



# WEST WALKER WIRE

JUNE - JULY 2026

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## The West Walker Garden Walk Returns on Sunday, July 12th *By Stephen Brown*

West Walker is full of hidden gems, and some of the best ones are right behind your neighbors' fences. After a fantastic debut in 2024, the **West Walker Garden Walk** is returning for its second year, and we invite you to come explore!



On **Sunday, July 12th\*** from **1:00 to 4:00 PM**, you can stroll through some of the most creative and lovingly tended gardens in the neighborhood. Whether you have a sprawling backyard, a single planter on your stoop, or no outdoor space at all, this walk is for you. It's a rare chance to see how your neighbors are transforming corners of the city into something beautiful, discover what grows in our corner of Chicago, and maybe even get inspired to try something new, however big or small. Our 2024 walk drew over 70 attendees from West Walker and beyond and the feedback was clear: people loved it, learned something new, and felt more connected within our community. We're hoping to make year two even better.

Attendance is free; a \$5 donation is welcomed and goes toward signage and other functions that will make this event grow year after year. More details on the walking route and participating gardens will be posted in late June on our website: [westwalkercivic.org](http://westwalkercivic.org).

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Sat., Jun. 13 • 10 am - 12 pm**

5th Annual 312 RiverRun 5K  
Clark Park, 3400 North Rockwell St.  
*Register through [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)*

**Sun., Jun. 14 • 9 am - 12 pm**

Independence Park Farmer's Market  
Opening Day

**Sun., Jun. 21 • 9 am - 12 pm**

GIPNA 20th Annual Father's Day  
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Independence Park Bungalow  
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**Wed., Jun. 26 • 5 - 8 pm**

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**Sun., Jun. 28 • 11 am - 12 pm**

Chicago Park Tree Walk  
Horner Park Field House  
2741 W. Montrose Ave.  
*Free; RSVP through [northrivercommission.org](https://www.northrivercommission.org).*

**Sat., Jul. 4 • 10a - 12 pm**

Independence Park July 4th Celebration  
*Volunteers needed! See page 2*

**Sun., Jul. 12 • 1 - 4 pm**

West Walker Garden Walk  
*See this page for more info*

**Fri., Jul., 17 • 6 -10 pm**

Horner Park BrewFest  
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**Thur., Jul. 23 • 7 - 8 pm**

Chicago Park Tree Walk  
Eugene Field Park Field House  
5100 N Ridgeway Ave.  
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[www.facebook.com/groups/WestWalkerCivicAssocChicago/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestWalkerCivicAssocChicago/)*



# Dear Neighbor,

I hope the beginning of summer is treating you well! Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Meeting which hosted 2 of our 3 Alderpersons, James Gardiner and Samantha Nugent. There were lots of good questions and we look forward to doing this again next year. I would also like to thank those who participated in this year's garage sale on May 16th, we had over 40 homes participate. This was the 39th annual garage sale, which is quite a run!

As we look into this summer itself, please mark your calendars for Saturday July 4th when Independence Park will hold its annual celebration from 10a-12n. West Walker would love to continue the tradition of handing out candy and tchotchkes; however we would need some volunteers to do that, as all the Board members are unavailable. If you and/or your family would like to volunteer, please reach out to Stephen Brown at [spbrown2009@gmail.com](mailto:spbrown2009@gmail.com)

The Garden Walk is back this year, happening Sunday July 12th from 1-4p, with the 19th as a rain date. If you want to have your garden on display please see our website ([westwalkercivic.org](http://westwalkercivic.org)) for more information and to sign up.

Lastly, if you like reading the Wire and attending events like the garden walk, please consider buying a membership for you and/or your family. West Walker ran in the red for a second year in a row in 2025, memberships really do help. To become a member (and to get a snazzy yard sign!), please visit our website ([westwalkercivic.org](http://westwalkercivic.org)) or see below.

Until next time,  
Erin Hunter

## 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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WWCA Membership runs January 1 through December 31 annually. Your dues help fund a variety of items:

- Six (6) issues per year of the Wire, delivered free to residences and businesses
- 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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### Want to Help Make the Garden Walk Happen?

The Garden Walk runs on neighbor power. We're looking for a few volunteers to help the day of the event. Support areas can include distributing signs, manning our check-in table, or helping with wayfinding around the route. It's a fun way to be part of the action while giving back to the neighborhood. If you're interested, please contact us: westwalker.2010@gmail.com.

\*Rain date: Sunday, July 19th

### Irving Park Lutheran News

**Worship at 9:30 am at IPLC this Summer Celebrating Juneteenth 6/14, Pride 6/28, Semiquincentennial 7/5**

Irving Park Lutheran Church is now on our summer schedule of worship at 9:30 am, which continues through Labor Day weekend. Upcoming Sundays will include special music, prayers, and preachers for Juneteenth on June 14, LGBTQIA+ Pride on June 28, and the 250th Anniversary of the United States on July 5. The Sunday after Labor Day (Sunday September 13) is Rally Day, which includes special

children's programming at 9:15 am and Worship at 10:30 am.

### Minor League Baseball Game in Rosemont

Tuesday, June 23 - Game Time 6:30 pm  
Be part of a special church and community outing at a conveniently located, family-friendly ballpark (thechicagodogs.com). We can travel together via public transit or you can join us there. Tickets are \$17 for seats behind the Chicago Dogs dugout and near KidZone (providing entertainment throughout the game) and includes a complimentary Chicago Dogs hat. **Sign up at www.iplc.org**

### Burgers, Bags, & Bonding

Fourth Sundays 5-7 pm in front of the Gym  
June 28, July 26, August 23  
Enjoy fellowship and an easy outdoor dinner once a month in the summer on Sundays June 28, July 26, and August 23 from 5-7 pm. We'll provide burgers and hot dogs; you bring a side or chips of just yourself—and a friend! Kids and adults can enjoy a game of Bags out front or can shoot baskets inside the gym.



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# Garage Doors Open, Community Comes Alive *By Lauren Ell*

If you've walked through West Walker on a summer evening and heard music drifting down the block, chances are you've stumbled upon one of the neighborhood's best-kept (but quickly growing) traditions. At 4038 N. Monticello Ave., neighbors Erik Funkhouser and Liz Carter are once again opening their garage doors for another season of live, local music and community connection. What began in fall 2023 as a casual hangout for a few songwriters has grown into something much bigger. After two standout summers in 2024 and 2025, this grassroots gathering has become a true neighborhood staple, and 2026 is shaping up to be the best season yet.

## More Than Music

At its heart, this series is about bringing people together. It is a chance to meet neighbors, reconnect with familiar faces, and support the talented musicians who make Chicago's local scene so vibrant.

Expect a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere where kids are part of the fun with creative activities like rock painting, music lovers can enjoy an intimate lineup of local songwriters, and everyone feels like they belong, whether it is your first visit or your fifth.

## What You Need to Know

The concert series is free and community-supported.



There is no cost to attend, though donations are encouraged and go directly to the musicians performing each night.

## What to Bring

Grab a lawn chair or blanket, bring your favorite beverage, and settle in for a great evening.

Mark Your Calendar

Full summer and fall lineup (all Saturdays at 7 PM):

- ◆ June 20
- ◆ July 4
- ◆ August 8
- ◆ September 19
- ◆ October 3
- ◆ October 17

## Stay Connected

For updates, performer lineups, or if you are interested in playing, follow along on Instagram at @the.funk.house.312 or email funk.house.312@gmail.com.

In a time when it is easy to feel disconnected, something as simple as opening a garage door can create a space for music, laughter, and real community. If you have not stopped by yet, this might be the summer to pull up a chair and stay awhile.

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# Lightening the Load: Why Managing Stress Is All About the Reps

By Jenna Zaffino

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness month, I spent May travelling around Chicagoland, speaking to employees and teams about stress resilience. There's an image that is easily conjured of the corporate warrior who exists on coffee and ambition, chasing after deadlines, living for the weekend, all the while dangerously close to the red-line of "crashing out" for good. But recently, this caricature has found its way out of the boardroom and into our kitchens, dissolving the boundary between professional output and personal wellbeing. In short, we all seem to be running on empty.

As a board-certified health coach, lately I find myself working with clients who measure their current wellbeing solely on the fact that they haven't crashed yet. The workouts are shorter, the meals happen while commuting from one activity to another and taking care of your personal "life load" while also staying informed of the rapid flow of world news feels like an Olympic feat.

While completing the tasks of a hectic week can yield a sense of accomplishment, this weighty to-do list also contributes to our **allostatic load**. When you experience

stress, your body dynamically adapts. It pumps cortisol, ramps up your heart rate, and shifts energy away from digestion to keep you alert, in a process called **allostasis**. Allostasis is a fantastic survival mechanism for a quick sprint. But when the stressors never stop, your body never fully resets. The stress chemistry becomes your new baseline and the allostatic load becomes challenging to carry for the long term. A high allostatic load can physically manifest as chronic muscle stiffness, sluggish recovery after mild exercise, a split-second delay in your reaction time, and brain fog.

Here are two ways to de-escalate some common stress responses that may occur throughout your day, before they add to your overall allostatic load. Practicing them regularly during moments of stress can build a habit of resetting your baseline to a manageable level before things get out of control.

- **3D Rib Cage Release:** Sit or stand tall, place your hands on the sides of your lower ribs, and take three slow, wide expansion breaths, imagining your ribs moving out horizontally like an umbrella opening.
- **Eye Drift:** Keep your head facing forward, but let your eyes drift as far to the right as comfortable, holding them there until you feel a spontaneous yawn, sigh,

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# Irving Park Community Food Pantry News *text and photos by Craig Shutt, Publicity & Special Events Coordinator, unless noted*

## Seedlings, School Supplies Sought

The Irving Park Food Pantry has opened its herb garden for the year and is asking for donations of seedlings to help it along. The garden allows us to offer clients a range of peppers and fresh herbs each week, including sage, basil, cilantro, parsley, mint, chives thyme and oregano. Volunteers harvest them each week and offer them to clients immediately

Any extra seedlings of peppers or herbs that we receive are passed along to clients, who enjoy having their own harvests to help them feed their families if you have any left from your own garden, you can take plants to the Big Helpers store at 4184 N. Elston Ave. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or the front porches at 3912 N. Kenneth Ave. or 4242 N. Hamlin Ave. any time.

Meanwhile, we're already gearing up for our annual school-supply drive, which will begin in mid-July this year, as schools are starting classes earlier. We'll give all children of clients in our priority service area (60641 or 60618 ZIP codes) a bag of supplies for kindergarten through high school classes.

The program runs through August and provides a variety of age-specific supplies, including loose-leaf paper (narrow and wide ruled), pocket folders, glue sticks, scissors, crayons, colored pencils, pens, pencils, rulers, highlighters and other items. To see the full array, use the QR code on this page to visit our Amazon registry.

Local donations can be dropped off at the same locations noted above. If you would like to help us purchase all the items needed, please donate at our website, www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org, via PayPal, Venmo, credit cards or Google Pay. You also can mail a check to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave, Chicago IL 60618. We appreciate your support for this annual program!

Pantry volunteers will be staffing a booth at the Independence Park Farmers Market, sponsored by the Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association (GIPNA), during the fourth Sunday of each month this summer (June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27 and October 25). Stop by to say hi, ask questions, learn about volunteering or donate

Thank you to everyone who donated time, money, items and assembled baskets to our spring program, which provided about 350 baskets to clients' children 16 years old and younger. Most of our remaining baskets were donated to students at John B. Murphy Elementary School and delivered to Dr. Rebecca Shick, the principal, by volunteer Liz Drew.

We are happy to share that the Pantry has received a \$5,000 grant from the Full Plate Program, powered by the Grubhub Community Fund and administered by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. The program, now in its third year, is supported by Grubhub's "Donate the Change" round-up feature, in which customers can round up their purchase price to an even amount and donate the difference.

Thank you to everyone for their support so we can continue to meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Coordinator Mary Ann Ballard had school-supply bags for students in every grade during our 2025 drive. Donate to this year's drive via the QR code above.



Sergio Yanez and Madeline Strasburg from the Illinois Coalition for Immigration & Refugee Rights dropped off more than 200 reusable bags that will assist our clients with their monthly food distribution. Photo by Lynne Anderson

Board member Sara Yeast delivers to Lisa Hendricks the results of a pet-food drive done by Mrs. Iannelli's 5th-grade homeroom students at St. Viator Elementary School.



Pantry gardener Lisa Hendricks shows off last year's herb and pepper garden.





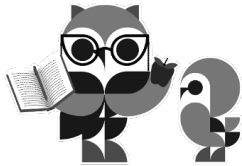
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or deep swallow. Repeat to the left. This simple trick physically stimulates the vagus nerve, signaling the brain to turn down the “fight-or-flight” alarm.

By introducing multi-directional movement that stimulates the part of your nervous system that helps you rest, you break the physical bracing pattern of stress. You are using deliberate, physical repetitions to actively pull your body

back from the red-line.

Building a personalized pathway of small, daily, physical reps that help to lower your stress responses can allow you to live well, despite the limits of a busy life. If you know there is something you do that helps you to de-stress, make a plan to include it into your day and lighten the load for yourself!



## Chicago Public Library, Independence Branch

Monday & Wednesday 10-6 / Tuesday & Thursday 12-8  
Friday & Saturday 9-5 / Sunday 1-5

### For Kids

#### Summer Reading Program

**June 6 - August 2**

Visit the library or [chipublib.org/summer](http://chipublib.org/summer) to get started!

**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.

#### Remix

**Tuesdays at 2 pm, June 23 - July 21**

Join our creative teen interns for a fun program each week.

**Story Time** For ages up to 5.

**Wednesdays at 10:30 am**

Talk, sing, read, write, and stay to play with us!

#### Abra-ka-dabra Magic Show

**Wednesday, June 24 at 11 am**

Be part of an interactive magic show with Pocket Circus!

**Lego Club** For ages 5+

**Thursday, June 25 at 4 pm**

A piece of the HWLC LEGO® exhibit comes to us. Make Chicago's most delicious treats, display them, and enjoy a juice box reception of your work.

#### Digging It! with Science Heroes

**Thursday, July 9 at 6 pm**

Toilet tornado, disappearing polymer, and a hydro-cannon!

#### Get Wild with Cook County Forest Preserves

**Thursday, July 23, 4 - 6 pm**

Learn and connect with our local natural world through exploration, crafts, and music.

**Holiday Closings**  
FRIDAY, JUNE 19 (JUNETEENTH),  
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### For Adults

#### Silent Book Club

**Sunday, June 7 and July 5 at 2 pm**

#### American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Tuesday, June 16, 1- 6 pm**

#### Adult Yoga on the Terrace

**Thursday, June 12 and June 26 at 10 am**

Join us for this yoga class for adults! Spots are limited, register online.

#### Adult Craft

**Thursday June 30, 5:30 pm**

Join us to sew cat toys for Harmony House!

**Thursday, July 28, 5:30 pm**

### All Ages

#### Paws & Pages

**Saturday, July 11, 12-3 pm**

Meet and read with adoptable kitties from Harmony House for Cats!

#### Community Cinema

**Saturday, June 20 at 11 am and 1 pm**

Spongebob: Search for Squarepants

**Sunday, June 21 at 2 pm**

The Martian

**Sunday, July 18 at 11 am and 1 pm**

How to Train Your Dragon

**Sunday, August 1 at 11 am and 1 pm**

GOAT

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#### **Meet Liz Drew, Carlson’s NEW Executive Director**

I am delighted to introduce myself formally as Carlson Community Services’ new Executive Director. I am deeply inspired by Carlson’s mission and programs and look forward to getting to know the community as a partner in this work. On behalf of myself and all of Carlson, thank you to Sara Yoest, outgoing ED for her incredible service.

Born and raised in Chicago, I’ve had the privilege of living around the world and working in the State Department and the White House, including as an advisor on refugee issues in the Obama administration. Through my consulting practice with mission-driven clients, and as a nonprofit leader, I’ve also designed and secured funding for multiple largescale programs from Chicago to Ukraine to advance the rights and wellbeing of vulnerable communities including asylum seekers and torture survivors.



*Liz Drew*

My husband Dan and I are raising our two kids in Independence Park, where we continue to experiment with urban gardening as a form of climate action and a source of joy in turbulent times. Our kids are proud Owls at Murphy Elementary, where they benefit from access to arts and music education and performances. We’ve seen firsthand how enriching arts and music programming can be for families. I draw deep inspiration and peace from volunteering regularly at the Irving Park Community Food Pantry and at Murphy. As a working parent, I also understand the critical importance of safe, enriching aftercare for all children and believe that the Magic After-School Place is a truly vital resource. Building on my experience and networks, I hope to strengthen Carlson’s volunteer base and deepen partnerships with local nonprofits and other CPS schools to expand our reach and impact.

While I will always have my eye on the world beyond our borders, I love being firmly rooted in this community. I am honored to step into this role at Carlson, building on an incredible legacy of leadership and service. I hope you’ll reach out to me in the weeks and months ahead-please

consider this a standing invitation to have coffee, a walk or a chat by phone to share your reflections and ideas for our new chapter: [lizdrew@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizdrew@carlsoncommunityservices.org)



#### **Join us in Three Brothers Garden – join us for harvest/volunteer days every Tuesday from 6-7pm.**

Our first Tuesday harvest of the 2026 growing season took place on May 26th and we are looking forward to another great year growing food for our neighbors. We will be in the garden every Tuesday this summer. Whether you are a return volunteer or are helping for the first time, we look forward to seeing you!

We’ll be harvesting early greens, conducting general clean up, weeding and perhaps some more planting. We need your help! We’ll be working between 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – come any time in between. Bring garden gloves if you have them. No prior garden experience necessary. Children are welcome.

Jack Olech is returning for his second season as our summer garden coordinator. Jack has just completed his sophomore year at Knox College and is excited to be back in Three Brothers Garden to welcome volunteers and lead our Tuesday harvests.

Three Brothers Garden will continue its “Plant A Row for our Community” program in 2026. If you are a home gardener with surplus vegetables or herbs, bring them to TBG! When your garden starts producing, leave your donation on the table inside the garden gate on Tuesday evenings before 6:00 p.m. Your donation will be delivered to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry on Wednesday morning for distribution to pantry clients.

Three Brothers Garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski Road, at Pulaski & Belle Plaine, adjacent to the IPLC parking lot.

*For more information visit [www.carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org) or direct inquiries to Liz Drew, Executive Director at [lizdrew@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizdrew@carlsoncommunityservices.org) or 312-810-3230.*

# The Sugar Hole Reopens with an Expanded Menu and Regular, Free Programming



Chicago's hardest-working puppet team kicked off their season at the end of May with a signature BYOPuppet Parade! You'll find the likes of Puddles, Moolissa, and Jeremiah Carburetor once again slinging ice cream

delights with new, extended hours from 1 to 8 PM every summertime Saturday and Sunday through September.

New menu treats include puppet-powered Root Beer Floats and Sundaes, savory items like Hot Pretzels and vegetarian and vegan Taquito Flights from Kite String Taquitos.

Also new this season, the Color Club Tavern will be open to the public with FREE concerts, shows, and hijinks with the regular bar menu available from 1-5 PM before evening programming begins. Expect a mixture of retail markets, live music, film, drag, and more! Tipping performers is strongly encouraged. The season's schedule can be viewed on the Color Club website and will be updated regularly.

# Independence Parka

by erica dreisbach



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### Spring has been full of adventure at Blazing Star School

Over the past few months, our small mixed-age micro-school and homeschool program has been busy exploring museums, engineering projects, storytelling, outdoor adventures, and community connections. One recent highlight was a day trip to Kenosha, where students and families rode the Metra, visited the Dinosaur Discovery Museum and Kenosha Public Museum, rode the city trolley (a major favorite!), and celebrated with ice cream by the lake.

Back at Blazing Star, students recently hosted Japanese study abroad students for several days of cultural exchange and collaborative activities. We also welcomed local snake enthusiasts Danielle and Quinn, who brought several corn snakes for a hands-on learning experience that sparked curiosity and brave conversations among students. This spring, many of our students have become deeply

engaged in writing and illustrating their own books, while others have immersed themselves in collaborative engineering projects – including an elaborate Magnatile coin run spanning our refrigerator! As always, we continue to spend lots of time outdoors, visiting parks and libraries and following the interests and energy of the kids as the weather warms up.

As the school year winds down, we're also looking ahead to a full season of summer camps for ages 4+, beginning June 5. This year's offerings include art camps, outdoor play, engineering and maker activities. This year we are also offering 5 weeks of teen/tween camps geared toward ages 10–14. Themes include Urban Adventures (rock climbing, kayaking, and city exploration), Art & Social Justice, and Dungeons & Dragons-inspired collaborative storytelling and worldbuilding.

Blazing Star School is a progressive, relationship-centered micro-school and homeschool enrichment program in West Walker focused on child-led learning, creativity, outdoor exploration, and community connection. We currently have fall enrollment open for the 2026–27 school year. To learn more about summer camps or school-year enrollment, visit [www.blazingstarschool.com](http://www.blazingstarschool.com)

### St. Edward School Events: Congratulations to the class of 2026!

#### Summer at St. Edward

Looking for a summer camp? Registration is still open for our Big Red Summer Camp, beginning June 8 until the end of July. Open to incoming PK 4 – 8th grade students, you can choose the weeks your family needs based on your schedule. There will be a wide variety of activities, theme weeks, sports, water games, and arts and crafts. Camp runs Monday-Friday, 9-4. For more information or to register, visit [www.stedwardchicago.org/summer-camp](http://www.stedwardchicago.org/summer-camp).

Totus Tuus 2026, our Catholic summer camp, is offering two summer faith camps: July 20-24 is the day program from 9am-2:30pm for incoming 1st-6th graders. July 19-23 is the evening program from 7-9pm for incoming 7th-12th graders. For more information or to register, visit [stedparish.org/totus-tuus-1](http://stedparish.org/totus-tuus-1).

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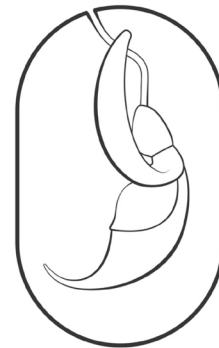
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