

WEST WALKER WIRE

SUMMER 2020

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New Support Program for Restaurants Reopening

Albany Park & Irving Park Special Service Area Sidewalk Cafe Permit Fee Rebate Program

In response to the impacts of COVID-19 on our restaurants, the Albany Park & Irving Park Special Service Area #60 (SSA) is launching a Sidewalk Cafe Permit Fee Rebate Program. Sidewalk cafes create welcoming and vibrant business corridors by activating public space, encouraging pedestrian traffic, inviting interaction with businesses, and contributing to the aesthetic landscape with attractive furniture and greenery. To encourage businesses within the Albany Park & Irving Park SSA to invest in installing sidewalk cafes, SSA #60 will reimburse the \$600 permit fee. Rebate funds are limited.

More information and the application, go to northrivercommission.org/sidewalk-cafe-permit-fee-rebate/.

Eligibility: The Sidewalk Cafe Permit Fee Rebate Program is to businesses located within the Albany Park & Irving Park SSA #60 boundaries, which are:

Montrose Ave: Central Park to 2650 W Montrose Ave.,
Lawrence Ave: Kimball to 2901 W Lawrence Ave.,
Kedzie Ave: 4907 N Kedzie Ave to Irving Park Rd,
Kimball Ave: Lawrence to Leland,
Irving Park Rd: Spaulding to Sacramento.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thur., July 23 • 12:00 pm
BACP Liquor Control Commission
Public Meeting Regarding Boem
Restaurant (3910-14 W. Montrose)
City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St., Room 805

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Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

Dear Neighbor,

We have reached the midpoint of what has been a remarkable year. The challenges, politically, socially, economically, and pandemically have been enormous and unique. It is my hope that all of our neighbors have remained healthy and strong, and have been able to weather the storms visited upon us these past few months.

There are many resources available for information and assistance, on all levels of government. This includes your local alderman, the City of Chicago, and your state and federal representatives. I am providing contact information for many of these resources below.

As you may know, the wire takes a summer break after this issue and will return in the fall. It is certainly our hope that when we return in September, we can return to a paper format wire with home delivery as in the past. If you've not already done so, please go to the West Walker website at www.westwalker.org, and sign up to receive the weekly email blasts which we use to distribute current information and events.

As a reminder, I also urge anyone who is not done so to complete the 2020 census. It is completely anonymous and participating substantially increases the amount of federal funds which will be available to our local government and state for the next 10 years. This is vitally important. Please go to www.my2020census.gov today.

As you know, West Walker is broken into three separate wards. The alderman contact information as well as state and federal officials for our area is below.

35th Ward Alderman Ramirez-Rosa. His website is www.aldermancarlosarosa.org. His office receives email at ward35@cityofchicago.org, and the ward office telephone is 773-887-3772.

39th Ward Alderman Nugent. Her website is www.aldermannugent.com. Her ward receives emails at ward39@cityofchicago.org, and the ward office telephone is 773-736-5594.

45th Ward Alderman Gardiner. His website is www.aldermangardiner.com. His ward email address is ward45@cityofchicago.org, and ward office telephone is 773-853-0799.

State Representative Andrade, represents the local 40th state district. His website is www.staterep40.com. His office can be emailed at info@staterep40.com, and his office number is 773-267-2880.

Congressman Quigley of the 5th Congressional District is our US representative. His website is www.quigley.house.gov, and his Chicago office telephone number is 773-267-5926.

All of the above representatives have information regarding COVID-19 and identify resources to assist individuals in need.

Please take care, and we will see you in the fall.

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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News from St. John's Episcopal Church

Here is what is going on at your neighborhood church! What do you need? Please let us know what you need by emailing info@stjohnschicago.com. We are here for you!

Need a face mask? We have a group of parishioners sewing masks. Please email info@stjohnschicago.com if you need a free handmade mask. Or support our parishioner Kate's sewing business, Masks on Mars, by purchasing one from her at [etsy.com/shop/MasksOnMars](https://www.etsy.com/shop/MasksOnMars).

If you want to help out you are welcome to make donations to our Little Free Food Pantry (in the shed between the church and the garage, come through the driveway from Byron). Especially needed are easily opened and heated, one-serving, non-perishable foods. Please take what you need!

Hands to Help is still open to help folks who are homeless or in danger of homelessness. The hours are Wednesdays from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Our garden is open for prayer, play, and picnics during daylight hours. Please stay physically distant.

Our worship is online! Join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. Links to our online services and links to our bulletin and prelude and postlude are posted on our website www.stjohnschicago.com each week.

Email us at info@stjohnschicago.com to be added to our weekly e-newsletter with events and opportunities for self-care and caring for others. Thank you for being a friend of St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 3857 N. Kostner. Call 773-725-9026 or visit www.stjohnschicago.com.

Public Meeting concerning Boem Restaurant July 23 at City Hall

Alderman Rosa's office (35th Ward) reports that there will be a Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection Local Liquor Control Commission public meeting concerning Boem Restaurant (3910-3914 W. Montrose). The purpose of the meeting is to seek and discuss potential resolutions of problems identified by citizen complaints, the alderman, and the Chicago Police Department concerning Boem. Input from residents concerning this business is needed. Email Jessica at jessica@aldermancarlosrosa.org if you would like to provide input. Meeting will take place on Thursday, July 23, at 12 pm in City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle, Room 805.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

Your Neighborhood Realtor!

What's Happening With Real Estate During Covid-19?

I get a lot of questions asking how's the market? While activity has slowed, many people still need & want to buy and sell their home. However, the way we buy and sell is changing given our safety concerns about Covid-19.

Are homes selling? The short answer – yes. Many sellers are understandably concerned about having people in their home. Realtors are hosting virtual open houses & appointments online with videoconferencing tools like Zoom. Sellers may allow serious buyers (no more than 4 in a group) in their home with everyone wearing a mask, gloves, booties.... Home inspectors and appraisers are also wearing face masks, gloves... And Title Companies are doing virtual and drive-thru closings.

Should I buy a home now? If your job is stable & you plan to be in the home several years, now could be a great time to buy. Interest rates are at historic lows. A \$400,000 loan will cost \$225 a month less than last year! And according to Keeping Current Matters, home prices actually increased in 3 of the last 5 recessions.

Your health & safety is #1. I have a dedicated team to guide you through buying or selling a home during Covid-19. If you have questions about the real estate market or your home, please feel free to contact me.

Wishing you peace, joy, good health this summer.

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

Zoom Meeting, April 14, 2020

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.

In Attendance: CAPS Officer Zander, Commander Pontecore, Ald. Rodriguez (33rd), Ald. Nugent (39th), Ald. Rosa (35th), Rep. Andrade. 60 residents via Zoom.

A Zoom Beat Meeting was held on April 14th for Beats 1722 and 1723. It was the Chicago Police Department's first Zoom CAPS meeting. Kudos to the 17th District for being the first! The meeting was a little rough due to a lack of screening of participants, but went smoothly after some rowdy and inappropriate attendees were blocked.

Officer Zander reported year over year crime statistics for the 17th District. Burglaries are down 32%, motor vehicle thefts are down 37%, but shootings are up. In 2019

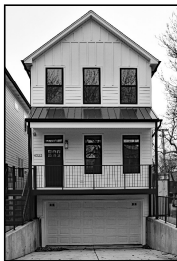
there were 7 shootings, in 2020 there have been 20, for an increase of 13 shootings. The officers attributed the increase to gang turf war over narcotics, especially east of St. Louis. The Commander commented that with fewer people on the streets, it was easier for gang members to spot each other, since they're not social distancing. He also mentioned that gangs in the 17th have a different dynamic than in other districts. They don't hang out on corners or porches. A lot of their narcotics business is done by phone. The Commander reported that the 17th district has been assigned to Areas 5 with the 14th, 16th, and 25th Districts. There are nine recruits who are staying in the 17th District, so manpower is up.

Alderman Rodriguez discussed the increase in shots fired in the 33rd Ward and cited the lack of non-profit and social services support during the Pandemic. She is working on a public space activation plan for the summer.

Alderman Rosa also discussed the increase in shootings. He said there are ongoing issues with building owners who are not cooperating with the police. He is urging the Law Department begin virtual hearings on problem buildings during the pandemic because they are no longer able to move quickly when trouble starts. Ald.

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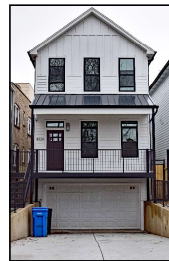
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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Neighbors Help Pantry Stay on Track

Irving Park Community Food Pantry volunteers has had busy, stressful and fulfilling months, as the number of clients being served surged to 2 1/2 times normal (200 families vs. 75). Meeting that need was disrupted when city protests delayed and cancelled food deliveries to the Pantry from the Greater Chicago Food Depository during the first week of June.

Concerned for driver safety, GCFD alerted the Pantry on Monday, June 1st that it would not make its regular weekly delivery for our Wednesday, June 3rd distribution. That delivery typically tops 10,000 pounds—five tons of food—leaving meager supplies to distribute.

Alerted to this disruption, neighborhood organizations and churches sent out a call via Facebook and email to members to donate key items, such as pasta, cereal, soup, canned vegetables, jelly and other nonperishables.

The result was a huge influx of food from many sources throughout Tuesday and into Wednesday from many neighborhood sources. Those included Irving Park Lutheran Church and Carlson Community Services, which delivered several carloads of food.

Thankfully, the Pantry received its regular delivery, which arrived unannounced Tuesday morning. But we did not receive our usual last-minute Wednesday delivery that includes perishables such as meat, produce and bread.

Fortunately, Executive Director John Psiharis, had purchased additional produce and Koch Food continued its deliveries of 240 10-pound bags of chicken. Excess produce was donated to The Friendship Center and the Niles Food Pantry.

The Pantry also has benefited from a partnership with the Chicago Police Knights Baseball Club, comprising members of the Bureau of Detectives and Youth Investigations in CAPS - 017th District Albany Park along with the Police Women's Soccer Club. They began volunteering at the Pantry in rotating groups in May and also arranged with Radio Flyer to donate three of its famous wagons to help clients take their groceries to their cars.



Members of the Irving Park Lutheran Church and Carlson Community Services take a breather after delivering several carloads of food to the Pantry after they learned that food deliveries to the Pantry had been disrupted. Photo by Liz Mills.



(Left) Marco Acevedo of the Chicago Police Knights Baseball Club, and Volunteer Manager Betsy Minor prepare to unload boxes of chicken delivered from Koch Foods, which began weekly deliveries in May. Photo by Craig Shutt. (Right) Members of the Chicago Police Knights Baseball Club and Police Women's Soccer Club pose with the wagons they arranged to have donated by Radio Flyer to help clients transport their food to their cars. Photo by Craig Shutt



Donations from individual filled all available space at the Pantry after word of cancelled deliveries of food orders went out to neighborhood organizations. Photo by Michelle Buchecker.

Great support also came from the iheartirvingpark.com campaign, which raised \$16,610 through its matching challenge. The consortium included the Athletic Field Park Advisory Council, Friends of Murphy, GIPNA, Hearth & Crust, Independence Park Advisory Council, Jet's Pizza,

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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.

News from Liz Mills, Carlson Community Services Executive Director

As I write this in early June, our city and country are rocked by a pandemic and civil unrest over the murder of another black person at the hands of the police. I'm relieved that we've flattened the curve of Covid-19 infections enough to allow the reopening of the city. But so much work remains to be done to bring racial equity to black and brown people. Black lives matter. We are committed to fighting racism across all Carlson programs, but particularly in our after-school program where kindness, inclusion and anti-racism are every day practices.

After taking a year off, I'm happy to report we've begun working in Three Brothers Garden again. Organic soil was delivered to the garden in late May, and crews of volunteers who are isolating together distributed the soil to the garden's raised beds. The beds have been planted with tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, beans, peas and herbs. Everything we grow in the garden is donated to the Irving Park Food Pantry. With a two-fold increase in clients due to Covid-19, the food pantry needs fresh vegetables now more than ever. To keep us safe as we work in the garden, we are relying on the guidance of NeighborSpace, a Chicago organization that assists community gardens. If you'd like to volunteer in the garden, add your name to our mailing list at carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Carlson was able to help the Food Pantry in another way in early June. With less than 24-hours- notice, we coordinated the emergency donation of 125 packed bags of groceries to the Food Pantry. Thanks to West Walker neighbors and Irving Park Lutheran Church for heeding the call!

We were disappointed to cancel our April Fine Arts concert due to Covid-19, but delighted to offer a virtual concert instead -- Dueling Pianos 2.0. Putting a twist on the traditional dueling pianos format, concert series artistic director Roger Bingaman challenged piano man Dan Gillogly to add his flair to piano pieces performed first by Bing, and then by Dan. Their performances of

selections from Bach, Beethoven and Debussy are a must see! You'll find the video on Carlson Community Services' YouTube channel and on our Facebook page. Watch for another Fine Arts video in June.

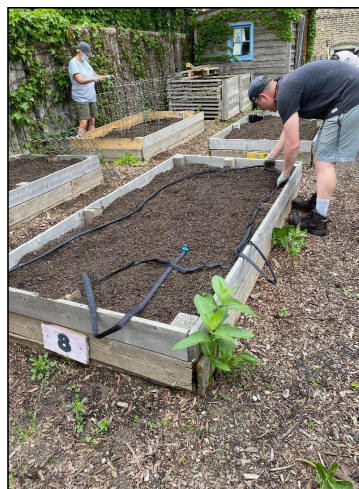


After an abrupt end to our program year, we're staying in touch with families served by the Magic After-School Place and planning for the fall. We want to support our students and families in whatever way we can, whether that's through remote learning or with an in-person program. We'll be gathering with the MAP team over the summer to show them our appreciation for the incredible impact they had on MAP families and students this past school year.

At the April virtual meeting of Carlson's Board of Director's, we were delighted to elect Jose Garcia to the board. Jose is Assistant Branch Manager at the Mayfair Wintrust Bank branch and a resident of the West Walker neighborhood. He's excited to join the Board and Garden Committee.

To keep up to date on Carlson programs, follow us on Facebook or sign up for our newsletter at carlsoncommunityservices.org. Carlson Community Services is a non-profit serving the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact me at 773-398-6766.

Wishing everyone a peaceful summer!



News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Online Worship with Irving Park Lutheran Church Join us at www.iplc.org or on Facebook or Instagram. As the city opens up we are also taking steps towards small gatherings, including receiving Holy Communion, and will resume Sunday morning in-person & live-streamed worship with precautions some time in the future.

Listen to the IPLC Carillon every day at noon, 6 pm, and 9 pm and Sundays from 10:30-11 am.

Summer Camp @ IPLC 2020 Suspended With much sadness, but with awareness of how uncertain things still are and how complicated and potentially dangerous, for students and staff, that it would be to run a camp while we continue to combat the coronavirus pandemic, the IPLC Learning Team decided not to hold Summer Camp @ IPLC this year. Our hearts go out to the families affected by this and by other changes in summer camps, which will be operating in greatly changed ways or not at all. We hope our camp can resume next year!

July GIPNA Meeting

Next month's meeting will be on Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00 pm. Join us online, from the comfort of your own home. Add us to your calendar. Link to join Zoom meeting:

Meeting ID: 819 2958 6855

Password: GIPNA

Next Farmers Market Our next market will be held on Sunday, June 28 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Marketplace at Six Corners (4730 W. Irving Park Road).

Once again, this will be a pre-order, one-way market with safe social distancing and sanitization practices. To order from the market, you'll place your order through the WhatsGood app or website. Stay tuned for an email next week with complete details.

Follow the Independence Park Farmers Market on Facebook for ongoing updates. You can also see updates on the Northwest Side Farmers Market Collective website. (It's new, please excuse the digital dust.)

GIPNA Neighborhood News

Our First Farmers Market Was a Success! We held our first Farmers Market of the year yesterday. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, we're doing things a bit differently. We've partnered with the Portage Park and Jefferson Park markets to collectively host the Northwest Side Farmers Market Collective at the Marketplace at Six Corners.

Vendors, volunteers, and patrons alike showed up (wearing masks, of course) yesterday to participate. Neighborhood favorites including Tamales Express, Percolator, and Stamper Cheese were among the vendors. I personally came home with tons of local produce, including fresh herbs and my first summer squash and strawberries of the season!

We're living in strange times, friends, and we know the market feels a bit different this year. But we really want to make it a positive experience for all. We want to continue to provide you with access to local food, and continue to provide support to our local producers.

Feedback so far has been positive. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns about making this year's market safe and successful for all, please let us know what you think by emailing farmersmarket@gipna.org

Free Cloth Facemasks from Sow Chicago The kind folks at Sow Chicago Community Church are offering free cloth facemasks to neighborhood residents. Simply text "maskip" to 31996 or visit their website to put in a request. They're offering both adult and child sizes.

Eat Local and Win

Our community has received so much support from our restaurants. Now it's time to give back. Athletic Field Park Advisory Council and Friends of Murphy have partnered to buy gift cards from local restaurants, and they're giving them away to community members who continue to support our local establishments during this challenging time.

How to enter: Visit IHeartIrvingPark.com to see a list of participating restaurants.

Order take-out or delivery from one of them, and enjoy a good meal safe at home.

Take a photo of your receipt and submit it through the [IHeartIrvingPark](http://IHeartIrvingPark.com) website.

Drawings take place every Tuesday and Sunday. You can see a list of recent winners, and other ways to help the community (or get help yourself) on the site.

Don't forget to take a photo of your food and share it on social media. Use the hashtag [#iheartirvingpark](https://twitter.com/iheartirvingpark) and tag [@FOMurphy](https://twitter.com/FOMurphy) and [@Athleticfield](https://twitter.com/Athleticfield) on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook.

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Rosa is advocating for violence intervention programs.

Ald. Nugent reported that her office is working their regular hours, but remotely. She encouraged residents to call the ward office number and the call will be answered. She has organized a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" program where individuals can volunteer their help to neighbors who are in need. Call the office or check her web site for details.

Representative Andrade mentioned that the police department is struggling to stay staffed because officers are contracting Covid-19. He called for more officers to be assigned to 17.

Commander Pontecore thanked all the businesses that have made donations of cleaning supplies and food and he encouraged everyone to support small businesses.

Zoom Meeting, May 20, 2020

The May CAPS meeting was by invitation. In

attendance were: CAPS Officer Zander, Commander Pontecore, Ald. Rodriguez (33rd), Alderman Rosa's chief of staff (35th), Alderman Nugent (39th) and Representative Andrade. Nine residents also attended.

Officer Zander reported that year over year, homicides are down 2, shootings are up 12, robberies are up and burglaries and motor vehicle thefts are down 36% and 26% respectively.

There has been an increase in motorcycle and catalytic converter thefts. Two male white/Hispanics driving a white Mustang were caught stealing catalytic converters. They were chased by police, but the chase was truncated. A grey Dodge Challenger or Charger is also suspected. Catalytic converter locks were recommended. People are encouraged to call 911 for any suspicious noises or activity they see. Thefts are occurring between 2:30 and 4:30 a.m. Smaller SUVs are targeted.

Alderman Nugent reported that her office is working seven days-a-week remotely. The Neighbors Helping Neighbors program is continuing. Her office gave away 23,000 masks.

Jessica Vasquez, Alderman Rosa's chief of staff, spoke in his absence. She reported that there will be a Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection Local Liquor Control Commission public meeting concerning Boem Restaurant, located at 3910-3914 W. Montrose. The meeting has been scheduled for July 23rd at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle, Room 805. The purpose of the meeting is to seek and discuss potential resolutions

of problems identified by citizen complaints, the alderman and the Chicago Police Department concerning Boem. Input from residents concerning this business is needed. Email Jessica at jessica@aldermancarlosrosa.org if you would like to provide input.

Ald. Rodriguez's office had a mask distribution day scheduled for May 22nd. She is leading an effort to put together a Mutual Aid Organization.

Representative Andrade was on the call from Springfield. His office can answer questions regarding the Illinois Department of Employment Security. He commented that people are noticing that there are more officers in the district.

Commander Pontecore spoke last. He acknowledged donations of supplies and food by local businesses. He talked about efforts to clamp down on gang activity through a gang and gun team. He said that Beat 1723 is the epicenter of conflict between two known gangs. Efforts are ongoing to gain the cooperation of landlords whose buildings are occupied by suspected gang members.

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 suspended, and it isn't known whether there will be a virtual or in person meeting for June. Check the CAPS Facebook page (below) for information. 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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JT's Genuine Sandwich Shop, OIPA, Murphy School PTO, the Dinham and Guillaume Families, and West Walker Civic Association.

Special thanks go to Irving Park United Methodist Church, which donated \$10,000 from the sale of its building at Keeler & Grace, the Pantry's home for 35 years. Thanks also to Dan O'Donohue, owner of the Jet's Pizza at Kimball & Irving Park Road, for delivering pizza slices to Pantry workers and donating 20% of one day's total sales on June 6th.

Many others too numerous to mention have donated goods, services and food to help meet the expanded need. We anticipate client totals will continue to be high as the economy recovers, and we appreciate everyone's help to ensure we continue our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

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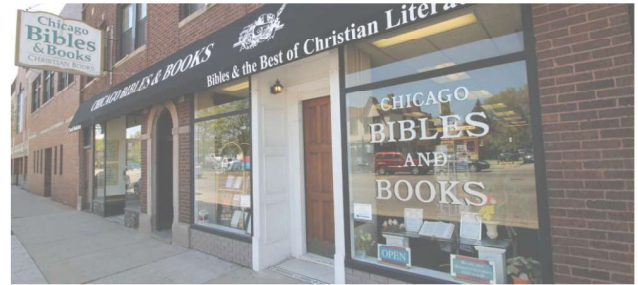
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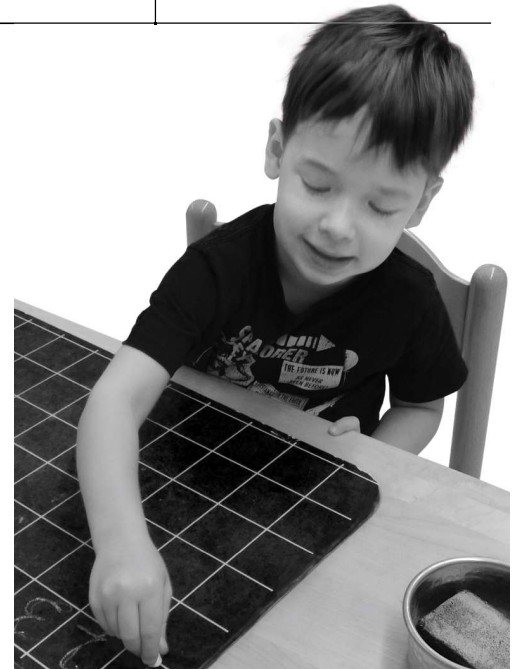
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Ten issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge

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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)!

Bring your 2020-2021 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, 2020 through April 30, 2021

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

NAME: _____
(Please print. Write your name as you would like it to appear in the West Walker Wire.)

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Please note your e-mail address if you would like to receive e-mail updates:

E-MAIL: _____

Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Mail or drop off your application and dues to: Sue Gregoire, 4106 N Springfield, Chicago, IL 60618

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City and State-wide Resources

For the most accurate and up-to-date resources and information, go to the City of Chicago COVID-19 page: www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home.html or the State of Illinois COVID-19 page: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/>

Local Covid-19 Testing Centers

If you have or had COVID-19 symptoms, the following locations are offering testing in our area.

- Swedish Hospital: Drive-through testing tent in the parking lot at Galter LifeCenter. Before visiting, call: 773-907-7700.
- Physicians Immediate Care, Six Corners at 4211 N Cicero Ave: Curbside COVID-19 testing for anyone with symptoms. To learn more, visit: <https://physiciansimmediatecare.com/clinic/six-corners/> or call (773) 794-1000.

Unfortunately, test availability is still limited in many areas. To best protect yourself and our community, if you feel sick your best first plan of action is to call your primary care physician for initial consult.