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COVID-19 RESPONSE

STAY AT HOME ORDER WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

DO

- Go to the grocery store or pharmacy
- Order delivery or take out from a restaurant
- Call a plumber or electrician
- Go to the bank, post office or gas station
- Take a walk, run or bike ride
- Practice social distancing
- Save lives

DON'T

- Buy more than you need
- Dine-in at restaurants or bars
- Go to the gym, salon or barber shop
- Travel for non-essential purposes
- Visit a playground
- Gather in groups
- Put lives at risk

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During This Unprecedented Time...

Please remember the people of the hospitality industry—whose livelihoods depend on gathering together to celebrate food, music, sports and live events.

Do you have a favorite restaurant or watering hole? Visit them on Facebook and consider donating to the many "Go Fund Me" virtual tip jars, to help keep these businesses afloat, as we weather this storm together.

Let's keep our community thriving!
Thank you!

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

Dear Neighbor,

IF YOU'RE READING THIS it means you are reading an electronic version of the Wire for the first time. In light of the current stay-at-home limitations and in the interest of social distancing, we are foregoing hand delivery of a printed Wire this month. This is to ensure the safety and well-being of our dedicated Wire carriers and all of our West Walker Neighbors. We hope to be back to normal in May, but await circumstances as they develop.

THE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE IS CURRENTLY ON HOLD. You may notice that there is not an application for the garage sale in this edition which would typically appear in advance of the May 16, 2020 35th annual garage sale. If circumstances improve and there are no longer social distancing protocols in place, we will attempt to coordinate a garage sale on May 16th, but individuals will likely need to obtain their own permits from the aldermans' offices. This will require neighbors to contact their alderman in the 35th, 39th, or 45th Ward. We will keep people updated on this when new information becomes available.

IF YOU'VE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, please make sure to go online and complete the Census 2020. This is important to you and everyone in Chicago and Illinois.

As we go through this challenging time, please stay safe. Please check in on your neighbors, while maintaining social distancing. Please, when possible, take time to think of, and support, the essential workers who are doing everything they can to keep us safe and our community strong. If possible, support our local businesses and those who have contributed to our city.

Stay safe and strong.

Mike Webber

WWCA President, Pro Tem

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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Submit ideas and text to:

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News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Irving Park Lutheran Church Suspending Worship and Programming During Coronavirus Pandemic

With heavy hearts and much concern for individuals that count on our spaces for physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, but with even greater concern for the health and long term good of all and in keeping with the recommendations of the CDC, the IPLC Church Council has suspended all worship, church programs, and activities in all church buildings until further notice, to combat the spread of the coronavirus. We continue on a faith community, but at a distance, inspired by the words of Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky of B'nai David-Judea Congregation in Los Angeles:

“Every hand that we don’t shake must become a phone call that we place Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise.”

Daily Reflections from Members of IPLC Sent Via Email, Worship Resources Also Available Digitally and Virtual Community – Sign Up to Receive

As one way of staying connected with and encouraging one another during the shut down, Irving Park Lutheran Church has been sending out daily reflections via email, written by different members of our congregation. Many different people have let us know that they find these daily reflections comforting -- and how meaningful it is to hear from many different people. We also email Sunday morning worship resources, including how we are marking Holy Week and Easter. If you would like to receive these, please email Pastor Erin Bouman at pastorbouman@iplc.org.



IPLC Member Holly Lundquist puts together some of the 81 Easter baskets she and her husband Larry created for the Irving Park Community Pantry after her basket committee had to stay home during Chicago’s shelter-in-place order. Photo by Larry Lundquist

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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5 Things To Do While You’re At Home to Bring You Joy

As we find ourselves inside more now, here are some ideas that may help you enjoy your home more.

- 1. Start your garden indoors** – tomatoes, peppers, cantaloupe, cucumbers...can all start indoors and be transplanted outdoors. Go to <https://www.almanac.com/gardening/planting-calendar/IL/Chicago> for the Chicago planting calendar.
 - 2. Paint** – Many paint companies have home delivery. Choose a calming color to improve your mood and enjoy your beautiful new space.
 - 3. Declutter** – Getting rid of stuff always makes me feel good! Pretend you are moving and go room by room, closet by closet, drawer by drawer, to decide what you really need to keep.
 - 4. Turn a closet into a home office** – unhinge the door & trade hanging rods for shelves – a deep one for the desk top and 2 shallow ones above for storage.
 - 5. Easy DIY home improvements** – cover messed up kitchen toe kicks with stainless look peel and stick strips; paint out dated tile backsplash with 2 coats adhesion primer & 2 coats oil based semigloss paint.
- Wishing you all peace, joy and good health during this very difficult time.

If you are 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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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723

February 19, 2020

March meeting cancelled due to Coronavirus social distancing guidelines

From the CAPS Office: Effective immediately, all scheduled CPD Beat Meetings, & organized community engagements (inclusive of DAC meetings, DV meetings, Youth meetings, senior meetings etc.) are hereby postponed. Please contact our office for any questions: 312-742-4588.

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.

Remember to always lock your vehicle and be on the lookout for scams involving Covid-19 cures and scams related to income tax refunds. Remember, the IRS will never call you on the phone. 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 Volunteer

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and each other.
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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Pantry Will Continue Service



Volunteers prepare bags of food based on family size to distribute to clients during the Pantry's regular Wednesday distribution. Photo by Craig Shutt

Due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus, the Irving Park Community Food Pantry has enacted procedural changes to ensure it can continue to operate during its regular hours (9 to noon on Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month). These procedures will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

The Pantry's Client Choice model, instituted in September in our new location, has been

suspended so we can return to our original system of providing bags of food based on family size. Clients log in at the Intake desk just inside the front door and then walk around the corner to our parking lot, where they wait for their number to be called.

Our numbers grew throughout March as more neighbors found themselves facing food insecurity with the loss of jobs and lack of resources. We encourage our supporters to make any donation possible. Secure donations can be made through PayPal at our website (www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org) or sent via check to the Pantry at 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago IL 60618.

If you have any questions about qualifications to receive food or other services, please email info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org. To volunteer, email volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org. We do not want more volunteers than necessary, but our need to fill stations changes weekly.

Thank you to everyone who donated time, money and materials to ensure our Easter basket program was completed. It was started before the virus concerns required changes, but with the support of donations and volunteers, we were able to keep it running until Easter.

Special thanks to the Megan Stalder and the Junior Girl Scout Troop at Disney II Elementary School as well as Pastor Erin Bouman, Larry & Holly Lundquist and the congregation of



Executive Director John Psiharis and Board President Mike Mette were part of the team delivering food bags to clients when their numbers were called during one of the Pantry's regular Wednesday distributions. Photo by Craig Shutt

Irving Park Lutheran Church. Both groups assembled and delivered Easter baskets that helped to brighten the day of many children who were sheltering at home. Thanks also to our neighbors who signed up to help assemble baskets and hand them out to clients during our distributions.

Needless to say, our planned 3rd Annual Neighborhood Walk has been postponed. Details will be announced when the coast is clear. We appreciate your support as we work to remain "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

News From GIPNA

Our **annual GIPNA meeting** (April 5) and **April board meeting** (April 7) will not be held in person. We're exploring virtual options and will share an update soon.

Annual Alley Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 from 9 am-12 pm. Though we'll be practicing social distancing, we encourage you to get out on your block and help make our neighborhood sparkle this spring.

Our annual **Pancake Breakfast** is cancelled. However, we're hoping to plan a neighborhood gathering after things have normalized a bit. Again, we'll share information when we have it.

Need a Hand? Gardiner's Angels, a volunteer group, runs errands, shovels sidewalks in the winter, and delivers food for the elderly who are unable to get out on their own. Contact the 45th Ward office at 773-853-0799 or ward45@cityofchicago.org for more information and assistance.

Every Little Bit Helps If you're ordering household items from Amazon, use Amazon Smile and select a nonprofit or charity of choice. 0.5% of your purchases will then go to that organization. Irving Park Food Pantry is an option!

News and Events from Carlson Community Services



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Services is a
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profit connecting

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

World Beat Percussion Trio Concert Cancelled

The World Beat Percussion Trio concert scheduled for April 26th has been cancelled. The new federal guidelines to remain socially distant extend through April 30th and restrict groups of more than 10 from gathering. The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is disappointed to cancel the concert, but we understand the need to be safe during this extraordinary time. We hope to reschedule the concert for next season. Please watch for information about a Fine Arts virtual performance.

Carlson Community Services Update

We miss you! The year 2020 will be remembered as the year of cancellations and postponements. When we decided not to hold Soup & Bread due to scheduling conflicts, we couldn't have anticipated that our March Madness fundraiser and remaining Fine Arts concert would be cancelled too! (See accompanying story.)

Ordinarily in April we're making plans for cultivating and planting Three Brothers Garden, located at 4107 N. Pulaski. Instead, we are remaining socially distant, following the guidelines of Neighbor Space, an organization that supports community gardens. We'll be getting our hands dirty in the garden as soon as it is determined safe for community gardeners to work together.

Most of all, we have been sad to suspend our after-school program until CPS is back in session. We miss the energy and spirit the kids bring to the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym every day, and worry that their parents are finding

adequate care. Program Director Rachel Lockhart is in touch with families and is offering them fun games and activities to keep the kids occupied while they shelter in place. She's also offered Carlson as a resource to help parents through any hardships they may face.

Although we are disappointed to temporarily suspend so much of our programming, that disappointment pales in comparison to the threat presented by Covid-19. Our gatherings will be all the more sweet when we emerge from our homes to come together as a community. To keep up to date on when our programming resumes, follow us on Facebook or sign up for our newsletter at carlsoncommunityservices.org. On behalf of the Carlson Board and Committees, we wish you and your family good health, financial stability and peace during these anxious times.

News From St. Edward School

This year, St. Edward School celebrates 110 years of providing a Catholic education to children in grades PK3 – 8th grade! Explore all that St. Edward has to offer. Learn all about what this vibrant school and community offer Pre-K through 8th grade students. Discover how St. Edward academics and how iReady instruction empowers teachers to enable students to achieve success in the classroom. Find out about the extensive fine arts programs including visual art, music and theater and explore the wide variety of extracurricular activities and athletics. Before and after school care is available. Schedule a tour on our website or by calling the school office. St. Edward School is a 2017 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon. For more information, please visit our website at www.stedwardschool.com or call us at 773-736-9133.

Samantha
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39TH WARD ALDERMAN

WWCA Members

THANK YOU! Here's a list of neighbors who have joined or renewed as of April:

- Reid Johnson & Jean Scott**
- Rich McDermott & Jane Nagle**
- Wanda & Kevin McDonald**
- Telepro Group**

It's Membership Renewal Time!

WWCA MEMBERSHIP runs May 1 through April 30 annually. Your dues help fund a variety of items:

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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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April 13th - May 9th INVENTORY



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