



WEST WALKER WIRE

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Chicago Park District In-Person Programs Resume

In-person programming at the Chicago Park District resumed Monday, January 25th at parks across the city after the State adjusted metrics that determine COVID-19 restrictions for Illinois regions. Under the current guidelines, limited, socially distanced programming will be offered at parks across the city. Programs will run from January 25th through March 28th.

In order to adhere to strict capacity limits, all in-person participants must register. Masks must be worn at all times. Virtual programs continue as originally scheduled running from January 4th through March 21. At this time, all Senior Programming remains online only. Visit chicagoparkdistrict.com/winter-2021-programs to register.

Important Information for Winter In-Person Programs

- Classes operate with static pods and stable cohorts. Class sizes are limited to 10 participants per instructor.
- Social distancing, physically keeping 6 feet apart from one another, is required at all times.
- All guests are required to wear their own face-covering/masks during programs.
- Guests must bring their own water, drinking fountains will not be available.

**Programs at McFetridge Sports Center, Morgan Park Sports Center, Gately & Addams Park follow a different schedule. Visit chicagoparkdistrict.com to view updated information for these parks.*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thur., Feb. 11 • 6:30 pm

Virtual Community Meeting Re:
Proposed Expansion of Columbia Care
Dispensary

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Tues., Feb. 16 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Fat Tuesday Virtual Pancake Supper
& Fellowship Hour

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Wed., Feb. 17 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Beats 1722 & 1723 CAPS Meeting
Send email to: Caps.017district@chicagopolice.org for a link.

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

Dear Neighbor

IT'S BEEN A LONG YEAR SINCE COVID-19 WAS DIAGNOSED in January, 2020. There have been dramatic and traumatic events on international, national and local level. Hopefully, with the introduction of a COVID-19 vaccine we can look forward to a summer or fall in 2021, when we will finally attain a new "normal", however that may look.

We missed out on a few things here in our Neighborhood in the last year. For the first time in over 30 years, we did not have the West Walker Annual Garage Sale in May, 2020. Odds are, we will not see a return of the garage sale in May of 2021, but we are evaluating the possibility of a fall garage sale if it can be conducted safely. Also, for the first time in over 10 years, we did not have a winter social in January, 2021. Once again, we hope to get back to a point where we can have an indoor gathering and celebration in January, 2022. And, the 4th of July Celebration in Independence Park could not be held for the first time since 1776, disappointing hundreds of egg-tossers and sack-racers.

We did have one new restaurant opening in 2021. Big League Burgers is a baseball themed restaurant and bar located at 3734 West Irving Park road. They're now open for carryout and limited indoor dining. As always, we encourage people to support businesses in the neighborhood. Go check it out.

Stay Safe and Well

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."

*Celebrating over 100 years of service
to the West Walker Community*

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News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Fat Tuesday VIRTUAL Pancake Supper & Fellowship Hour: February 16th, 6:30-7:30 pm Our annual Fat Tuesday food fundraiser is free this year! But you will need to make your own meal – it's a virtual pancake supper and fellowship opportunity this year! Whip up a batch of regular or Swedish pancakes and sausages and join us via Zoom. We can see who managed to find lingonberries and spend time in breakout rooms. There'll be lighthearted optional prompts for conversation starters and unlike other Fat Tuesdays in the IPLC Gym, you probably won't leave smelling like grease.

Outdoor Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 17, Noon & 6:30 pm in the Church Parking Lot We begin our forty-day journey toward Easter, repenting and remembering our mortality. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” – Join us for one of two 25-minute services in the parking lot, following health and safety guidelines, including wearing masks. (Please RSVP on the sign-up genius form or by email or phone message.) – Individual ash containers will be available for households to mark crosses on each other's foreheads, or you may be marked with ashes by Pastor Bouman, who will wear disposable gloves, changed after each use. We will also share Holy Communion. – To help you observe the Lenten season, take home your choice of devotionals: A Story to Tell—readings from the gospel of Mark with photos, quotes, and payers, and/or Never Said a Mumbalin' Word—spirituals and the bright sadness of Lent. Children may receive a Lenten Activity/Coloring/Sticker Book.

Online, Interactive Reflection & Prayer Wednesdays in Lent, 6:30-7:30 pm This Lent join us for interactive Zoom gatherings with meditative practices, reflection, and prayer, including leadership from MIC student Katie Butler.

Additional Outdoor Worship Opportunities: Palm Sunday & Easter We are planning a special outdoor worship service & learning opportunity on Palm Sunday (March 28th, 10:30 am) and outdoor services on Easter, including a sunrise service (April 4th, 6 am & 10:30 am). Stay tuned for further details on these plans.

Celebrating African American Heritage in Worship February is Black History Month and IPLC continues its tradition of highlighting and celebrating the stories and voices of people of color. This year's online worship

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REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

Your Neighborhood Realtor!

2021 Design Trends That Are Here to Stay

Since the pandemic, the comfort of our home has become even more important. And we are starting to see some changes in what homeowners (and buyers) want.

1. **Larger homes** – Buyers are looking for more space indoors to spread out and outdoors to relax. Builders are also increasing the sq ft in new construction homes too.
2. **A home office** – And if you don't have a separate room, try creating a “cloffice” – closet office.
3. **Defined spaces** - Buyers want defined rooms or if it's an open floor plan they want divided spaces for zoom calls, home schooling...and to accommodate multiple generations living in the home.
4. **Houseplants and indoor gardens** – to enjoy the calming effect and bring a bit of nature inside.
5. **On the more trendy side** – kitchens with woodgrain cabinets, bathrooms with Smart features and furniture and colors schemes from the 80's and 90's (think natural wood, burnt orange, forest green...)

Source: Realtor.com

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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723, Zoom Meeting, January 20, 2021

In Attendance: CAPS Officer Jerry Zanders, Commander Pontecore, John Campos, Ald. Rodriguez (33rd), Ald. Nugent (39th), Ald. Rosa (35th), Rep. Andrade

Officer Zanders reported 2020 crime statistics for the 17th District. The total number of homicides more than doubled in 2020 to a total of 12 compared with 5 in 2019. Shootings and robberies were up, while burglaries and motor vehicle thefts were down. So far in 2021, homicides are flat, robberies have increased by 5 and burglaries and motor vehicle thefts are down. Shootings are nearly all gang-related and targeted.

Beat 1723, which encompasses all of West Walker, saw a number of reports of shots fired in late December and early January. In addition, a resident of the 4000 block of Avers who was the victim of an armed robbery (knife) the evening of 1/13 when he interrupted 3-4 individuals who were tagging garages. Commander Pontecore reported that there is good video of the robbery but said the individuals

who were identified as the suspects couldn't be arrested because they were on private property behind a fence.

Officer Zanders addressed the alarming increase in carjackings in the 17th District. City-wide through January 20th there have been 122 carjackings since the New Year. He offered the following advice:

- Don't leave your car running, even it's locked.
- Don't sit parked in your car. People sitting in cars seem to be the primary target.
- Don't get boxed in if you can avoid it.
- Back into parking spots if possible, park in well-lit areas.
- Stay off your phone and be aware of your surroundings.
- If your car is rear-ended, don't exit the vehicle right away and don't let yourself be boxed in.
- If you are the victim of a carjacking, cooperate with the suspect.

The Commander reminded everyone that a car is replaceable, but a life is not. If you are the victim of a carjacking and there are children in the car, the advice is to yell "I have kids in the car." The Commander discussed the work he is doing with Ald. Rosa and several city departments to address a troubled building near Agatite and Lawndale.

It May Be Cold Out, But Our Neighborhood is HOT!



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The Commander expressed frustration at the ineffectiveness of electronic monitoring, which many gang members are placed on after being arrested. However, CPD is dedicated to continuing their missions. Between the November and January Beat meetings, 13 weapons were recovered.

Alderman Nugent reported that two POD cameras have been installed in the 39th Ward, at Kedzie and Bryn Mawr and Milwaukee and Elston.

Jessica from Ald. Rosa's office said their office is working with residents who have been affected by troubled buildings as well as working with the Commander to solve the issue at Agatite and Lawndale. A camera and license plate reader has been installed at Irving Park and Kimball but hasn't yet gone live.

Alderman Rodriguez reported that the 33rd Ward has been pretty quiet, but that there will be a meeting with all the alderman concerning carjackings on 1/22. Ald. Rodriguez explained that the violence interruption program, called ALSO is in the process of hiring and training interrupters.

Rep. Andrade talked about legislation he got passed that makes a carjacking possession of a stolen vehicle rather than a lesser charge that is a misdemeanor.

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. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Email CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org for an invitation. Remember to always lock your vehicle, never leave it running unattended 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.

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



17th District CAPS Prevent a Burglary Before it Happens

Police Officers are on a continuous lookout for crimes and suspicious activity that may occur in your area. The problem of Burglary is a growing concern in the 17th District and we need YOUR HELP in combating this crime of opportunity. Basic security precautions can significantly reduce your residence or business from being burglarized. By being security conscious and using simple steps to secure your property, the number of burglaries can be reduced.

The 17th District Tactical Officers will be conducting Burglary Assessments to identify areas on your property where you may be vulnerable to a burglary. This is an exterior physical assessment and Officers will not enter the residence or business. By neighbors and police assessing weak and strong points on your property, it will create a much greater sense of security, prevention and awareness.

Please contact the 17th District CAPS Office at 312-742-4588 or caps.017district@chicagopolice.org or call the 17th District Tact Office 312-742-4822 if you are interested in having your property assessed (limited availability).



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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Easter Basket Donations Needed



The Pantry is collecting donations for its annual Easter basket program for clients' children up to 8 years old. Items and assembled baskets are welcome. Photo by Craig Shutt

Donations can be brought to the Pantry on Mondays or Tuesdays (10 to noon), to Big Helpers (4184 N. Elston Ave.) on Monday through Friday (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or the drop box on the enclosed front porch at 3833 N. Tripp Ave. at any time.

We also encourage organizations to do their own collections or create assembled baskets. If interested, contact Special Events Coordinator Craig Shutt at craigshutt@gmail.com for details or to arrange a special delivery.

Congratulations to Executive Director John Psiharis, who was honored by Coca-Cola as an Everyday Hero for doing so much to help others in need. He received the honor and accompanying rewards during our January Tuesday night distribution. Among the gifts he was given were a six-pack cooler, air fryer and fleece Coke blanket. Coke also sent more than 100 bottles of Coca-Cola to share among the volunteers.

We continue to register clients to the new city-wide system instituted by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which requires more demographic information and will provide new analytics that will help us apply for specific grants. If you are a client of any pantry in the city, please use the online registration at gcf.link2feed.com

Thank you to Home Run Inn Pizza in Melrose Park, which donated 150 pizzas with varying toppings to the

Pantry. The pizzas were given to clients who came in early to register in the new system and who came in early January.

Congratulations to Rick Leitl, Pantry operations manager, who was named the Pantry's Volunteer of the Year for 2020. Rick helps create our weekly food order with the Greater Chicago Food Depository, schedules and coordinates deliveries and ensure stations are continually stocked with food. We appreciate all he does to help us!

Thank you to everyone who supports our efforts to be "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Pantry Operations Manager Rick Leitl was named the Pantry's 2020 Volunteer of the Year by the Pantry's volunteer crew and received his award from Executive Director John Psiharis. Photo by Craig Shutt



Pantry Executive Director John Psiharis was named a Coca-Cola "Everyday Hero" for doing so much to help others in need and received his honor and gifts at the Pantry in January. Photo by Michelle Buchecker



News From St. Edward School

Join us for a virtual Welcome Wednesday tour scheduled every first Wednesday of the month thru June from 8:30 - 9:30

am. This information session, Q&A and conversation with the principal and current school parents will offer you the opportunity to learn all about our 2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. Discover all that St. Edward School offers!

Mark your calendars to virtually attend St. Edward School's biggest annual fundraiser, Big Red House Party on Saturday, March 20 at 7 pm. This year's event is a virtual auction and stand-up comedy show featuring Pat Tomasulo. Proceeds from the Big Red House Party event support educational resources, school improvements and tuition assistance. From a variety of sponsorship levels to offering a cash or item donation, there are several ways you can support our efforts found on our website, www.bigredhouseparty.com.

These upcoming city community events give you a night off from cooking and benefit St. Ed's! Both flyers to show can be found at stedwardchicago.org/community-days.html.

- Wednesday, February 3rd (3:30 - 7:30 pm), McDonalds Drive-Thru Fundraiser, 6125 N. Milwaukee Ave.
- Tuesday, February 16th, all day, Panda Express, 2949 W. Addison. *Thank you for your support!*

St. Edward School celebrates 111 years of providing a Catholic education to children in grades PK3 - 8th grade. For more information, please visit our website at www.stedwardschool.com or call the office at 773-736-9133 to learn more about our outstanding academic programs and extended care.

Von Steuben Virtual Open House

Thinking about what high school to attend next year? Check out Von Steuben's Scholar and Magnet program at their Virtual Open House! More questions? Find answers on their Admissions FAQ page. Visit vonsteuben.org/ to get the link to the open house.

Emergency Heating Repair (EHR) Program

Emergency Heating Repair (EHR) is a Department of Housing grant program available to income-eligible Chicago homeowners for service to repair or replace their furnace or boiler heating system. Limited funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The program is open to Chicagoans who own and occupy a 1-to-4 unit residential property within the city limits. The property must be in inhabitable condition and not at risk of foreclosure. Commercial and mixed-use properties do not qualify. Open Enrollment Period ends April 1, 2021. Application packages are available by calling 311, by request through the CHI311 app, or visiting www.chicago.gov/housing. Call 312-744-3653 for more information.

Property Tax Late Fees Waived until May 3rd

The Cook County Board of Commissioners voted to waive late fees for two months on both property tax installments due in 2021. The first installment of 2020 taxes will still be due March 2, but late fees will be waived through May 3, 2021. Second installment taxes are due Aug. 2, 2021, and late fees are waived through Oct. 1, 2021. The First Installment Cook County property tax bills are available at cookcountytreasurer.com.

Utility Billing Relief (UBR) Program

Utility Billing Relief (UBR) provides low-income City of Chicago residents with a reduced rate on their water, sewer, and water-sewer tax as well as debt relief for those who demonstrate they can manage the reduced rate bills for one year. Benefits for UBR participants include: A reduced rate on water, sewer, and water-sewer tax; No late payment penalties or debt collection activity including water shut-off; and Debt forgiveness after successfully completing one year with no past-due balance. Visit: chicago.docugateway.com/main/guest/billing_relief/ to learn more and verify eligibility.

Tuesday Food Pantry

Every Tuesday, New Life Community Church - Albany Park, in partnership with New Life Centers of Chicagoland and the Greater Chicago Food Depository offers groceries to families in need. The food pantry is open on Tuesdays, from 4 to 6:00 pm at 3729 W Leland Ave. For questions, contact Pastor Joshua Sharif at joshuas@newlifechicago.org.

Chicago Snow Removal Ordinance

Who is responsible for clearing the sidewalks of snow and ice? EVERYONE! The city code states “every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any building or lot of ground abutting upon any public way or public space shall remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk...”

If you do not own your residential or business property, check with your rental or lease agreement or management company to see what your sidewalk clearing responsibility is.

When do I have to clear the sidewalks? Sidewalks need to be cleared 7 days a week. Clear sidewalks by 10 am if the snow falls overnight, or 10 pm if the snow falls during the day. Be sure to maintain a clear path if new snow falls.

How can I report locations that do not clear their sidewalks? You can report snow removal requests to 311. The appropriate city department will respond to your request within the defined service time. You can also use the 311 app or visit 311.chicago.gov.

How wide of a path do I need to clear to comply with the law? 5 feet. The city code requires a five-foot wide path to be cleared. Clear any ramps that are attached to the sidewalk. This width allows safe access from the crosswalk to the sidewalk and is particularly important for people in wheelchairs, using strollers, or anyone with an assistive device.

This path does not meet the width required in the city code. What is the best way to remove snow from the sidewalk? Do not push snow from driveways or sidewalks into the street or over crosswalks. When clearing driveways or walkways do not block the sidewalks with snow.

What is the best way to remove snow from the sidewalk? Use a shovel or broom to push snow into your yard or along the side of the sidewalk. DO NOT push snow into the street, bike lanes, crosswalks, bus stops, train stations, alley entrances, or Divvy stations.

What happens if I don't clear my sidewalks? **Individuals** who do not comply can face fines of up to **\$500 per day** of violation. **Businesses** that do not comply can face fines of up to **\$1,000 per day** of violation.

Community Meeting for Columbia Dispensary Expansion

by Brian Nadig, nadignewspapers@aol.com

Alderman James Gardiner (45th) will hold a **virtual community meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Feb. 11**, to discuss the proposed expansion of the Columbia Care medical and recreational marijuana dispensary at 4758 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Jefferson Park.

The dispensary, which opened for medical sales in 2016, is seeking to also use a neighboring storefront at 4760 N. Milwaukee Ave., but the property must be rezoned from B3-2 to C2-2 and then a special use permit to establish a medical and adult use dispensary must be obtained from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A special use for medical marijuana sales only was issued about 5 years ago for the building g at 4758 N. Milwaukee Ave., and at the time city officials said that additional zoning relief would be required if recreational sales were to become legal in Illinois and Columbia were to seek a recreational license.

Several years later when recreational sales became legal, the state law allowed existing medical dispensaries to obtain a recreational license without having to seek a zoning change or a new special use. However, those special accommodations do not apply for an expansion or relocation.

Columbia Care started selling recreational marijuana on Jan. 1, 2020, and the state has declared marijuana sales an essential service, allowing the dispensaries to operate during recent lockdowns. Due to marijuana shortages a year ago, dispensaries were required to give priority to their medical customers.

There are estimates that legal marijuana sales in Illinois totaled about \$1 billion in 2020.

The Zoom meeting ID is 985 3213 7979, and the passcode is 158784.

January 29, 2021

Call for Artists

Are you an artist with a connection to the Northwest Side? North River Commission wants to talk to you about collaborating on public art installations, community programs, and other opportunities to strengthen the network of arts and culture in our communities. If interested, email Carson at cpoole@northrivercommission.org

Construction and Infrastructure Projects - Stay in the Loop!

Are local construction affecting your business or home in the 33rd Ward? Check out these resources. Check out the 33rd Ward Construction Map, by visiting: 33rdward.org/construction-updates/ for local infrastructure updates and timelines.

If you're outside the 33rd ward, visit chistreetnetwork.chicago.gov/map and input your address to see what's in the works. This web-based tool displays current construction and road repair projects, newly resurfaced streets and special event permit information.

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Large gatherings and close contact activities are still prohibited and social distancing must be observed at all times by visitors in the Parks. Acceptable activities include walking, running, and hiking in our outdoor spaces alone or with members of the same household. Trail users are required to keep it moving. Masks are mandatory.

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services will include a special litany on diversity and love on February 14th and on subsequent Lenten Sundays a Confession & Forgiveness with a focus on repenting of racism & prejudice. Throughout the month there'll be special music and artwork and guest preachers. Thanks to Praise Coordinator Dee Kimpel for all she does to coordinate this and to all who are parts of the services. We thank God for brothers and sisters in faith of African American heritage and the ongoing work of racial reconciliation.

Irving Park Lutheran Church is located at 3938 W. Belle Plaine. Visit iplc.org to sign up for outdoor services, volunteer opportunities and get links for online events and worship. Questions? Call 773-267-1666

Embrace the Winter!

There are lots of things you can do besides binge-watch your favorite tv show...



Enjoy the outdoors (socially distanced) with a snowball fight, sledding, making a snowman or go snowshoeing! Make snow angels,

go stargazing, take a nice outdoor hike, or try ice skating! Bundle up and make s'mores in your backyard fire pit!

Enjoy the taste of winter by baking your favorite cake, pie or dessert! Learn how to make sourdough or any other kind of bread! Simmer a pot of delicious homemade soup, stew or have a little fondue!

Try some wintry crafts! Cut paper snowflakes, or make a birdfeeder out of pinecones, peanut butter, and birdseed—and place it near your window for a show. Create handmade valentines or knit a scarf!

Enjoy some much-needed self-care: Cozy up by that roaring fire (indoors or out!), watch the snow fall, burn your favorite scented candle, enjoy a bubble bath, or break out that jigsaw puzzle! Enjoy a good book, work on a challenging crossword puzzle or word game.

Reconnect with friends and loved ones by baking cookies to share. Host a movie marathon of all your favorites. Eat dinner by candlelight, or write a love letter. Plan a virtual game night!

Try something new by taking an online cooking class, brewing your own beer, or learning a new instrument. Pick up a new hobby - the sky is the limit! Encourage an amaryllis bulb or other flowering plant to bloom, or start some seedlings. Host a virtual book club or something similar!

If you have a regular virtual community event you'd like to share, such as a knitting circle, a book club, a group workout, or anything - **send your information to west_walker_wire@yahoo.com** along with contact information so people know how to reach you, as well as the date/time of your event.

WWCA Members

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

Michael Gillespie

Denise McCarthy

McHugh Family

Derya Ozyurt

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!

Do You Have a Submission for the Wire?

The West Walker Wire welcomes ads and articles from all of you! The deadline is always seven days prior to the first of the month. The next deadline is February 22nd. Please keep contributions down to about 1/2 page of news (or approximately 400 words). Submit to: Lee Samsami Stein, Wire Editor, west_walker_wire@yahoo.com. If you're interested in placing an ad, contact Shannan Bunting at WWWire@solsticepr.com.

Please note: If you're sending articles or information about an event, please make sure it's in a Word or Google document or the text is directly in the body of the email. Unless your contribution is a Wire paid advertisement, it should not be in pdf format.

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lee at west_walker_wire@yahoo.com.

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Yearly Membership Dues: Effective May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021

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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

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE 2021 A MUCH BETTER YEAR!

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