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Food Pantry Gift Card Drive Celebrates Mom

By Lauren & Paul Wargaski

The FED with Grace Food Pantry, located at Monticello and Berteau, is celebrating Mother's Day with a gift card to a local restaurant so clients can honor their moms. Donate to the gift card drive now through May 1st.

By donating in any amount, you will be helping to honor mothers who have been hit hardest by the pandemic with a special one-time meal, while also supporting restaurants in the Old Irving and Albany Park neighborhoods.

We hope to be able to provide restaurant gift cards in the amount of \$25 for our clients, and will be patronizing local restaurants to purchase these gift cards with donations received.

Donations in any amount may be given online at www.gracechurchchicago.org/giving (click on give to gift card drive), or may be dropped off at Grace Covenant Church office at 4159 N. Monticello. Every dollar will go directly toward a gift card to a local restaurant. Grace Church will also be matching every dollar donated to the gift card drive.

If you are interested in volunteering at FED or may know someone who may benefit from the services at FED, please go to www.gracechurchchicago.org/food-pantry.

Please scan the QR code at right to donate directly to this gift card drive.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., April 6 • 6:30 pm

Vehicular Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Webinar (via Zoom)
See page 9 for registration address.

Sat., April 10 • 9 am - 12 pm

Avondale Shred-a-Thon
Empty Lot at 3652 N. Milwaukee

Tues., April 13 • 6:00 pm

Schurz High School LSC Meeting
Visit schurzhs.org/index.jsp for zoom link and password.

Wed., April 14 • 6:00 pm

Albany Park/Irving Park
Special Service Area #60 Meeting
Visit northrivercommission.org/meetings/ for zoom link and password.

Wed., April 21 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting
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>

PEBA Needs Feedback

The Pulaski Elston Business Association (PEBA) is currently looking for feedback on the potential creation of a Special Service Area (SSA) in our community. **You can take our short survey at www.pulaskielstonstudy.org.**

Special Service Areas, known as Business Improvement Districts or BIDs in other cities, are local tax districts that fund expanded services and programs through a localized property tax levy within contiguous areas. The enhanced services and programs are in addition to those currently provided through the City.

SSA-funded projects typically include but are not limited to: public way maintenance and beautification; district marketing and advertising; business retention/attraction, special events and promotional activities; auto and bike transit; security; façade improvements; and other commercial and economic development initiatives.

The City contracts with local non-profits, called Service Providers, to manage SSAs. Mayorally-appointed SSA Commissioners for each SSA district oversee and recommend the annual services, budget and Service Provider Agency to the City. There are currently 53 active SSAs in Chicago.

Rebuilding Together - Shared Priorities, April 6th 6:00 pm via Zoom

North River Commission invites you to join your neighbors online to learn how to get involved in moving our shared priorities forward. Our Rebuilding Together series of community meetings began last June, and this meeting will be our 5th in the series. Our discussions are focused on how you can get involved in community rebuilding strategies. Join us on **Tuesday, April 6th at 6:00 pm** to find out how you can get involved in rebuilding efforts. Bring your voice to the virtual table and let's take the next steps together. **RSVP on eventbrite, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/75htspxc>.**

Meeting presentation slides will be sent with the Zoom link at 3:00 pm on Tuesday April 6th, the day of the meeting. When you RSVP, you can select to receive the slides in English or Spanish. Spanish speakers will be available to translate questions.

North River Commission serves the city-defined community areas of Albany Park, North Park and Irving Park, from the Chicago River to the east, Cicero Avenue to the west, Addison Street to the south, and Devon Avenue to the north. North River Commission invites all who live, work and play within its service area to participate in its community-driven development. This community meeting is open to ALL. Please feel free to invite your neighbors, associates, and fellow business owners to join us.

Visit North River Commission at northrivercommission.org/ and Albany Park Chamber of Commerce at albanyparkchamber.org for more information.

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: 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.

April is Fair Housing Month!

By Nick Kresl

As a student attorney working within the UIC John Marshall Fair Housing Clinic, I hope to be able to share some information regarding local fair housing laws with the aim to promote fair housing practices and eradicate housing discrimination in our neighborhoods.

Legal remedies exist at all levels of government; the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) governs federal claims, the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) governs state claims, and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations (CCHR) governs city-wide claims. While each fair housing statute is applicable in different scenarios, the most common violations within the city of Chicago occur as violations of the Chicago Fair Housing Ordinance § 5-8-010.

The first step to eradicating housing discrimination is understanding how to spot it. The Chicago Fair Housing Ordinance protects against several “protected classes.” A protected class is a group of people with some common characteristic that may not be discriminated against on the basis of their membership in that group. Protected classes by the Chicago Fair Housing ordinance include race, color, sex, gender identity, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status and source of income. The Ordinance outlines unfair housing practices in § 5-8-30. The most common type of unlawful housing practice is a refusal to rent, sell, or lease because of one of the above protected classes.

If you feel you or someone you know may be a victim of housing discrimination, there are a number of steps you may take. First, you can file a complaint on your own through HUD, IDHR, or the CCHR. Each administrative agency has a slightly different fair housing statute and procedure which must be followed to establish a valid fair housing claim. Alternatively, you may turn towards a legal aid service like our Clinic or to a private attorney. If you feel that you may be a victim of housing discrimination, please let us know! We will happily take a look at your issue and advise you on the steps to take. More information on our Clinic can be found on our website at jmls.uic.edu. You may file a complaint on our website or contact the Clinic via email at law-fairhousingclinic@uic.edu or via phone at 312-786-2267.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Thinking of Selling Your Home This Spring or Summer?

Tips to Prepare Your Home for Sale

1. Enhance your curb appeal. Paint the front door. Add flowers, fresh mulch or solar landscape lighting. Power wash the exterior. Buy a new door mat.
2. Make minor repairs. Fix cracked tiles, doors that don't close, leaky faucets. Re-caulk tub/sink.
3. Re-paint in neutral colors. Consider painting kitchen cabinets too!
4. Consider low—cost updates—new light fixtures, towel racks, plumbing fixtures, a decorative mirror, cabinet handles...
5. Make rooms look bigger. Remove large/excess furniture (consider renting a storage unit). Take the leaf out of the dining table.
6. De-clutter. Clear off countertops. Organize closets & cabinets.
7. Avoid potential allergic issues. Remove signs of pets or smoking.
8. Light it up. Increase lights' wattage to brighten rooms. Clean your windows & blinds.
9. Clean, clean, clean – floors, carpets, walls, kitchen, baths, inside of your fridge.

Whether you need a list of great local contractors or recommendations on what to fix or replace, let's connect. And 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, March 17, 2021

Important Notice: The announcement made last month that Beat 1723 meetings will be held every other month has been reversed. Beat 1723 will continue to meet with Beat 1722 the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Beat 1723 covers all of West Walker.

In Attendance: CAPS Officer Jerry Zander, Community Organizer John Campos, Lt. Interrante, Sgt. Iza, Tact Sgt. Robert Gomez, Area 5 Sgt. Jason Latika, Beat Officers, Erika Wozniak and Alderman Nugent (39th), Scott from Alderman Rosa's office (35th), Chief of Staff from Ald. Rodriguez's office (33rd)

CAPS Officer Jerry Zander gave the crime stats year to date: Homicides are down. Shootings are down 20%. 12 guns recovered. 6 unlawful weapons use charges. Robberies up by 1 from last year. Motor vehicle thefts are the same as last year.

Officer Zander gave the details of a few recent crimes in Beats 1723 and 1722. There have been several armed robberies of businesses. Reports of shots fired continue and seem to have moved into the area around Sauganash. Reports of shots fired were made on 3/11 at 11:15 p.m. at 4400 N. Lawndale. Shell casings were recovered but there were no victims and no property damage. The incident is being investigated.

On February 27 and 28, the 17th District conducted a DUI saturation. 60 citations were written and one vehicle was impounded.

Alderman Nugent (39) spoke about recent incidents of shots fired in the 39th ward, mostly around the Sauganash area. In response, the Sheriff's Department is helping out and the Alderman is working with the Mayor's office to get more resources. A Police Observation Device (POD) camera has been installed at Bryn Mawr & Kedzie with a license plate reader. Alderman Nugent is hosting a Ward Wide Community Safety meeting on March 23rd. (See summary below.)

Alderman Rodriguez's (33) Chief of Staff talked about the re-opening of their office. They are meeting

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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Hands to Help Donates to Pantry

Hands to Help, the northwest-side ministry that aided residents with a one-time grant to help resolve housing issues, closed its doors in December and donated some of its remaining funds to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. The organization provided the Pantry with \$10,000 for future food purchases and an additional \$13,000 to continue some of its work to meet neighbors' housing issues.

Founded in the mid 1990s and operating from St. John's Episcopal Church on Kostner, Hands to Help provided assistance to people who were homeless or needed help with a housing bill. The Pantry has long worked with Hands to Help and is pleased to be able to continue their work in some form. The Pantry's board currently is working with Client Services Coordinator Elvia Esparza to review options for how to best leverage their donation.

The Pantry has welcomed Liz Mills, executive director of Carlson Community Services, to its Board of Directors. Liz has worked closely with the Pantry on many programs, especially the group's Three Brothers Garden, which donates vegetables each summer. We look forward to having Liz's input on the Board's direction.

In January, the Pantry began using the Greater Chicago Food Depository's new registration system, Link2Feed, which ultimately will be used by all local pantries. It helps define clients by age, ZIP code, housing type, and other demographics. For example, it allows us to see our client base by age group (as expected, children 0-18 are the largest group by far).

As we add all clients to this database, the information will help us source specific food and other essential items based on average family sizes, develop and improve current programs, and help apply for targeted grants. This month, as part of GCFD's program, we will begin providing each client with a personal bar code to speed monthly registration.

We want to give a shout-out to our key partners, who make regular, often weekly, donations without special acknowledgement. They include:

Koch Food (150+ 10-pound bags of chicken quarters each week).

Whole Foods (twice-weekly deliveries of perishables and bread).

Nhu Lan Vietnamese bakery (weekly donations of bread loaves).

Lifeway Foods (regular donations of kefir single-serve beverages).

Three Brothers Garden (weekly summer deliveries of vegetables).

Jet's Pizza on Kimball (pizza donations, drop-off location and donation days).

BIG Helpers (drop-off location).

Thank you to everyone who supports us in achieving our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Marcy Ann Sherrill-Mitola of Hands to Help presents Board Member Sara Yoest and Executive Director John Psiharis with donations for the Pantry's food operations and so the Pantry can continue the group's efforts to provide housing help to those in the neighborhood. Photo by Craig Shutt



Patricia Eldridge (center), vice president at Wintrust Mayfair on Elston and her team, including Leslie Villasenor, universal banker (right), spearheaded an Easter basket donation for the Pantry's program to provide clients' children up to 10 years old with a treat for the holiday. Photo by Kathy O'Neill

News and Events from Carlson Community Services



**Carlson
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Services**

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Services is a
501(c)(3) non-
profit connecting

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

Virtual Trivia Night Results In!

Congratulations to "Spiked Proteins" on winning Carlson Community Services' 15th Trivia Night and second virtual event, held on March 19th. Carlson treasurer Melanie Zech and husband Rod led their team to victory by answering the tie-breaking question, "What is the population of Ireland." When awarded their \$200 prize, the team generously donated their winnings back to Carlson. The bragging rights and glory remain theirs! Rod and Melanie's team has been victorious in five out of 15 Carlson contests.

While we missed being together in our usual venue, a virtual good time was had by all. Through the magic of Zoom technology, each team gathered in a break out room to discuss their quiz answers and socialize. Thanks to organizers Helen Lira, Melanie Zech, Maria Dimond and Jennifer O'Grady for their help, and to Elena O'Grady for serving as the quiz grader and scorekeeper. Thanks to Pianoman Dan Gillogly for providing musical entertainment as the crowd gathered on Zoom. And of course to the 150 contestants who participated!

Thanks to Old Irving Brewing for donating back to Carlson 10% of orders placed for Trivia Night. In all, over \$5,000 was raised for Carlson's after-school program, community garden and concert series. During a year when our fundraising ability has been diminished sharply, the money raised at Virtual Trivia Night will help Carlson manage through these challenging times.

We're eager to begin work in Three Brothers Community Garden. Garden clean up and planting are on the schedule for late April. If you'd like to be notified of garden work days and events, send us a note at carlsoncommunityservices.org/contact/ and you'll be added to our mailing list. All vegetables grown in Three Brothers Garden are donated to the Irving Park Food Pantry.

Staff of the Magic After-School Place eagerly await the return to full in-person learning and the resumption of



From top: Dan "The Pianoman" Gillogly entertains the crowd at Carlson's Virtual Trivia Night. Spiked Proteins were the winners of Carlson's Virtual Trivia Night, led by Carlson treasurer Melanie Zech and her husband Rod. Clockwise from left are: Matt Alesci & Katrin Varner, Melanie & Rod Zech, Dave & Laura Zehner and Dan & Dena Tranen's dog.

our program. In the meantime, we are planning a MAP summer camp that will help re-connect the kids in a fun, Covid-safe camp setting.

Carlson Community Services connects the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766 or lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org.



St. Edward School

St. Edward School's biggest annual fundraiser Big Red House Party was a huge success! The school community thanks

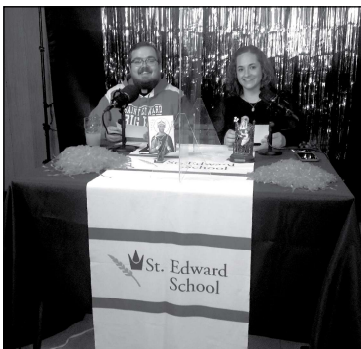
everyone who tuned in and donated. Proceeds from the Big Red House Party event include the support of educational resources and school improvements. Big Red Thanks!

These upcoming Community Events give you a night off from cooking and a chance to shop, and benefit St. Ed's! Flyers and more information can be found on St. Edward School's website. Thank you in advance for your support!

- **Wednesday, April 14th, 4 pm – 10 pm**, Lou Malnati's, 986 N Avondale Ave, Chicago, 60641. Flyer needed; online code: FUNDED21
- **Friday, April 23rd, in store 6 pm – 8 pm**, Kendra Scott, 4999 Old Orchard Shop Center East Ring Rd Suite C30, Skokie, 60077 Online: Thursday, April 22 (check St. Ed's website for link and code)

Join us for our next virtual Welcome Wednesday tour on Wednesday, April 14 from 8:30 am - 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. You can also contact office@stedwardschool.com to schedule an in-person tour or individual Zoom tour with our principal. Discover all that St. Edward School offers!

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.



St. Edward School's Big Red House Party hosts Father Dominic Clemente, Pastor of St. Edward Parish and Mrs. Sara Lasica, Principal of St. Edward School.

GIPNA Meetings

Next GIPNA Monthly Meeting

Join our monthly GIPNA meeting to discuss neighborhood news and updates, and get to know your neighbors! All community members are welcome. Add us to your calendar.

When: Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Online

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81929586855?pwd=R3Z0TlplR2JRbytZMmh1VklHT2tiQT09>

Meeting ID: 819 2958 6855

Passcode: GIPNA

GIPNA Annual Meeting: Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm. We will be inviting our local politicians to the event as well. All community members are welcome.

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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 at 312-742-4822 if you are interested in having your property assessed (limited availability).

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with neighborhood associations and are working on participatory budgeting, safety, speed humps, lighting, etc. She invited neighborhood groups to schedule a meeting with the Alderman.

Scott, the Ward Superintendent from Alderman Rosa's office (35th), said that a POD camera with a license plate reader requested by Alderman Rosa had been installed at the northwest corner of Irving Park and Kimball. It should be operational soon and will be very helpful in identifying perpetrators of crimes in that area. Their office is working with community partners on getting residents Covid vaccine appointments. Call their office if you fall into 1b or 65+ categories at 773-887-3772.

Sgt. Iza provided follow up to the October/November Community Conversation. They are working on the final stages of the strategic plan, which will be on the CPD web site soon. Community problems identified at the meeting were shootings, robberies and motor vehicle thefts.

Sgt. Iza provided tips on how to avoid being the victim of a carjacking. Don't leave the vehicle running if you leave the car, even for a minute. Don't leave your keys in the vehicle. If you are a delivery driver, don't leave your vehicle running. If there is a child in the car, scream that out to the carjacker.

In addition, be on the alert for ruse burglaries. If someone knocks on your door claiming to be from the city or a utility, do not let them in until you have verified that access is needed. Call the number on your utility bill for verification. If the person flees, call 911 and give the best description you can to the dispatcher.

Tact officers are still offering burglary assessments for business and residences. Call the CAPS office at 312-742-4588 or email CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org and someone will make an appointment for you.

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 rely on the number of calls for service in determining the allocation of officers to a district. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 21st 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.

How to reach or follow the 17th District CAPS office:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CAPS.017

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Email: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org

Phone: 312-742-4588

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

Alderman Samantha Nugent's 39th Ward Safety Meeting Zoom Meeting: March 23, 2021

Panelists: Alderman Nugent (39), Adam Roberts, (39), Deputy Chief for Area 5 Roberto Nieves, 17th District Commander Ron Pontecore, 16th District Tact. Lt. Terry Forbes

Alderman Nugent called the meeting to address the recent uptick in shots fired in the Sauganash area. She also referenced shootings that occurred in the Mayfair neighborhood in the fall and Ward-wide reports of shots fired. Commander Pontecore confirmed that all incidents in the northern part of the ward are related to intergang conflict involving narcotics. He also confirmed that the gang members involved in these events live in the 39th Ward.

In response, Alderman Nugent has taken the following police and non-police actions: She has requested and received additional resources for the 17th and 16th Districts. These officers will be staying in 16 and 17. The Cook County Sheriff's Department has supplied some gang officers. POD cameras and license plate readers have been added. (There is a POD camera at the corner of Irving Park and Pulaski.) Violence interrupters from the Alliance of Local Service Organizations (ALSO) have just started working in the 39th and adjacent wards. The city law department is working on troubled buildings to get rid of criminal tenants and work with landlords.

Alderman Nugent, Commander Pontecore and Deputy Chief Nieves agreed that the pandemic has contributed to much of the uptick in shootings. Gang members who have been charged with weapons violations haven't had their cases heard because the courts are closed. So they are on electronic monitoring which isn't always effective. In addition, the resources that provide youth and adults with opportunities are shut down due to Covid. Alderman Nugent stated that she hopes to see peer juries, youth sports, in-person school and job placement programs resumed very soon.

Residents were reminded to report suspicious and criminal behavior when they see it to 911, and not just on social media. Calls for service help determine allocation of resources and manpower. Currently, the 17th is the lowest staffed district. If drug dealing is observed, call 911. Provide a description of the individual, from top to bottom, starting with hair or hat to shoes. For a vehicle, describe make and model, color and anything identifiable, like a dent or damage, a license plate number, complete or partial.

In terms of crime prevention, court advocacy programs, phone trees, block clubs and strong neighborhood organizations are very effective. The CAPS office can help set up block clubs. Attend monthly CAPS meetings. Ring doorbell footage can be helpful if a crime occurs.

Vehicular Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Webinar

Tuesday, April 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Incidents of vehicular hijacking (carjacking) and motor vehicle theft have spiked throughout the city during the pandemic. Vehicles are often stolen in a crime of opportunity and are used for the commission of another crime, for joyriding or parts. Attend this Zoom webinar to learn how to avoid being the victim of carjacking and motor vehicle theft. For more information contact



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