** Join us for screenings of the short films Welcome to Gwichyaa Zhee and The Refuge, two films that discuss the negative impact drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge will have on Alaskan Native Communities. Following, Chicago-based Alaskan Native actor, writer and activist, June

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# 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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*The West Walker Wire is published monthly September through June by the West Walker Civic Association.*

**All story ideas, text, and ads are due a week before the first of the month.**

**Submit ideas and text to: west\_walker\_wire@yahoo.com.**

*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.*

## News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

**Free Flu Shots Offered at IPLC Sunday, October 13** A pharmacist from Walgreens will be offering flu shots here at IPLC on Sunday, October 13, from 9 - noon. They'll accept Medicare, Medicaid, some private insurance and will also have on hand vouchers for 50 free flu shots. Please spread the word. On that same Sunday the IPLC Parish Nurse, Vivian Shin, will also be doing blood pressure screening and will be on hand to answer questions.

**The Gym Bathrooms** at IPLC Are Now Being Renovated to be handicapped accessible. The upgrade will complete and enhance recent work done to other parts of the building, which is so vital to and appreciated by the community and church. Currently, the gym is in use seven days a week, from early morning until late night, with more than three hundred different children, youth, adults, and the elderly served every week, thousands of people every year. When the renovations are complete, this number may also include people with mobility issues. Adult Bible Study at Irving Park Lutheran Church (meets 9:15-10:15 am in the Chapel).

**2019/2020 Theme: Living in Relationship** We are called as Christians to live in relationship with God through our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ; to live as the body of Christ in the world as the church; and to give praise and glory to God through our relationships with each other, our neighbors and our world. This year's adult education studies will explore our relationship with God, our own church and neighborhood, as well as challenge and expand our idea of the Christian community. Units include Knowing God, Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith; The Challenge of Diversity, First Corinthians, Being the Body of Christ; and more. Join us for one unit, parts of a unit, or every single Sunday! Adult Bible study participants welcome and regularly share diverse opinions, probing questions, laughter and mutual support.

**All Saints Sunday at IPLC: Naming Loved Ones, Bell Banner** On All Saints Sunday (Nov. 3) we'll remember people who have died, naming them aloud in worship, ringing bells, and processing with a special All Saints Day Bell Banner. Please e-mail the office names to speak aloud prior to All Saints Sunday office@iplc.org. You may also write the name of someone who has died and attach it to a bell. You can bring in your own small bell, or use bells provided in the narthex.

## REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer  
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### Should I Refinance My Mortgage?

Current mortgage rates haven't been this low since 2016. I spoke with Eric Hamilton VP of Mortgage Lending at Guaranteed Rate. Here are a few questions Eric suggests.

- 1. How much will it cost to refinance?** It costs around \$2,000 for lender fees, title fees, appraisal...
- 2. When will I breakeven on these refi costs?** Ask for a breakeven analysis of your current vs. new loan payment.
- 3. Should I shorten the term of the loan?** There may be loan options based on how many years left on your current loan vs. starting a new 30 year loan.
- 4. What does my new loan include?** Confirm new loan amount (PITI), timeframe and that your escrow moneys are properly transferred to your new loan.
- 5. What is your home value? Are you thinking of selling in the next 2- 5 years?** With the equity in your home & lower interest rates, you may be able to buy your next dream home at the same monthly mortgage payment. Talk with your Realtor.

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# CAPS Report

## Beats 1722 & 1723 Meeting September 18, 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, October 16 at 7:00 pm.**

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:

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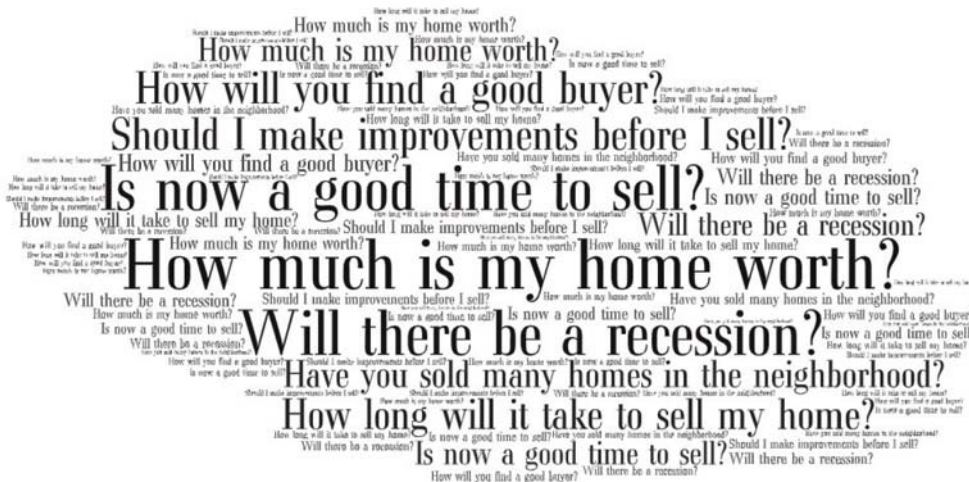
Event Calendar: <http://home.chicagopolice.org>

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# News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

## Pantry's Open House October 19th

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is holding an open house from 10 am to noon on October 19th at its new location, inside the Emanuel United Methodist Church at 4256 N. Ridgeway (60618). Executive Director John Psiharis, board members and many volunteers will be on hand to show off the facility and the Pantry's new "Client Choice" format for distributing groceries.

This format, which many pantries use, presents food choices on tables and shelving units and allows clients to "shop" each station, choosing among options and taking only those items they want. It gives clients more control over what they receive and saves food by allowing them to leave unwanted items. (Previously, volunteers put together bags of food at each station based on family size.)

Please come see and learn about the Pantry's new operations! If you are interested in volunteering, contact our Volunteer Managers at [volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org](mailto:volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org). Donations can be brought to the Pantry by parking in the delivery space in the alley.



Volunteers, including Renee Linnemeyer (front) sort coats during the Pantry's Coat Drive in 2018. This year's program runs through October. Photo by Craig Shutt

## Coat Drive in October

This month, the Pantry is giving out new and lightly used winter coats to clients (one per family). If you have any to donate, please bring them to the Pantry from 8:30 to noon on Wednesdays or 6

to 7:30 pm on Tuesday, October 8. Additional drop-off points include:

- Disney II Magnet School, 3815 N. Kedvale Ave. (Inside Main Entrance, 8:30am-3:30pm)
- Disney II Magnet High School, 3900 Lawndale Ave. (Inside Main Entrance, 8:45am-3:45pm)
- Old Irving Brewing Company, 4419 W Montrose Ave.
- Front Porch at 3822 N Tripp Ave.

Additional locations for drop offs will be announced on our Facebook page and in our Breadcrumbs newsletter. The program continues all month, so please keep us in

From top: Volunteers Debbie Delgado (far right) and Sara Yoest (next to her), along with Rick Leitl (center) stock the new shelving units with canned fruits and vegetables along with pastas and grains so clients can make their choices as they shop.



Volunteers Pat Humphries (bread and pastries) and Patrick Luhrs and Don MacGregor (fresh fruit and vegetables) prepare their stations for the first clients.



Volunteers prepare the bread and other stations in preparation for the first clients to use the "Client Choice" format introduced at the Pantry in the new location.

Executive Director John Psiharis and Office Manager Gayle Christensen pose for a photo in the new upstairs office (still a work in progress) while Bookkeeper Lisa Albrecht and Volunteer Gloria Price try to sync computers, printers and scanners to make everything work together even if they didn't want to.



Photos by Craig Shutt



mind as you get out winter coats, especially any kids have outgrown!

Thank you to everyone who has helped the Pantry during its first move after 35 years and the institution of its new "Client Choice" selection system. We especially are grateful for the support and encouragement of Pastor Audrey Molina, Assistant Pastor Jesus Molina and the congregation of Emanuel United Methodist Church, who are helping to make our move much smoother while adjusting to having us in their midst. In our 35th year, the Pantry is beginning a new chapter. With the help of all of our supporters, we will continue to meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

## 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.

October 2019 News from Carlson Community Services

### Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Announces 26th Season

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is excited to announce its 26th season. The season begins with a performance of the Polenc Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano on Sunday, November 10th. Trio members are Ricardo Castañeda, oboe, Ben Roidl-Ward, bassoon and Beatriz Helguera-Snow, piano.

A Latin trio will present a Latin Jazz Christmas on December 8th in what promises to be a festive way to usher in the holidays. In celebration of our 25th anniversary, Anne Marie Lewis will perform a program titled Women in Art Song accompanied by pianist Celia Villacres on February 23rd. Anne Marie was featured in the Fine Arts Committee's first concert in 1994. The final concert of the season will be held on April 26th with Drums of Africa performing an interactive demonstration.

All concerts are at 2:00 pm at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. The concerts are free of charge, but donations are gladly welcomed. A reception with the artists will be held after each concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee. Dates and programs are subject to change.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is a program of Carlson Community Services, a non-profit serving the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, visit [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org) or contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766.



Carlson Community Services' Second Annual Golf Outing was won (tie) by Bill Sherlock (left), John VanEssen, Steve Mills and Rick Reschke. Thanks to all who golfed and sponsored holes in support of Carlson's programs!

### Back to School & Other Fall Happenings

Fall is a busy time for Carlson Community Services. Staff of the Magic After-School Place is busy preparing for our 13th year of providing high quality, affordable after-school care for children attending Murphy and Belding Schools. Sixty children are served by the program, with waiting lists at Belding School. With a tiered tuition structure based on income, MAP is a valuable partner for working, low-income families who need a safe place for their children to after school. Equally important, children receive homework help and tutoring, gain leadership skills and participate in a mentoring program with high school students from Schurz High School. Affordable tuition is made possible by foundation and corporate support, individual gifts and fund raising events.



Carlson's after-school program is off to a great start!

Program space is generously donated by IPLC, helping us do this important work in our community. MAP welcomes high school students in need of service hours and adult volunteers. For more information, contact Rachel Lockhart at [mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org).

Save the date for Carlson's Trivia Night, scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd. Look for details on our web site at [www.carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org). It's a fun evening and a great way to support our programs!

The mission of Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, contact Liz Mills at [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org). Follow us on Facebook for photos and info about our programs and events!



Get in on the fun at Carlson's Trivia Night, Saturday, Nov. 2. Visit [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org) for more information.



## St. Edward School

Congratulations to St. Edward School & Parish's newly installed pastor, Fr. Dominic Clemente. The Most Reverend Mark



Bartosic, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, was present to install Fr. Dominic as our new leader on Saturday, September 7. Thanks to all for attending this wonderful parish celebration of this special occasion.

New to St. Edward Parish – Bingo! Everyone is welcome to attend our first bingo game on **Sunday, October 20 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm**. \$5/game card, 5 games played; BYO snacks and drinks. Must be 18 years or older to attend.

Our annual **Chalk Walk is on Friday, October 11**. This long-standing annual walk-a-thon raises money for our school and gets all our kids out and moving!

Community Events gives you a night off from cooking and benefits St. Ed's! **Wednesday, October 16th**, La Villa, 3632 N. Pulaski Rd.; no flyer needed but must mention St. Eds.

**Wednesday Nov. 6th, 4 to 8 pm**, Chiptole, 4657 W. Irving Park Rd.; flyer needed (available online). Thank you for your support!

**Mark your calendars for Casino Night on Saturday, November 16!** This new event will have fun games and raffles along with food and a cash bar. Starts at 6:30 pm till 11:30 pm in Unity Hall (basement of church). Tickets: \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

**Join us for Welcome Wednesday, November 6th**, with registration beginning at 8:30 am in the main school building at 4343 W. Sunnyside. Meet our principal, teachers and students! Sign-up at [www.stedwardschool.com](http://www.stedwardschool.com). St. Edward School is a 2017 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon. Discover all that St. Edward School has to offer!

St. Edward School & Parish celebrates 110 years of providing a Catholic education to children in grades PK3 through 8th grade. Visit our website at [stedwardschool.com](http://stedwardschool.com) or call 773-736-9133. Our campus is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside Avenue; in close proximity to the Kennedy and Edens expressways, walking distance from the Blue Line, Metra station and the Montrose and Cicero Avenue bus lines.

## Schurz Showcase

**Schurz High School Hosts Open House Chicago On Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th**, Carl Schurz High School will once again take part in The Chicago Architecture Center's Open House Chicago. The building will be open from 10 am to 5 pm on both days. Visitors are invited to the auditorium at 2 pm for an organ concert by Old Irving Park resident and Director of Music at Fourth Presbyterian Church, John Sherer. In 2011 the Carl Schurz High School 1935 Moller Organ recieved Historic Organ designation by the Organ Historical Society. Do not miss this opportunity to visit our beautiful school and have a listen of this amazing instrument!



### The Schurz Schuffle 5K

Join us for the 1st Annual Schurz Schuffle on **October 19th!** Lace up your sneakers and join us for a fun 5K through the streets of Old Irving Park. Proceeds from the race will go to The Friends of Schurz to directly support the school. For more details, or to register visit <http://schurzschuffle5k>

### Dinner and a Movie & Little Bulldog Matinee

This month it's all about the teens and adults getting a night out, so join us on **Friday, October 25th at 8:00 pm**, and since we live in a democracy, this month we want to hear from **YOU!** Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RHVDMQQ> to vote. Go for an early dinner at a partner restaurant TBD, bring us your dinner receipt, and get free candy and popcorn! Tickets for the film can be purchased at the door for \$5, with proceeds benefiting The Friends of Schurz. Thank you to the Logan Square Neighborhood Association and The Friends of Schurz for sponsoring this event. Dinner & A Movie and Little Bulldog Matinees are sponsored by The Friends of Schurz and The Logan Square Neighborhood Association.

Schurz High School is located at 3601 N Milwaukee Avenue.

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## Milestone for a West Walker Resident

Robert F. Holbach, a 65-year resident of the West Walker community will be celebrating his **95th** birthday on October 30th. Bob, and his wife Rose, raised their family of six here the neighborhood.

Bob recently renewed his drivers license and credits his longevity to going to the Independence Park Pool as often as possible. **Happy Birthday Bob!**



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Thiele (Athabascan, Yupik) will read an original piece pertaining to the films. Also, learn how our local Native American community is reclaiming and repairing our lands and waterways around Chicago.

This program is co-sponsored by CPL's Native American Heritage Committee and the American Indian Center, and is part of the 2019-2020 One Book, One Chicago season, exploring the theme "Season For Change" through the book *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert. For more information, visit [www.onebookonechicago.org](http://www.onebookonechicago.org).

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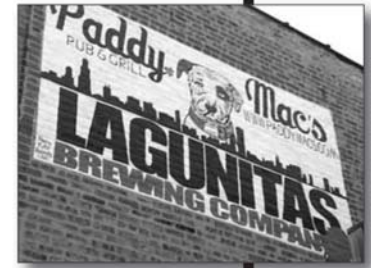


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**You can also pay your WWCA dues with either PayPal or a credit card at the West Walker website ([www.westwalker.org](http://www.westwalker.org))!**

**Bring your 2019-2020 dues to our next WWCA meeting. Or you can mail in the application below.**

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