

# WEST WALKER WIRE

MARCH 2023

[www.westwalker.org](http://www.westwalker.org)

## The West Walker Civic Association Is Looking for Leaders Like YOU!

### WWCA Officer Nominations are Open Through March 22!

All nominees must reside in the West Walker community, bordered west to east between Pulaski Ave. and Central Park Ave., north to south between Montrose Ave. and Irving Park Rd.

The current WWCA Officers and Board Members are transitioning off the board with the President Pro Tem to become a Board Member. WWCA is currently seeking nominations for the following Officer positions (2-year term beginning May 2023–2025):

**President:** The President focuses on the core functions of the organization to enable it to achieve its long-term vision. Areas of focus include: strategy, board management, fundraising, engagement, communication. The President shall preside over all meetings of members and executive board. The President will also cast a deciding vote in case of a tie.

**Vice President:** Perform those functions delegated to the Vice President by the President, in the absence of the President the Vice President shall preside at the meetings of the Association membership and/or Executive Board and perform all duties of the President. Serve as the chair of at least one committee that is operational in scope.

**Secretary:** Keeps the minutes of the proceedings of membership and Executive Board meetings, presents minutes for approval, ensures all notices are given in accordance with the by-laws, notify WWCA membership of all meetings, keeps active tally of volunteer records, and maintains clear records of Association Business. Serve as chair of at least one committee.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Fri., Mar. 10 & 17 • 9:30–11 am

Forest Schools for Illinois Winter Playgroup for Ages 0–4

LaBagh Woods, Picnic Grove 1 (north end of park)

[www.forestschoolsforil.org](http://www.forestschoolsforil.org)

### Sun., Mar. 12 • 2–4 pm

The Friendship Center: Community Resource Fair  
2711 W. Lawrence Ave.

[www.facebook.com/events/653433016789932](http://www.facebook.com/events/653433016789932)

### Wed., Mar. 15 • 6:30 pm

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting  
17th District Community Room  
4650 N. Pulaski Rd.

### Wed., Mar. 22 • 11:59 pm

WWCA Officer Nominations Due  
See details in this issue. Email nominations and questions to Helen Lira at [helen@chilira.com](mailto:helen@chilira.com)

### Sun., Mar. 26 • 2 pm

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents *A Tribute to Sondheim*  
Irving Park Lutheran Church  
4100 N. Harding Ave.

Free admission; donations welcome

### Sun., Apr. 30 • 2 pm

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents The Fermi String Quartet  
Irving Park Lutheran Church  
4100 N. Harding Ave.

Free admission; donations welcome

### Sat., May 20 • 9 am–4 pm

SAVE THE DATE:

36th Annual West Walker Garage Sale  
More info to come in the April Wire!

You can also visit us online at:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/WestWalkerCivicAssocChicago/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WestWalkerCivicAssocChicago/)

# Dear Neighbor,

**SAVE THE DATE!** The 36th Annual West Walker Garage and Yard sale will take place on May 20, 2023. Further general information and the process for obtaining garage permits will be published in the April Wire and available on social media. Time to start putting aside garage sale goodies!

**WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS ARE COMING.** Please see the details in this issue of the Wire (front cover and below) about the nominating and election process for new West Walker Civic Association officers. Now that we are out of the pandemic, we are ready to rebuild the organization with an eye toward the future.

**LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE NOT OVER.** By the time you receive this issue, the February 28 election should be decided. However, that doesn't mean that all of the individual races will have been decided. Locally, it is expected that the race for the 45th Ward Alderman's office will face a runoff election on April 4, 2023, between the two top vote recipients. It is also expected that the race for Chicago mayor will be undecided on February 28, and a runoff election between the two top vote-getting candidates will also occur on April 4, 2023. Stay engaged!

**A CORRECTION.** On a programming note, a helpful neighbor noted that my February Dear Neighbor had some incorrect information regarding the elections. As of the redistricting and this election cycle in 2023, the northeast portion of West Walker is no longer part of the 35th ward, and now is part of the 33rd ward. That will be reflected on any garage sale materials forthcoming and additional election alerts.

*Mike Webber*  
WWCA President, Pro Tem

*Continued from front cover*

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the membership and their financial standing in the Association. The Treasurer shall disburse money only on approved spending with limits established by the Executive Board and countersigned by an Officer. The accounting books shall be available for an audit at any time and be audited not less than once a year.

**A HUGE THANK YOU to WWCA Officers/Board members Mike Webber (Pro Tem President), Dorie Westmeyer (Executive Board), Davor Engel (Pro Tem Vice President) and Sue Gregoire (Treasurer) for their years of service and hard work for the WWCA and our community!**

**Nominating Committee:** Laura Ell, Kirsten Gettings, Steve Kendrick, Helen Lira, Mark Lira and Beth Tidmarsh.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining an Association that focuses on community safety, member engagement, communication of important community issues, social activities and business development, please email Officer nominations and related questions to Helen Lira at helen@chilira.com. Please include the Officer position along with the nominee's name, mailing address, telephone number and email address, noting any prior office/board/committee experience.

## 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*

### **2022-2023 OFFICERS**

**President Pro Tem** Mike Webber  
773-539-8346

**Vice President Pro Tem** Davor Engel  
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**Secretary** Vacant

**Treasurer** Sue Gregoire

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

Dorie Westmeyer

### **CAPS COORDINATOR**

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### **EDITOR**

Heather McLane

### **WEST WALKER EMAIL BLASTS**

Vacant

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

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

**Submit ideas and articles to:**  
[west\\_walker\\_wire@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:shannan@solsticepr.com).*

## Chicago Public Library, Independence Branch Events

### Calling All Builders! Create Our Community with Cardboard

In celebration of the Chicago Public Library's 150th anniversary, the Independence Branch Library invites you to create and contribute a cardboard version of your piece of the community for display during summer 2023. All community members, businesses, organizations, ages, skill levels and abilities may recreate their home or business using any and all types of cardboard, designed and decorated as desired.

The library's shelving units are around 20 inches wide and very long. As long as the cardboard buildings don't hang over the side (not to exceed a depth of 20 inches), they may be as tall and as long as the designer or architect wants them to be.

Bring your finished cardboard building to the library in June (or before) for display.

### We Want Your LEGO®!

We're looking for LEGO of all colors, sizes and types for our LEGO Play program at Independence Branch Library. As you begin your spring cleaning and prepare for garage and yard sale season, please consider donating your unused or mismatched bricks and sets (complete or incomplete!) to our program, which allows kids ages 6-13 to build and inspire others with their creations.

### Family Story Time, Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Join our story hour, especially for our littlest patrons! We'll share songs, rhymes, books and play. For kids age 0 to 5 and their caregivers. **Note: No Story Time will be held on March 15.**

Register online 24 hours before the start of each event at [www.chipublib.org/about-independence-branch/](http://www.chipublib.org/about-independence-branch/). CPL cannot collect personal information online from kids 0-13. A parent or guardian's email address must be used to register.

### Memory Jars with Sharon Hyson, March 28

Join us Tuesday, March 28 from 4-6 pm to celebrate Women's History Month with a special workshop. Sharon will lead you through a guided imagery exercise, using various materials to decorate a jar. You may also bring your own mementos to add. Open to all ages. Register at [www.chipublib.org/about-independence-branch/](http://www.chipublib.org/about-independence-branch/).

Questions? Contact Jessica Kimpel, Children's Librarian, at 312-744-1135 or [jmccarney@chipublib.org](mailto:jmccarney@chipublib.org), Chicago Public Library, Independence Branch, 4024 N. Elston Ave.



## REAL ESTATE NEWS

By Dorie Westmeyer  
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

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### How's the Market?

Hi Neighbors,

The real estate market in our West Walker neighborhood is going strong. There was a lull the last few months due to colder weather and higher mortgage rates. But buyers have adjusted to current rates and are back buying. For homes priced correctly, we're seeing the return of multiple offers. It continues to be a sellers' market due to a shortage of homes for sale. Sellers are getting 96% to 99% of their asking price depending on whether you are selling a multi-family (96%), a condo (98%) or a single-family home (99%). Here are a few other West Walker statistics:

**Single Family Homes**—Median sale price for a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is \$517,000 and time to contract is 8 days.

**Condos/Townhouses**—Median sale price for a 2 bedroom, 1 bath is \$205,000 and time to contract is 10 days.

**2- to 4-Flats**—Median sale price for a 2 unit is \$462,000 and time to contract is 19 days.

Keep in mind, these are averages. Each home is unique with its own special features. Your sale price will depend on the size of your home and lot, what improvements you have made, age of your roof, furnace, water heater, etc. Properly preparing your home for sale and having a good marketing and pricing strategy are key. *Source: MRED*

**If you're thinking of selling in the next 24 months and want to know your home's value & how to prepare for selling, please call me for a free home consultation.**

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# CAPS Report

## Beats 1722 & 1723 February 15, 2023 Meeting

**In attendance:** CAPS Officer Miro; Adam Roberts, Chief of Staff, and Sam Brewer, Ald. Samantha Nugent's office (39th); Joe Engleman from Ald. Rosanna Rodriguez's office (33rd).

Officer Miro went over crime stats for Beat 1723 over the past month (all of West Walker falls into Beat 1723). He cited several recent arrests including an arrest and murder charge for a homicide that took place December 23, 2022, in the 4500 block of Lawndale. In addition, charges were brought against offenders involved in an armed robbery in the 3100 block of Leland December 12, 2022. The offenders were involved in 17 robberies that night. For the first two weeks of February, 12 weapons were recovered. Officer Miro commended the officers for getting the job done.

A handful of residents were at the meeting to get more information about a shooting that took place outside of the West Walker area at Jensen Park (Wilson and Lawndale). A good portion of the meeting was spent

talking about the incident and what neighbors could do. Officer Miro stressed calling 911 if anyone or anything seems suspicious, calling in any graffiti to 311, calling 911 when a crime has taken place and making sure neighbors do, too. Calls for service can equal more police manpower. More license plate readers and POD (Police Observation Device) cameras can help police track offenders. Also, homeowners can send security camera footage to CPD (see below).

Residents can take advantage of the City's Home and Business Protection Program. Residents can be reimbursed up to \$225 per security camera for a maximum of two cameras purchased on or after June 6, 2022. You can also register your camera with the Chicago Police Department. For more information, visit [www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/csc/home/home-and-business-protection.html](http://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/csc/home/home-and-business-protection.html).

If you would like to submit video to the 17th district, email it to [SDC017@chicagopolice.org](mailto:SDC017@chicagopolice.org). The SDC room is linked to the POD cameras and license plate readers.

Call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide detailed descriptions of the individuals and vehicles involved in any incident.

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## Is It Still a Seller's Market?



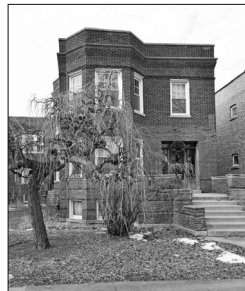
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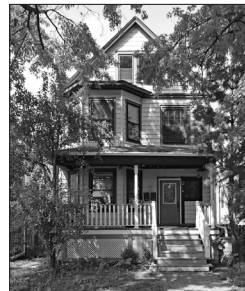
**SOLD**

**4122 N Lawndale**



**SOLD**

**3752 N Lawndale**



**SOLD**

**4240 N Monticello**



**SOLD**

**4113 N Lawndale**

**Yes! There is still a shortage of homes for sale. And with my unique 5-step marketing plan, my sellers are getting top dollar for their homes in this market.**

*"It was a pleasure to work with Dorie while selling our condo. She allowed us to work at our own pace, providing us with accurate and relevant information regarding improvements to make prior to selling. Her suggested listing price was spot on—we ended up with multiple offers on the weekend of our initial open house, including one for full list price. During the entire process, Dorie was informative, professional, prompt, accurate and a pleasure to work with." — Allen Layne*

**If you're thinking of selling in the next 24 months, and want to know about your value or possible repairs & improvements to make, call me for a free home consultation.**

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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 allocation of officers to a district. **The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm** in the 17th District Community Room, 4650 N. Pulaski.

Remember: Always lock your vehicle; never leave it running unattended. Be on the lookout for scams involving COVID-19 cures, and scams related to income tax refunds. The IRS will never call you on the phone.

Contact or follow the 17th District CAPS office at:

Email: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org

Phone: 312-742-4588

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CAPS.017

Twitter: @ChicagoCAPS17

Instagram: cpd17district

## Irving Park Lutheran Church

### Wednesdays in Lent: Meal and Games 6 pm, Worship 7 pm

Every Wednesday in March, join us for an easy weeknight dinner and, back by popular demand, group games from 6-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Lent is not the end of all fun, it's a time to reconnect with God and one another. Playing games together last year was a great way to rebuild community after so much separation. We're still reconnecting and rebuilding!

After the meal and game hour there's a 30-minute worship service beginning at 7 pm. In keeping with our year-long focus on expanding our welcome, this year's service has a welcoming theme and will again include candles, incense, scripture, prayer, poetry and contemplative music, including a beloved sung version of the Lord's Prayer.

### Holy Week 2023 Schedule

#### Palm & Passion Sunday, April 2

10:30 am Palm Procession & Passion Story

#### Maundy Thursday, April 6

6-8 pm Meal, Service, Stripping of the Altar

#### Good Friday, April 7

7 pm Worship Service

#### Easter Sunday, April 9

6 am Sunrise Service at the Lakefront, 9 am Easter Breakfast at Church (4100 N. Harding Ave.), 10 am Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 am Festive Worship

## St. John's Episcopal Church

### The Chicago Recorder Trio Concert, March 12

Join us on Sunday, March 12 at 3 pm for a free performance by The Chicago Recorder Trio (Lisette Kielson, Mirja Lorenz and Patrick O'Malley). Featuring music by J.S. Bach, Mattheson, Williams, Pete Rose, Patrick O'Malley and more! Attend in person, or stream online via Zoom (Meeting ID: 878 8575 2024 Passcode: 3857) or Facebook Live.

### Trivia Night for Share Our Spare, March 22

Join us on Wednesday, March 22 at 7 pm for a Trivia Night benefiting Share Our Spare and sponsored by Laurie Bish (Goosehead Insurance-The Bish Agency), Anne Lenzini (Compass) and Tom Merritt (Summit Funding). Reserve a table for 8 by sending \$50 to @Anne-Lenzini-1 on Venmo or ablenzini@gmail.com on Zelle. Pizza and beverages will also be available for purchase. Learn more about Share Our Spare, a community resource supporting families in need, at www.shareourspare.org.

For additional information, visit us at 3857 N. Kostner Ave. or www.stjohnschicago.com or call 773-725-9026.

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## News and Events from Carlson Community Services



**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.

### Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Upcoming Concerts: Sondheim and Fermi String Quartet

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is pleased to present **A Tribute to Sondheim on Sunday, March 26 at 2 pm** (rescheduled from November). The concert will honor the late composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim who passed away in November 2021. Credited with reinventing the American musical, Sondheim's works include beloved musicals *Into the Woods*, *A Little Night Music*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Company* and *Sunday in the Park with George*. The concert will feature noted vocalists Stephanie Stockstill, Rachel Klippel, Christopher Richard and Lazaro Estrada, accompanied by pianist Roger Bingaman. Both well-known and lesser-known songs from the Sondheim catalog will be featured. This concert was rescheduled from its original date in November.

The Fine Arts Committee will present **The Fermi String Quartet on Sunday, April 30 at 2 pm**. The Quartet is an ensemble of four highly experienced Chicago musicians, formed in 2018 to honor Beethoven's 250th anniversary. In addition to their work together as a quartet, these talented artists have performed internationally and with some of America's most important professional orchestras and chamber ensembles. Since 2021, the FSQ has been in residence at the Southern Illinois Music Festival, presenting master classes and performances, as well as performing in the Festival Orchestra. The quartet's name honors Dr. Enrico Fermi, who first split the atom at the University of Chicago. Fermi String Quartet members include violinists Linda Veleckis Nussbaum and Nina Saito, violist Jessica Lipon and cellist William Cernota.



*The Fermi String Quartet*

Both concerts will be held at 2 pm at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. The concerts are free, but donations to support future programming are gladly accepted. The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee, now in its 29th season, was created by Roger Bingaman, Director of Music at Irving Park Lutheran Church. The intent of the series is to bring high-quality, professional music to the northwest side of Chicago, free of charge.



*Making lava lamps and trail mix at the Magic After-School Place.*

### Space Available at MAP!

Carlson Community Services' after-school program, the Magic After-School Place (MAP), has a few open spots for neighborhood students. In its 16th year of providing high-quality, affordable care for children attending Murphy and Belding Schools, MAP is a great destination for neighborhood kids after school. Our income-based tuition structure makes MAP a valuable resource for working families who need a safe place for their children after school. Equally important, children receive homework help and tutoring, play group games and enjoy social time with friends.

Every Wednesday the students participate in a different special activity: cooking, crafts, science experiments and art instruction. Program space is generously donated by Irving Park Lutheran Church, helping us do this important work in our community. MAP meets from 3-6 pm every day CPS is in session at the IPLC gym located at Harding and Belle Plaine. For more information and to enroll your child, contact Rebecca Haneberg at [mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org) or visit [www.carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org).

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

# News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

Text and photos by Craig Shutt

## Easter Basket Donations Needed

This month the Pantry is holding its annual spring program to provide clients' children 12 years and younger with baskets (prior to Easter on April 9). We are collecting donations now for the program, which will continue all month.



We are looking for donations of dollar-store plastic bucket-style Easter baskets (please don't donate other basket types to aid consistency), plastic eggs filled with candy or toys, wrapped candies, small toys, plush animals and other small treats. Contactless donations of items can be made by scanning the QR code above to search our Amazon registry.

Locally purchased donations can be taken to Big Helpers, 4184 N. Elston Ave., Monday-Friday from 10 am-4 pm, or the enclosed front porch at 3833 N. Tripp Ave.

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 delivery.

## Thank You to "Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

Thank you to the staff, teachers, Student Council and all the students at St. Viator Elementary School, who ran a drive for the Pantry. They collected three big boxes of socks and many more boxes and bags of toiletries, which they helpfully sorted by type.

Thanks also to McFetridge Sports Center for holding a food and toiletries drive for the Pantry in February. Toiletries and diapers are hard for us to source except through donations and they're very popular with clients, so we use them up quickly. We appreciate donations of these items any time. Donations can be taken to the same sites as noted above.



Top: Meredith O'Sullivan and Gloria Price display Easter baskets given to Pantry clients' children in 2022. Bottom: St. Viator Elementary School students and office administrator Diane Urgo held a drive to collect toiletries and socks for the Pantry.



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## Neighborhood School News



### St. Edward School & Parish

We head into March with our biggest event of the year, "Howl at the Big Red Moon" (aka St. Ed's

Annual Big Red Auction) featuring Howl at the Moon dueling piano entertainers on Saturday, March 25.

This is not your stuffy gala! We have a taco truck, cash bar and live performers to complement the dozens of amazing auction packages on which to bid while you enjoy the night with family and friends. All proceeds go to support educational resources, campus improvements and tuition assistance for students at St. Edward School. To find more info, purchase tickets or view the auction items, visit [www.stedwardchicago.org/bigredauction](http://www.stedwardchicago.org/bigredauction).

If you are looking for more of an Irish theme to your March plans, join us for our **28th Annual McNulty-Kelly Corned Beef & Cabbage Scholarship Dinner on Sunday, March 5** from noon to 5 pm in the St. Ed's gym. The event will feature a corned beef, cabbage and potato dinner as well as entertainment from the Trinity Irish Dancers and Shannon Rovers. Contact Sarah McCann at 312-622-6649 for more information.

March also sees the conclusion to the successful return of our **Lil' Red Hoops program**. The St. Ed's tradition brought Pre-K to 4th graders, from both in and outside of St. Ed's, together each Saturday morning to learn the joy of basketball. Big thanks to Leslie Cervantes McGreevy, who brought her years of coaching experience to this program and made it a top-notch experience for families. Stay tuned for our summer t-ball program at Mayfair Park.

Finally, St. Ed's had great momentum from its January 29 Open House with over 30 families in attendance. If you or a neighbor are interested in checking out the school, please take advantage of our **"Find Out Friday" tours on March 24 and April 21** or schedule a private tour via our website at [www.stedwardchicago.org](http://www.stedwardchicago.org).

St. Edward School celebrates 114 years of providing award-winning Catholic education to children in Pre-K3 through 8th grade.

Registration is open for the 2023-2024 school year. Email [office@stedwardschool.com](mailto:office@stedwardschool.com) to schedule an in-person tour or virtual tour with the principal. St. Edward School is a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School with small class sizes and attention to each individual student. For more information, visit our



## FIND OUT FRIDAYS

### SCHOOL TOURS, 8:30AM

Register online  
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: MARCH 24 :

: APRIL 21 :

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-Extracurricular activities

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## Haugan Elementary School

### LSC and Friends of Haugan Meetings

Wednesdays, March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 7: LSC at 4 pm, Friends of Haugan at 5 pm.

Haugan Elementary School, 4540 N. Hamlin Ave., is one of our local Chicago Public Schools for which West Walker residents are zoned. Join us for monthly Local School Council meetings, which are open to the public and a great way to get to know a school community. LSC meetings are held in the school library (enter door # 1 on the first floor) and will be immediately followed by meetings of the Friends of Haugan.

### Upcoming School Tours

Mondays, March 6, May 15 and June 5 at 8:30 am.

For anyone interested attending in Haugan Elementary, Principal Heather Yutzy and Co-Principal Melissa Sanchez set aside an hour each month to give school tours to prospective Haugan families. Join us in the office for a tour of our amazing school!



HOWL AT THE BIG RED MOON

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## Want to Write for the West Walker Wire?

The West Walker Wire welcomes articles from you! If you like to write, we're looking for more writers to contribute monthly original stories about our neighborhood history, news and events. Please limit your stories and contributions to approximately 400 words (about half a page) and make sure you submit all text in a Word or Google document, or directly in the body of an email. Any other formats will not be accepted.

The deadline is 7 days prior to the first of the month: March 25 for the April issue. Submit articles, feedback or questions to: Editor, west\_walker\_wire@yahoo.com.

## Want to Advertise in the West Walker Wire?

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## WWCA Members

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

**Steve & Beth Omans**  
**Joel Reese & Jeanne Pozy**  
**Dora Kropifko**  
**David Schreiber**  
**Mike & Cindy Webber**  
**Sue Gregoire & Jim Medd**

## It's Membership Renewal Time!

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

- 10 issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered free to residences and businesses in West Walker
- The annual community garage sale
- Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park and Independence Library
- Free email updates on neighborhood events, area crime and a LOT MORE!



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**Mail in your 2022/2023 dues along with the application below.**

## WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yearly Membership Dues: Effective May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023

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 email address if you would like to receive email updates:

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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

### Public Health and Safety Meeting, March 21

Join the North River Commission and your neighbors at Haugan Elementary School, 4540 N. Hamlin Ave., on Tuesday, March 21 at 6 pm to discuss health and public safety in our communities. Learn about NRC's Health Equity and Violence Prevention initiatives and work. Discuss action steps and upcoming opportunities to engage and volunteer so that together we can help create safer and healthier communities. We want to hear from you! All are welcome, tell your friends and neighbors. Spanish translation and child care will be provided.

### The Seventh Corner Gallery Presents Women's Work

The Seventh Corner Gallery celebrates Women's History Month with an exciting new art show, *Women's Work*, curated by Paola Seeley and featuring the work of 15 incredible local women artists!

Stop by Farlow's Playroom, 4222 N. Milwaukee Ave., on March 18 from 5-9 pm to see all the fantastic pieces. For more info, visit [www.theseventhcornergallery.com](http://www.theseventhcornergallery.com).

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