

WEST WALKER WIRE

JUNE 2022

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Independence Park Farmers Markets Return June 19!

The first market is **Sunday, June 19** at Independence Park. The market will be held from **9 am to 1 pm**. Check back at www.gipna.org or the Independence Park Farmers Market Facebook page for more vendor updates. Markets will always be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month until October. We can't wait to see you!

Fourth of July at Independence Park

The Traditional 4th of July Celebration will be held on **Monday, July 4** at Independence Park, starting with the parade at **10:00 am** and followed by old fashioned games, treats, and lemonade. Don't miss it!



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., June 7 • 7:00 pm

GIPNA Meeting - Zoom
Meeting ID: 819 2958 6855
<https://tinyurl.com/2p8vzjnx>

Fri., June 10 • 7:30 pm

Nordic Voices of Chicago Presents
And There Was Music: reflections on
community, music and life in a pandemic
Irving Park Lutheran Church
3938 W. Belle Plaine
(see details on page 9)

Mon., June 13 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Athletic Field Advisory Council Meeting
Athletic Field Park
3546 W. Addison

Wed., June 15 • 6:30 pm

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting
In-Person and Zoom
4650 N. Pulaski, Community Room

Sun., June 19 • 9 am - 12 pm

GIPNA's 16th Annual Gourmet
Father's Day Pancake Breakfast
Independence Park Bungalow
3900 N Hamlin Ave

Sat., June 25 • 9 am - 2 pm

Art and the Garden Walk
(see details on page 3)

Wed., June 22 • 5 pm - 8 pm

Flavors of Albany Park
(see details on page 5)

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

Dear Neighbor,

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS. There was a little rain, but it was mostly a beautiful day for this year's garage sale. Thanks to everyone who helped assemble and distribute all the garage sale permits and maps, as well as to put up and take down our garage sale signs.

THERE ARE NO WIRES PUBLISHED in July or August. We will post any important developments and events on the West Walker Facebook Group Page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestWalkerCivicAssocChicago/>.

THE BIG SUMMER EVENT is the old fashioned Fourth of July Celebration in Independence Park. The bike parade kicks off at 10:00 am followed by games. Hope to see you there. Hopefully, calm will be the prevailing mood over the summer. Everyone can do their part by being courteous and watchful. Attending CAPS meetings will keep our beat officers aware of neighborhood concerns.

THE WEST WALKER WIRE AND BLAST STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS. Please reach out to me at webber.wwca@gmail.com or 773-539-8346 if you are interested in volunteering or have questions.

THE WIRE WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER!

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Mike Webber
WWCA President, Pro Tem



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WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

"The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have."

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

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

**Submit ideas and text to:
west_walker_wire@yahoo.com.**

Please include a phone number in case we need to follow up with you. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for space and content. For information on advertising, please contact Shannan Bunting at shannan@solsticepr.com.

Call For Art: Democracy in Danger, Deadline July 3

Globally, Nationally, and locally, democracy and freedom as we have known it is under attack. As we approach our mid-term elections, we are seeking artwork of all mediums, including video, poetry and taped performances that address the theme of Democracy in Danger. Show runs July 22nd through August 28th, 2022 at Stola Contemporary Art.

All accepted work will be posted on our website for sale as well as hung in the Gallery. Please note that the images you submit as well as the statement relevant to your work is what will be used on our website! Stola Contemporary Art will retain 35% commission on sales of all work while it is in our possession.

All accepted shipped work must be at the gallery by July 17th and must be accompanied with a prepaid return shipping label.

Entry deadline is July 3rd, and accepted artists will be notified by July 8th. There is a \$35 entry fee. To enter your work, visit <https://tinyurl.com/9jn2n3v7> which will take you to the "Entrythingy" site.

The gallery hours are: Monday/Wednesday by appointment, Thursday/Sunday noon - 4 pm, and Friday/Saturday noon - 5pm. Stola Contemporary Art is located at 3738 W. Irving Park Road in Chicago. For more information or questions email stolacontemporaryart@gmail.com or call Kelly Mathews, Gallery Director at 708-334-7062. Visit the gallery online at stolacontemporaryart.com.

Save the Date: Art and the Garden Walk June 25

Mark your calendars for June 25 for Art and the Garden Walk, which will begin at 9 am and end at 2 pm. Tour 11 gardens in Old Irving Park and featuring artwork by our member-artists! Free for members. Nonmembers just \$10; Watch the Irving Park Garden Club Facebook Page for details on tickets. The Irving Park Garden Club exists to educate its members and to help beautify the neighborhood. We meet once a month from March through October. Want to join? Annual dues are \$20 per household. Contact Claudia Hine at claudiahine@icloud.com for more information.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Should You Update Your Home Before Selling?

In today's sellers' market, with fewer homes for sale, buyers may be more willing to take on home improvements themselves. That's good news for sellers who don't have the time, money or desire to make major updates.

If you are thinking of making updates before you sell, now or in a few years, according to a 2022 study, here is your potential return on investment:

- Refinish hardwood floors – 147% return
- New wood flooring – 118% return
- New roof – 100% return
- Garage door – 100% return.
- Vinyl siding – 82% return.
- Attic conversion to living area – 75% return

Often, I hear my clients say, *"I wished I had made these improvements sooner so I could enjoy them."* Homeowners rated these improvements 9.5 to 10 on a 10 pt. Joy Scale. So it's not always just about the return on the investment.

There are also smaller, lower cost improvements & repairs that add value and bring a lot of joy:

- Painting a room
- Landscaping & gardening
- Kitchen & bath upgrades – swap out a vanity, change light fixtures, paint the cabinets...

Sources: KCM, NAR, Freddie Mac

If you are thinking of selling in the next 24 months, and want an opinion on what improvements to make or want to know how much your home may be worth, please call me for a free home consultation.

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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723

May 18, 2022 In Person Meeting

In Attendance: Community Organizer John Campos, CAPS Officer Jerry Zanders, Officer Darryel Boone, Capt. Kaup, a new to the district Tac. Lt., Vicko Alvarez from Alderman Rosanna Rodriguez's office (33rd), Erika Wozniak from Ald. Nugent's Office (39th), Jessica from Alderman Rosa's office (35th), a handful of residents.

Officer Zanders highlighted numerous incidents in Beat 1723, which covers all of West Walker.

Hit and run on 5/14 in the afternoon in the 4100 block of Pulaski. A blue/grey pick-up truck crashed into a car, which pinned a victim's legs between two cars.

In the 4500 block of Central Park on 4/22 at 12:54 p.m. an aggravated assault occurred. Multiple shots were fired at a victim who was unloading their groceries. The suspect fled in a black Nissan.

A homicide occurred on the 3400 block of Sunnyside on 4/30 at 6:00 a.m. The victim suffered a gunshot

wound to the face. There were two other victims of what appeared to be a gang dispute.

An aggravated battery with a handgun occurred in the 4400 block of Central Park on 5/1 at 2:20 a.m. The victim was shot in the face. A dark colored SUV fled the scene.

A homicide occurred in the 4400 block of Hamlin on 5/6 at 7:05 pm. Victim was driving a white Chrysler. A black 4 door sedan shot at the victim, whose vehicle hit six vehicles. The perpetrator was seen fleeing westbound on Montrose.

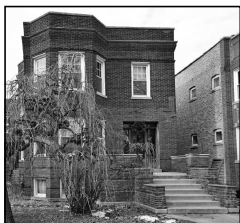
An aggravated battery occurred in the 3400 block of W. Montrose on 5/13 at 6:40 pm.

Officer Zanders reported that since March, 17th District has recovered 31 guns and 21 individuals have been arrested. An individual was arrested for a homicide at 6 Corners that happened 2/2022.

A resident asked about why alley parking complaints don't receive a higher priority when calling 911. Captain Kaup explained that if you give your name when calling in a parking complaint, it will be given a higher priority.

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Thinking of Getting a Smaller Home or Relocating?



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Garden Club at Grace Covenant Church

This is a group for people who are interested in gardening, regardless of the level of one’s experience, knowledge, or skill. It is a kid-friendly group and we help tend spaces at Grace, in each other’s homes, and community gardens. We meet on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. Please reach out to Troy or Milton for more information about each week’s planned meeting place as we move around from week to week.

Contact Troy Cady at troybcady@gmail.com or call 773-754-6534, or Milton Sewell at miltonsewell3@gmail.com or call 773-791-3312.

Grace Covenant Church is located at 4201 N. Monticello Avenue in Chicago. For more information about the church, call 773-478-0208, email: office@gracechurchchicago.org or visit www.gracechurchchicago.org.

Flavors of Albany Park June 22

We are excited to bring back Flavors of Albany Park on Wednesday, June 22nd, and support our diverse local restaurants. Join us in celebrating #GlobalRootsLocalHeart with the event of the summer!

Experience international cultures and cuisines by tasting the many delicious “Flavors of Albany Park” at our neighborhood restaurant crawl on **Wednesday, June 22nd, from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**. Albany Park is “Chicago’s Gateway to the World!” Come to experience ethnic cuisines from 60+ participating restaurants in this international food tour!

Flavors of Albany Park explores the depth and diversity of global cuisines across FOUR routes. The choice is yours! Attendees receive a “passport” as their ticket and route guide to taste sample-sized portions of culinary delights from local restaurants along: 1) Lawrence East, 2) Lawrence West, 3) Kedzie or 4) Montrose Avenues. Restaurants will offer a sample of their food, a sweet treat, or a unique drink to all attendees.

Flavors Tickets! \$40 for adults, \$13 for kids (12 and under), \$25 for students (with valid ID, includes university) and \$25 for seniors (60+). Tickets are an additional \$5 on the day of the event. Order your tickets ahead of time by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/p2dewzya>.

Tickets are limited on each route. Flavors sold out in 2019 and 2021, so buy your tickets today! Flavors of Albany Park takes place outside rain or shine. No refunds.

There will be a FREE After-Party which begins at 7:00 pm at Surge Coffee Bar & Billiards, 3241 W Montrose, with live music from Mariachi Sirenas outside in the parking lot.

Safety considerations: Flavors is an outdoor event, but we encourage you to bring your masks. You may need them for waiting in a short line or when you step inside a restaurant to pick up your sample. All together, Flavors will follow CDC, Chicago Department of Public Health, and Illinois Department of Public Health COVID19 guidelines.

Many Special Summer Sundays at Irving Park Lutheran Church

Sunday worship at Irving Park Lutheran Church is at 9:30 am on Sundays through Labor Day weekend and there’s something special – often more than one thing – almost every Sunday this summer. In June we’ll have baptisms (various Sundays), we’ll celebrate graduates and enjoy ice cream sundaes (6/12), we’ll have a letter writing campaign on behalf of the hungry and serve strawberry shortcake (6/19).

On July 17 we have a special outdoor worship service in our gravel lot (4111 N. Pulaski): Brunch, Band, & Bags: Church Picnic and Worship in “The Grotto.” We’re starting with the potluck meal, so come right at 9:30 am if you prefer your egg dishes hot. If you can bring a camp chair, and/or a picnic blanket, or even a small tray table, that might be helpful. As we finish eating a special band will begin playing music, and then we’ll move into an abbreviated worship service, followed by a “Bags” or “Cornhole” contest. There’s also more baptisms in July and August and other special services. Join us!

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



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

Our Garden is Growing!

Thanks to everyone who came out to prepare and plant Three Brothers Garden for the season. Over two weekends in May, in between the rain drops and heat wave, we prepared and planted 13 raised beds. Helpers included West Walker residents Jose Garcia, Melanie Reschke and Doug Fraser, plus teens Emerson and Mila. We'll be starting to harvest vegetables in mid-to-late June. If you'd like to be notified of garden work days and harvest, sign up for our newsletter at carlsoncommunityservices.org and you'll be added to our mailing list. All vegetables grown in Three Brothers Garden are donated to the Irving Park Food Pantry. The garden is at 4107 N. Pulaski, next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot.

Plant a Row for the Hungry with Three Brothers Garden!

At Three Brothers Garden we're inviting home gardeners to participate in a program called Plant a Row for the Hungry. Simply dedicate a row in your garden to growing crops for donation to the Irving Park Food Pantry. Starting in late June, drop off your donation on Tuesdays before 6 pm at Three Brothers Garden, 4107 N. Pulaski. You can leave your donation on the table under the pergola. Your donation will be brought to the Food Pantry Wednesday morning for immediate distribution to Food Pantry clients.

Magic After-School Place (MAP) Update

Students enrolled in Carlson Community Services' after-school program have been having a blast this spring! They've been taking advantage of warmer temperatures with visits to Independence Park, starting tomato seeds for Three Brothers Garden, watching caterpillars morph into butterflies and enjoying plenty of outdoor play. MAP serves children in kindergarten through 8th grade at Belding and Murphy schools. Our focus is on homework completion and socialization through group activities. With a tiered tuition structure based on income, MAP is a valuable partner for working, low-income families who need a safe place for their children to go after school. Irving Park Lutheran Church generously donates program



From top: Students from Carlson's after-school program deliver tomatoes they've grown from seed to Three Brothers Garden for planting; (left) Getting face-to-face with Painted Lady butterflies at MAP; (right) MAP students enjoying Fridays at Independence Park; Lizz Bisesi and Carlson Board Member Jose Garcia prepare a bed for planting.

space at their gym at 4057 N. Harding. Enrollment information will be available soon. Contact our program director, Rebecca Haneberg, at mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org for information.

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.

News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Pantry Creates Herb Garden

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is re-establishing its herb garden, which was popular with clients at our former location before we moved three years ago. We have cleared a space and have volunteers working to put in raised boxes and decide what will be included. (Our previous garden featured sage, basil, cilantro, parsley, mint, chives thyme and oregano.)

The garden is in need of donations of various kinds, including (most likely) soil, fertilizer, gardening tools, plants and other items. If you would like to help or donate, please contact Lisa Hendricks, who is coordinating the program, at lisa.29bi@comcast.net. To donate funds to help us purchase items, make a PayPal donation at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org or mail a check to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago IL 60618.

Thank you to the Boy Scouts of St. Edward Church, who held a food drive for the Pantry in April. Thanks also to the fifth-grade Girl Scouts of Troop 25717, who held a drive in May after visiting the Pantry in April to learn about our operation and how food reaches families. We appreciate the support of these scouting groups and look forward to working with them again!

Representatives of Oak Street Health have been coming to the Pantry to explain to volunteers and clients the range of services the healthcare company provides to those using Medicare insurance. Oak Street Health is a long-time supporter of the Pantry, and we appreciate their help with a number of programs over the years.



Thanks to Kerry Brown Hasbrook of Radical Generosity Chicago, who helped create and donate 70 birthday-party kits for our clients. The kits, made by classes of students she works with, include cake mix, frosting, candles, plates and silverware, cupcake tins and all kinds of extra treats for a great party for anyone young or old. They will be given out throughout the summer.



(From Top) Andrea Orm Gilbert and some of the fifth-grade Girl Scouts from Troop 25717 received a tour of the Pantry from Executive Director John Psiharis prior to their food drive in May. Members of the Boy Scouts troop at St. Edward Church delivered the results of their food drive to Executive Director John Psiharis (at right) in April. Photos by Craig Shutt



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Summer at St. Edward Looking for a summer camp? KidZToPros is offering a variety of camps for age groups throughout the summer. Totus Tuus is offering two summer faith camps the last week of July: daytime camp for kids entering 1st – 6th grade and evening camp for 7th – 12th grades. Learn more at stedwardschool.com.

Big Red Congrats to St. Ed's Track & Field Team! This year was the first time St. Edward participated in the State Track & Field Meet in Peoria in Division 1A.

Congrats to TJ (class of 2023) who came in 5th in state in the 800 meter and Peyton (class of 2022) who finished 15th in state for long jump! Both set new personal records in their events! We are Big RED proud of the accomplishments of the entire team.

Grandparents & Special Persons Day was celebrated earlier last month. Mass, light breakfast and musical performances were enjoyed as well as visits to student classrooms and the Art Show! It was wonderful to once again showcase and share the achievements of our students to their loved ones.

Looking for a new Pre-K – 8th grade school for the 2022-2023 school year? Register for more information and schedule a campus tour on our website, stedwardschool.com.

St. Edward School celebrates 112 years of providing a Catholic education to children in grades PK3 – 8th grade. You can contact office@stedwardschool.com to schedule an in-person tour or individual Zoom tour with our principal. St. Edward School is a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. 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.

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Music Camps, Basketball, Jazzercise and More Community Partners Meet at IPLC

There's lots going on in our buildings on days other than worship on Sundays. **UpBeat Music and Arts** offers individual and group classes and weeklong summer music camps, various **youth and adult basketball groups** meet for individual and group coaching and pick-up games, a **bagpipe group rehearses Thursday nights**, **AA groups** meet several days a week, **Jazzercise** meets Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays in the mornings. See the calendar on the IPLC website (www.iplc.org) or call the church office (773-267-1666) for more information about these and other programs.

Nordic Voices Concert Friday, June 10

Nordic Voices of Chicago, directed by Melissa Grant, with Janet Eckhardt at piano, presents **And There Was Music: reflections on community, music and life in a pandemic**. This special event will feature the texts of Wendell Berry, Elizabeth Bishop, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Paul Simon and Sara Teasdale. The concert will feature the music of Susan LaBarr, Henry Purcell, Sarah Quartel, Joan Szymko and others!

Don't miss this beautiful evening of music on Friday, June 10 at 7:30 pm at Irving Park Lutheran Church, located at 3938 West Belle Plaine Avenue in Chicago. Suggested donation is \$15.

Hiking in Chicago

Summertime is the perfect time to hike! The North Branch Trail System offers paved and unpaved trails along approximately 20 miles of the North Branch of the Chicago River, making it a premier walking and biking route. Connecting Chicago to the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, the system includes trail loops through ecological restoration sites with diverse native wildlife. Trailheads along this system can be accessed through:

LaBagh Woods Trail entrance is at N. Cicero Ave, north of W. Foster Ave, located at the southern start of North Branch Trail, LaBagh Woods is host to diverse natural areas, including wooded landscapes, wetlands, savannas and sedge meadows. Known for exceptional birding opportunities, this site also offers picnic groves and large open fields.

Forest Glen Woods Entrance is at N. Forest Glen Ave, north of N. Elston Ave.

Thaddeus S. "Ted" Lechowicz Woods Entrance is at N. Central Ave, north of N. Elston Ave.

Caldwell Woods Entrance is at W. Devon Ave & N. Nagle Ave. Caldwell Woods features picnic groves, activity areas, a warming shelter, sledding hill and access to the popular North Branch Trail. Although small in size, this preserve is big on diversity, with habitats ranging from flatwoods and floodplain forests to open savanna and oak woodlands.

Bunker Hill Entrance is at W. Harts Rd, southwest of W. Touhy Avenue in Niles. Known for its popular picnic groves, Bunker Hill contains remarkable natural areas, including a floodplain forest, open savanna and the Sidney Yates Flatwoods. The site is part of the extensive North Branch Trail System and offers easy parking and natural play areas for kids.

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WWCA Members

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

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Charlene Greif
Jim Naisbitt

Tony Stompanato & Caroline Gosselin

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. **September issue's deadline will be August 25.** Please keep contributions down to about 1/2 page of news (or approximately 400 words). Submit to: Wire Editor, west_walker_wire@yahoo.com. If you're interested in placing an ad, contact Shannan Bunting at shannan@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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Mail or drop off your application and dues to: Sue Gregoire, 4106 N Springfield, Chicago, IL 60618

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Jessica from Alderman Rosa's office reported that the Alderman is working with Alderman Rodriguez about a Walk My Block event, especially after the incident cited above on 5/6. She urged residents to call 911 if they see something suspicious. You always have the option to remain anonymous. Alderman Rosa is working to get the city to approve a security camera rebate program that would include lighting. They are trying to get infrastructure improvements that will deter crime.

Vicko from Alderman Rodriguez's office reiterated the Walk My Block event happening in conjunction with Alderman Rosa's office. Residents can request a Walk My Block on their street, which are scheduled every other Monday.

Erika Wozniak spoke on behalf of Alderman Nugent. She gave an update on construction projects. Alderman Nugent is working to get more POD cameras. There will be a shredding event on 6/4. The Alderman's office is taking street resurfacing requests.

All three wards have new ward boundaries in the Ward remap. They will take effect at the end of 2022.

Chicago Police Department is offering cash rewards for tips leading to charges and convictions. \$5,000 for tips leading to gun trafficking charges and convictions and up to \$15,000 for tips leading to homicide charges and convictions. Callers are 100% anonymous. The number to call to leave a tip is 833-408-0069.

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, June 15th at 6:30 pm in the 17th District Community Room, 4650 N. Pulaski. 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.

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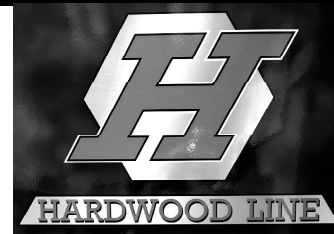
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