



WEST WALKER WIRE

DECEMBER 2024

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Winter and Holiday Happenings Around the City and the Northwest Side

All Aboard! The Northwest Side Holiday Trolley

Join us on **Saturday, December 7 from 3–6 pm** for the annual Northwest Side Holiday Trolley, making stops in the Six Corners, Jefferson Park & Portage Park business districts! Trolleys will run down Irving Park Road, and Lawrence and Milwaukee Avenues to showcase our small businesses and restaurants. For more information, map and participating businesses, visit <https://sixcorners.com/calendar/2024/12/7/2024-northwest-side-holiday-trolley-all-aboard>.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

Join Tatas Kitchen and Social this holiday season for a new tradition in Portage Park! From **December 11–15**, enjoy a delicious dinner with a live radio play of “It’s a Wonderful Life” by the Underdog Theatre Company Kilbourn Park Playhouse. Tickets are \$30 and available at www.ticketor.com/tataskitchenandsocial.

Share Our Spare Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser

Bring your little ones to The Sharehouse, 3800 N. Milwaukee Ave. (in the Old Irving neighborhood), on **Saturday, December 14, 9 am–1 pm**, for a delightful morning filled with joy and wonder.

Revel in the magic of the season where children can share their holiday wishes, take photos with Santa, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and more while supporting Chicago area families.

Tickets are \$40 (ages 3 and up) and available at <https://one.bidpal.net/sosbreakfastwithsanta/welcome>.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat., Dec. 7 • 3–6 pm

Northwest Side Holiday Trolley
See more info at left.

Sun., Dec. 8 • 10 am

Kidical Mass Family Bike Ride
Independence Park Playground
(corner of Grace & Hamlin)

Sun., Dec. 8 • 2 pm

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee
presents Bear Williams and his band
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym
4057 N. Harding Ave.
FREE! For more info, see page 5.

Fri., Dec. 13 • 7:30 pm

Sankta Lucia Christmas Celebration
by Third Coast Chorus
Eden United Church of Christ
5051 W. Gunnison St.
Tickets at eventbrite.com (\$10–\$20)

Sat., Dec. 14 • 10 am–2 pm

Haugan Elementary Winter Market
4540 N. Hamlin Ave.

Mon., Dec. 16 • 11:30 am

PEBA Annual Meeting & Networking
Event, SSA #79 Meeting
4204 W. Lawrence Ave.

Wed., Dec. 18 • 5:30 pm

Haugan Elementary LSC Meeting
School Library (enter through Door 1)
4540 N. Hamlin Ave.

Wed., Dec. 18 • 7 pm

Independence Park Advisory Council
Meeting, Fieldhouse, Room 100
3945 N. Springfield Ave.

Sat., Dec. 21 • 10 am–12 pm

17th District Breakfast with Santa
4650 N. Pulaski Rd.

RSVP required; space limited.

For more info and to register, contact the CAPS office at 312-742-4588 or caps.017district@chicagopolice.org.

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Dear Neighbor,

I hope this letter finds you well and everyone enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving with friends and family. As the holiday season approaches, the Board would like to take a moment to express our gratitude for having such lovely neighbors. This time of year always reminds us of the importance of community, and we feel truly fortunate to live in such a great neighborhood.

The association continues to seek out volunteers—we are still looking for Wire carriers. If you like getting your steps in and don't mind delivering the Wire once a month, September through June (10 months a year), please reach out to me (jankow2003@gmail.com). Additionally, we are looking forward to planning a new event in February with the theme "Barndance." If you are interested in being on the planning committee, please reach out to Helen Lira (helen@chilira.com).

I hope this holiday season brings you peace, joy, and plenty of moments to share with those you hold dear. May your home be filled with warmth, laughter, and the spirit of celebration. Whether you're spending time with family, friends, or enjoying quiet moments, I wish you all the best in the coming year.

Until 2025,
Erin Hunter
WWCA President

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Winter Sunday Market Series

The Jefferson Park Sunday Market and the Northwest Side Farmers Market Collective are joining forces to create a better-than-ever winter market series! Mark your calendar for these dates at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., **from 10 am–2 pm:**

- December 15:** Christmas Prep
- February 2, 2025:** Valentine's Day/Superbowl Prep
- April 6, 2025:** Easter Prep
- May 4, 2025:** Mother's Day Prep

The Irish American Heritage Center features two parking lots, with ADA entrance from the north lot. Ready-to-eat food from Tamales Express and Urban Dining League will feature a variety of breakfast, brunch and lunch options. The pub will be serving from 11 am–3 pm.

Vendors include Wright Way Farm (produce, canned goods, flour), Pride Coffee Roasters, Hillary's cookies, Galway Bakers, Bennett Farms (meats, sausages, eggs), Ami Freeze Dried Delights (dried fruit treats), Schoolhouse Kitchen + Studio - Portage Park, Luciana's Kitchen (empanadas), Vargo Brother Ferments (pickles, etc.), Leely Chai Co., PaperPie (Usborne Books), Collectiv (teas, gifts), and Cathie's K-9 treats.

For more information, visit www.jeffersonparksundaymarket.com.

Invictus Theater: Shakespeare's The Tragedy of Macbeth

Join Invictus Theater at Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Rd., for

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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."

Celebrating over 100 years of service to the West Walker Community

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

All story ideas, articles and ads are due 7 days prior to the 1st of each month. Submit ideas and articles to the editor at 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.



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their latest production of *The Tragedy of Macbeth* by William Shakespeare, **running now through Sunday, December 15.**

Tickets are \$38 and can be purchased at: www.invictustheatreco.com/macbeth.

Filament Theatre Announces Its 2024-25 Season!

This season will see the return and expansion of an audience favorite, a celebration of multi-generational families through two AAPI-centered productions, plus a first-time collaboration with Jeff Award winning Chicago company, Teatro Vista Productions.

FORTS: Build Your Own Adventure: November 30-January 5 (on sale now!)

FORTS at Writers: February 15-April 6

Juliet Kang Huneke's Hannah and Halmoni Save the World: March 22-April 20

Lee Cataluna's Heart Strings: March 22-April 20

Teatro Vista Productions Collaboration: June 2025

Filament Theatre is located at 4041 N. Milwaukee Ave. For more information or to buy FORTS tickets, visit <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35466> or www.filamenttheatre.org.

"Snowflakes" 2024 Winter Flower Show at Garfield Park Conservatory

November 27, 2024-January 5, 2025, Thursdays-Sundays, 10 am-5 pm, Wednesdays, 10 am-8 pm
Celebrate the beauty of snow with more than 25 macro images of snow crystals hanging above the annual display of poinsettias and lighted conifer trees at Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave.

Enjoy a colorful selection of poinsettias including "FABYULEous Red," "Lemon Glow," "Frozen," and "Orange Glow." The other plants include favorites such as edelweiss, peppermint and white viola. In addition to the cut Frasier Fir trees, the display will include pendulous varieties of Cedar and Chamaecyparis trees.

Admission is free; registration required at garfieldconservatory.org/visit/.

"Champagne Toast" 2024 Winter Flower Show at Lincoln Park Conservatory

November 27, 2024-January 5, 2025, Open Wednesdays-Sundays, 10 am-5 pm This year's display at Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2391 N. Stockton Drive, features poinsettia varieties such as "Autumn Leaves," "Jubilee Pink," "Ice Crystal," and "Maren," all of

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

By Dorie Westmeyer
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

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2024 Real Estate Recap

2024 was a good year for real estate in Irving Park and our neighborhood. Median sale prices increased on average 10%!

It took longer to sell single family homes than condos and multi-family homes.

In Irving Park, through mid-November, here's what we saw versus the same time last year.

Single Family Homes

178 sold in 2024 versus 177 homes sold in 2023.

It took 62 days to sell versus 45 days in 2023.

Median sale price was \$692,500 versus \$622,500 in 2023. Sale prices increased 11%!

Condos/Townhouses

153 sold in 2024 versus 181 sold in 2023.

It took 31 days to sell versus 40 days in 2023.

Median sale price was \$265,000 versus \$242,000 in 2023. Sale prices increased 10%!

2-4 Unit Properties

80 sold in 2024 versus 91 sold in 2023.

It took 31 days to sell versus 54 days in 2023.

Median sale price was \$605,000 versus \$540,000 in 2023. Sale prices increased 12%!

Keep in mind, these are average prices. Every home is unique and sale prices will vary based on location, number of bedrooms & baths and updates to the home.

Source: MLS

Thinking of selling in the next 24 months, and want to know what improvements you should make? Call me for a free home consultation.

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Haugan Elementary Mural Celebrates Indigenous Art

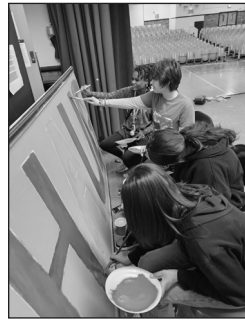
In the spring of 2024, Chicago artist and instructor Ken Klopach formed a small group of Haugan Elementary student artists who volunteered to work on a mural project to be displayed in the school.

Over 300 migrant children attend Haugan Elementary. Ideas for the mural were drawn from actual symbolic art and fabric designs of indigenous peoples. The student artists worked on the mural from early spring to the end of the 2023-24 school year. Their artists' statement that accompanies the mural reads:

Indigenous Peoples Mural 2024

This artwork represents the art and visual culture of Indigenous Peoples of Southwestern United States, Mexico, Central America, and South America.

We used authentic art elements from these areas to develop our own version. We also included the words "Haugan Hawks" as part of the overall design.



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**Carlson
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News and Events

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

Keep Your Donation Dollars in the Neighborhood This Giving Tuesday



As you determine where your charitable giving can make the most impact, please consider a donation to Carlson Community Services. Our **2024 Giving Tuesday (December 3)** campaign

will directly benefit our Magic After-School Place (MAP) program.

Since 2006, hundreds of neighborhood children—the majority from low-income and single-parent households—have had a warm, caring environment every day after school. The Magic After-School Place offers academic support, stability, enrichment activities and fun to students each day Chicago public schools are in session.

We are thrilled that our enrollment is slowly returning to pre-pandemic levels, however we are finding that more families than ever before are in need of tuition assistance. Working families from all income levels can benefit from the MAP program with tuition tiers based on household income.

We believe all children deserve to grow and learn in a supportive, stable environment. Your Giving Tuesday donation will help us provide tuition assistance to families with the greatest need, ensuring they have access to high-quality after-school care. A donation of \$90 will cover one week of full tuition for a MAP student.



Scan the QR code to be directed to Carlson's secure Pay Pal site or visit carlsoncommunityservices.org and click the green "Give Today" box on our home page. Thank you for your consideration.

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Free Holiday Concert

Join us in welcoming Bear Williams and his Band for a free holiday concert on **Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm.** Bear Williams aka (Larry Kimpel) is a Chicago-based Blues/Folk Artist who records and tours internationally. He is the co-founder of GVR Records distributed by INgrooves/Razor's Edge/Virgin Music Group. The Indie label is the sole vehicle for Bear's music projects. Bear and his band always draw a big crowd!

The holiday concert will be held in the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym at 4057 N. Harding Ave., followed by a festive reception. The concert is free; donations to support future programming are welcome.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Concert series was founded in 1994 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, and to provide professional Chicagoland artists with a venue for performance and artistic growth.

If you are interested in learning more about the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Concert Series, or would like to be a part of the committee, please reach out to Carlson's Executive Director, Sara Youest, at sarayoest@carlsoncommunityservices.org.

For more info, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org/programs/fine-arts/this-season/.

The Bad Momz of Comedy Return in 2025

Mark your calendar! The Bad Momz of Comedy will return to the Irving Park Neighborhood on **February 28, 2025**, for a show to benefit Carlson Community Services. Watch our Facebook page for details on when tickets will go on sale or visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org and scroll to the bottom of the home page where you can sign up to receive Carlson email updates.

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 and scroll to the bottom of the home page where you can opt in to receive our email newsletter, or direct inquiries to Sara Youest, Executive Director at 312-810-3230 or sarayoest@carlsoncommunityservices.org.

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Irving Park Community Food Pantry News

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Help the Pantry Celebrate the Holidays!

The Irving Park Food Pantry is providing its clients in the 60641 and 60618 ZIP codes with a full holiday meal on December 18, along with gifts for children 12 years old and younger during a special distribution. We're asking for your help with this annual program.

We provide the meal that day to all our regular, eligible clients (those who have visited the Pantry three times this year). The menu comprises meat, sides and dessert for the entire family. This is in addition to the regular array of groceries they'll receive during our three distributions this month (December 4 and 11 from 9 am to noon and December 10 from 6-7 pm; we are closed December 25 and January 1, 2025).

We are asking for monetary donations via PayPal (at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org) or check (to the Pantry at 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago IL 60618) rather than food contributions. We can purchase food from suppliers who give us generous discounts, so your monetary donations give us great purchasing power.



Our annual holiday gift program provides a variety of age-appropriate gifts we bundle together. Gifts can be purchased via our Amazon registry, which will be shipped to the listed Pantry volunteer's address (please do not ship directly to the Pantry). This

ensures we receive the needed number of items for each age group.

Thank you to everyone who attended our 40th Anniversary celebration in October at the Irish American Heritage Center. It was a great opportunity to talk with our supporters. A number of local dignitaries, including State Representative Lindsey LaPointe and Alderwomen Ruth Cruz and Samantha Nugent, plus Carlson Community Services President Sara Yoest lauded the Pantry and our volunteers for our commitment to the community.

We appreciate everyone's support and donations, which help us meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

For more info about the pantry, contact John Psiharis, Executive Director, at info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org or visit www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org.



Board members Kate McClelland, Marcy Sherrill and Eleanor Kepp celebrate the Pantry's 40th anniversary. Photo courtesy Marcy Sherrill



Board member Sara Yoest speaks at the Pantry's 40th Anniversary celebration, as (l-r) State Representative Lindsey LaPointe and Alderwomen Samantha Nugent and Ruth Cruz look on.



Left: Board members Sara Yoest and Liz Mills attend the Irving Park YMCA's Community Health & Wellness Event in October. Photo courtesy Irving Park YMCA. Right: WGN reporter Ana Belaval interviews Executive Director John Psiharis to promote WGN's 11th Annual Morning News Food Drive.



Pantry volunteers provided spooky fun at the Explore Irving Park Chicago Trunk-or-Treat event at the Midtown Funeral Home in late October. Photo by Kathy O'Neill

Advent & Christmas at Irving Park Lutheran Church

Hat & Mitten Tree in Victory Hall

Add ornaments of new hats, mittens or gloves to the tree in Victory Hall and they'll be given to clients of The Night Ministry and families in need at Murphy school. Thanks!

Advent & Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 1, 10:30 am: The 1st Sunday of Advent with special guest preacher, Jonathan VanderBrug.

Sunday, December 8, 10:30 am: The 2nd Sunday of Advent with special music from women's choir Third Coast Chorus, directed by IPLC member Melissa Grant.

Sunday, December 8, 2 pm: Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Concert in the Gym: Bear Williams and Band.

Sunday, December 15, 10:30 am: The 3rd Sunday of Advent. Sunday School Christmas Play, followed by treats in the Narthex, hosted by Miriam Circle.

Saturday, December 21, 6 pm: Longest Night Service & Parsonage Treats. Join us for worship on the longest night of the year, including the music of Holden Evening Prayer, candlelight, silence, and space for sadness—also a feeling of this season. Afterwards, head over to the parsonage for treats!

Sunday, December 22, 10:30 am: The 4th Sunday of Advent. Note: No Sunday School or Adult Bible study before worship.

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Worship

4 pm: Family Christmas Eve Service

10 pm: Festive Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25, 10:30 am: Christmas Day Worship with special guest preacher, Justin Marquis.

Sunday, December 29, 9:30 am: The 1st Sunday of Christmas. No Sunday School or Adult Study before worship, but Pastor Bouman is making donuts for Fellowship time.

Advent Bible Study: The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

As we enter Advent, the Adult Study Group will Journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road. This study will use a DVD and book format with small group discussion. Join us in the Chapel every Sunday in December from 9:15-10:15 am.

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St. Edward School Events

Come experience the difference our St. Edward community makes in the life of your child and family by attending any of the following upcoming events:

- **Lil' Red Tot Spot:** A play group for kids and their parent/guardian. Every Tuesday morning from 9:30 am–noon in Unity Hall (church basement, 4350 W. Sunnyside Ave.)
- **Trivia Night:** Saturday, January 11, 7 pm (adults only)
- **School Open House:** Sunday, January 26, 10:30 am–1 pm
- **Chili Cook-Off:** Saturday, February 1, 5:30–9 pm (kids and adults)
- **Ed-a-Palooza Music Fest:** Sunday, February 2, 12–6 pm at the Irish American Heritage Center (4626 N. Knox Ave.)

We offer an award-winning academic program, diverse extracurricular activities, a community like no other, and we teach traditional values like loving our neighbor as ourselves. If you're looking to give your child the best education and human formation then come check out our school community. Group tours are offered on select Welcome Wednesdays, or you can schedule a private tour at any time. For more information on tours or any of our events, visit www.stedwardchicago.org.

St. Viator Elementary Wiggles & Giggles Playgroup

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend this fun play time with their children (newborn through 4 years of age) **every other Thursday from 9–10:30 am (dates listed below)**. This is a complimentary program offered by St. Viator. Children can play in the open gym with balls, hula hoops, tunnels and more!

2025 Dates:

January 9 & 23

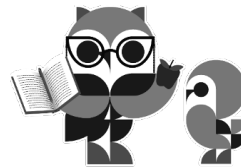
February 6 & 20

March 6 & 20

April 3

May 1 & 15 & End of Year Party!

The playgroup meets in the St. Viator Rec Center/Gym at 3644 N. Kedvale (corner of Kedvale & Waveland). For more information, contact the school office at 773-545-2173 or office1@stviatorchicago.org or visit www.stviatorchicago.org.



Chicago Public Library, Independence Branch

Play Day For ages up to 5.

Mondays at 10:30 am Bring a friend or meet a new one during our open and unstructured play group time.

Family Story Time* For ages up to 5.

Wednesdays at 10:30 am Talk, sing, read, write, and stay to play with us! *Closed December 25

Drama Llamas with Mudlark Theater For ages 6+.

Thursday, December 5 at 4:30 pm Join us for theater games and to read books aloud in the most dramatic way you can with Mudlark Theater. Snack provided.

Little Miss Ann For ages 18 months to 6 years.

Saturday, December 7 at 10:30 am Join us for a concert with fan favorite, Ann Torralba, aka Little Miss Ann, a nationally touring kids' musician who has made six award-winning kids' music albums. Children will enjoy singing, clapping, jumping and dancing along with their family at this upbeat, interactive folk-rock concert!

Make Your Mark: Sculpture For ages 6+.

Thursday, December 12 & 26 at 4:30 pm Express your creativity and explore new mediums of artistic expression. Create one-of-a-kind art pieces to take home!

Mushroom Ornament Decorating For all ages.

Saturday, December 14 at 3 pm Paint premade clay mushroom ornaments, make mushroom-themed collage ornaments on clear baubles, or paint baubles with the Chicago Mushroom Club. Paint, brushes, baubles and clay ornaments will be provided.

LEGO® Play For ages 5+.

Thursday, December 19 at 4:30 pm Build and inspire others with your creations. All builds will be displayed with a juice box reception to follow.

Silent Book Club For adults.

Thursday, December 19 at 6 pm Readers and introverts unite! Join us for 45 minutes of independent reading of whatever you like. Light refreshments will be provided.

Community Cinema

Saturday, December 21:

11 am: *Inside Out 2*, 2024, PG

1 pm: *Blue Beetle*, 2023, PG-13

Sunday, December 22 at 2 pm: *The Holdovers*, 2023, R

Questions? Contact Jessica Kimpel, Children's Librarian, at 312-744-1135 or jmccarney@chipublib.org, or visit the library at 4024 N. Elston Ave.



WWCA Members

THANK YOU to the neighbors who joined or renewed as of December:
Rebecca Herman & Mark Nichols

It's Membership Renewal Time!

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

- 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!

Do You Have an Article or Ad for the West Walker Wire?

The West Walker Wire welcomes ads and articles from you! If you like to write, we're looking for more writers to contribute monthly stories about our neighborhood history, news and events. Please limit your 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.

If you're interested in placing an ad, contact Shannan Bunting at shannan@solsticepr.com for rates and sizes.

The deadline is 7 days prior to the first of the month: December 20 for the January issue. Submit articles and final PDF or JPG ad artwork, as well as feedback or questions to: Wire Editor, west_walker_wire@yahoo.com.



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which capture the theme in unique shades of apricot, gold and pink. Fresh cut fir trees adorn the room and hanging baskets of dichondra float like chandeliers.

Admission is free; registration required at www.lincolnparkconservancy.org/conservatory-reservations/.

It's Mighty Nice on the Ice at Chicago Parks!

The Chicago Park District opens its five outdoor neighborhood ice rinks—Midway Plaisance Park, Mt. Greenwood Park, Warren Park, Wentworth Park, and McKinley Park, plus the Maggie Daley Park Ice Skating Ribbon—to offer ice skating lessons, open skate hours, and speed competitions **now through Presidents Day, Monday, February 17, 2024**, weather permitting.

To see open skate and senior skate hours, lesson sign-up information, and skate rental rates, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/ice-rinks and select a rink nearest you via the interactive map!

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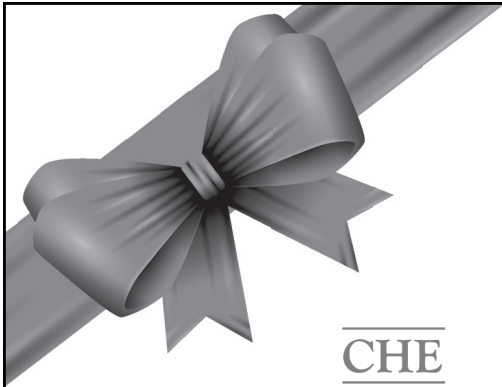
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