



WEST WALKER WIRE

DECEMBER 2007

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Holiday Cheer and Family Fun at December Meeting

We'll be serving up holiday cheer and family fun at West Walker's annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Latvian Hall, 4160 N. Elston. There will be a drawing for door prizes, festive refreshments, and music. Join us for a meeting that will be short on agenda items and long on fun!

Winter Has Arrived - Keep the Walks Clear

A note to our Local Businesses: City of Chicago Municipal Code 4-4-310 requires snow and ice removal by businesses. Please keep the sidewalks in front and adjacent to your stores/property clear this winter!

For West Walker residents: Those who walk in the neighborhood on a regular basis (including your *Wire* carriers) appreciate when your walks are clear as well. Those of you with neighbors unable to clear their walks - please do the favor of taking it on for them while you are out clearing your own walkway.

Questions? Call City of Chicago 311 or the 39th Ward Streets & Sanitation office at 312-744-8163

News from Chicago International Irving Park

Chicago International Irving Park, located at 3820 N. Spaulding, has opened its doors. The eleventh campus in the Chicago International Network, CICS – Irving Park serves 216 children in kindergarten through 4th grade. Reflective of the amazing diversity that is Chicago, the students hail from the north, south, and west sides of the city and represent the full spectrum in regards to race, ethnicity and socioeconomic backgrounds. The school will add a grade each year to grow to full enrollment as a K-8 campus, serving approximately 500 students. *Continued on Page 4*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 18 • 7:30 p.m.
WWCA General Meeting and
Holiday Party
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston Ave.

December 19 • 7:00 p.m.
Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District Police Station,
Community Room - 4650 N. Pulaski

December 19 • 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Independence Park Bungalow
Renovation Project 5% Community
Support Day
Whole Foods Market® – Sauganash
6020 N. Cicero Avenue

See pages 6 & 7 for information
January 5 • 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
St. Viator Children's Open Gym Begins
3644 North Kedvale
See page 11 for information

January 12 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
City of Chicago Winter
Preparedness Fair
North Park Village, 5801 N Pulaski

January 12 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
City of Chicago
Christmas Tree Recycling
North Park Village, 5801 N Pulaski

January 15 • 7:30 p.m.
WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston Ave.

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

Dear Neighbor:

...Will be back in January.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a wonderful 2008!

Liz Mills
President

WWCA – General Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2007 – 14 present

WWCA Vice-President Evan Price opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The October General Meeting Minutes were approved, as amended.

Treasurer Bob Begeske reported a general account balance of \$1,872.10.

Martha Maldonado of Lexa's Creative Floral Design at 4433 N Elston was on hand to show many plants and flowers which could be used for Holiday and other occasions. She was assisted by her daughter and the Shop's namesake, Lexa. Martha demonstrated ideas for arrangements that could last up to 3 months with certain tropical fronds. Martha is available for consultation for design six days a week at 773-205-2107.

Evan Price reported The Artistic Series, a varied series of artistic events, is planning to announce events starting in early 2008. Plans include a curated Art exhibit, Author reading and music events. These events will take place as the search for a West Walker Cultural Anchor continues.

Grants were announced by the American Express and The National Trust for Historic Preservation "Partners in Preservation." The Independence Park Bungalow did not receive enough votes to receive a major grant, but still qualified for a \$5,000 grant.

In addition, the Fine Wine and Cheese event at the Independence Park Bungalow was a success and raised \$9,000 for renovation.

The Stripp Joynt, located at 4170 North Elston, has been cleared to reopen by the City of Chicago Department of the Environment. The business will be subjected to ongoing review and any problems noticed by neighbors should be reported.

The Car Wash at Elston and Harding appears to be operating with the proper zoning and permits.

Michelle Kaicener is coordinating recycling efforts. This includes a hopeful bid to have the neighborhood be first in line for the next expansion of the Blue Cart recycling program. In addition, Jack Prikos at the farmer's Market will be carrying many more organic items next Spring for those truly Green of thumb. A recycling Committee is being formed and those interested in more information should contact Michelle.

A new Wire Coordinator, whose primary responsibility is to ensure delivery of the Wire to all carriers, is needed. Anyone interested should approach any WWCA Board Officer or Board Member.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-President, Evan Price.

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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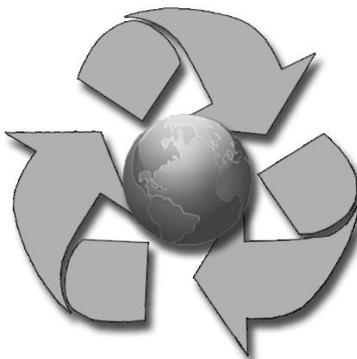
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Save Money and Be Green

This is the time of year when all thoughts turn to home heating. And with the price of a barrel of oil almost at \$100, who knows where gasoline will be priced next year ?

So let's look at a few ways to save on the gasoline, home heating and electricity bills, and help the environment at the same time !

1. Turn off lights and appliances when not in use. Put appliances e.g. computers on a power strip and turn it off or unplug it when not in use. Many appliances keep using electricity (standby mode) even when turned off.
2. Turn down your water heater thermostat and buy a water heater blanket
3. Do only full loads of laundry and wash dishes by hand, or if you must use the dishwasher, run it only when full, and use low energy settings.
4. Close curtains at night, and open them on a sunny day to let the sun heat the room. Thermal drapes help too.
5. Walk, ride a bike, carpool or take transit, instead of getting in the car alone. Where possible, shop local !
6. Turn down that heating thermostat – 65 degrees is fine. Throw on a sweater instead ! (I have mine at 62 during the day and 55 at night). Programmable thermostats are great! Why heat the house fully if you aren't at home?
7. Insulate those leaks, especially around doors and windows. Put insulation in the attic, around ductwork, and seal other leaky areas such as around outlets.
8. If you are seeking new appliances, look for the Energy Star label. Don't buy the biggest model on the showroom floor – buy the one which best meets your needs and is most efficient ! Top freezers, kept full, are most efficient.
9. Use LED lights or compact fluorescents rather than incandescent bulbs. Holiday lights are available in LED's. They may be a bit more expensive, but they last much longer and use less energy.



10. When driving, accelerate slowly, decelerate slowly and moderate your speed. This saves gasoline. Keep the correct tire pressure and the engine properly tuned.

The city is holding 12 Winter Preparedness fairs at various locations around the city. The one closest to West Walker will be held on Saturday January 12th, 2008 at North Park Village, 5801 N Pulaski, 9am – 2pm.

You can pick up a home weatherizing kit, including compact fluorescent light bulbs. Peoples Gas and ComEd will be there to discuss energy saving tips and budget payment programs.

I have a lot more tips in a pdf file – email me and I'll send it to you.

Also, folks asked me to publish a list of the recycling dropoff locations. These are the closest to the West Walker neighborhood:

Household Products & Electronics Collection & Training Center
1150 N. North Branch

Riis Park
6110 W. Fullerton

Portage Park Neighborhood
4243 N. Neenah

Far North Side
6441 N. Ravenswood

You can find additional locations and other useful information on the City of Chicago website: <http://www.cityofchicago.org>

Stay Warm !!

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News from Chicago International Irving Park

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The mission of CICS- Irving Park is to educate and nurture our children by fostering a safe and positive environment that is conducive of all children receiving a high quality college preparatory education. Each child will develop the confidence and academic skills to grow academically, socially, intellectually and morally into Life-Long Learners. The pioneering spirit in the teachers, students and families has brought the Irving Park mission to life.

Academic rigor coupled with the power of diversity make CICS-Irving Park a gem amongst the charter, public and private schools. Data-driven decision making is the key to promoting high academic achievement. The teachers are provided with training and resources to effectively use assessments to drive their instruction. In kindergarten through 2nd grade DIBELS is used to measure growth. NWEA assessments are used to guide individualized instruction in the 3rd and 4th grades. This system fosters a real culture of collaboration among the teachers at CICS- Irving Park.

At CICS-Irving Park parents have been an integral part of the school from the very beginning. Prior to the school's opening, a parent launch committee assisted with aspects of development and start-up. Since its opening in August, the school has continued to enjoy significant parental involvement. And, the administration empowered parents by instituting an Open Door Policy. The school's director, Amy Torres, hosts a monthly Parent Café, an informal forum for parents to discuss questions, concerns and ideas with her.

"It was extremely important to my staff and I to create a school environment that was welcoming to parents," said Ms. Torres. "In only a few short months, our parents have demonstrated a clear commitment to building a strong and supportive school culture at Irving Park."

CICS-Irving Park is currently enrolling for the 2008-2009 school year in kindergarten through 5th grades. Come tour CICS-Irving Park and sit with director, Amy Torres. Please contact Ms. Torres at atorres@victoryschools.com or 773.433.5000 for more information.

Tony's Finer Foods Sponsors West Walker Banner

By Jackie Kazarian

A neighborhood grocery store established in 2001, Tony's is a mainstay of the community. It has a distinctive homey feel with its hand-painted window signs and, on warmer days, a vendor that sells homemade chicken, pork and cheese tamales outside the front door. Checkout is an opportunity to visit with neighbors who have settled in Chicago from all over the world.

Tony's offers basic foods, liquor and cleaning supplies at reasonable prices but its specialty is an assortment of Mexican foods and spices. Customers rave about their fresh, homemade guacamole, salsa, pork sausages, and our family favorite--rice pudding.

The meat and produce are plentiful and fresh even if you don't know what it's called or how to cook with it. (Anyone want to offer a Mexican shopping and cooking class?) Tony's hasn't caught onto the organic foods craze, but they respond to customer suggestions and now supply soy, rice and hormone-free milk.

Owned by Tony Ingraffia and Dominick Gambino, Tony's has an ATM machine and services that include bill payment, money transferring, faxing, and purchasing CTA passes. They accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Tony's is located at the intersection of Elston and Hamlin Avenues, (773) 866-0010.

Support your local businesses and look for Tony's West Walker banner--due to go up soon.



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Avondale Restaurant Worth Checking Out

By Davor Engel

My family recently had the opportunity to experience a new neighborhood dining option called Curio Cafe. At the northwest corner of Roscoe and Lawndale, the Curio Cafe is not exactly "next door" distance from West Walker, but you sure don't have to schlep to Lakeview or Lincoln Square either. Parking was plentiful on a Sunday morning.

A cozy little corner storefront place, the Curio is perfect for those of us with little ones. Exceptionally kid friendly, it has a small height table for about 6 kids with toys and a huge chalkboard. All the kids in the place just gravitate to it and OCCUPY THEMSELVES!!! My wife and I had an opportunity to have a really nice quiet brunch while the Dynamic Duo (our 2 and 3 year old boys) did "their thing".

The food was terrific. Latin flare type omelets with whatever you can dream up to put in them...organically oriented, fair trade coffee, etc. The oatmeal & fruit bowls are wonderful. There are kid-specific items on the menu too. Other menu items include sandwiches, salads, soups and pastas. Full menu online at www.curiocafe.net. The decor is simple, comfortable and earthy with hand painted chairs and tables.

Minor issues include need for better ventilation as the kitchen is close to the dining area we walked away smelling like breakfast for a while and the fan in the bathroom was so loud it conveniently scared the you know what out of the boys when they had to go. For such a kid oriented place a step stool would be welcome in the bathroom. It's also quickly becoming popular for weekend breakfast, so don't be surprised if there's a minor wait at prime time. Claudia & Lucy (the owners) do a good job of hustling, so tables turn pretty quickly though.

Generous brunch for a family of four was about \$40 tip included. All major credit cards accepted and wi-fi !!! We'll be back for sure!

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Independence Park Bungalow Renovation Project Update

By Lynda Olander, IPBRP President

Second Annual Fine Wine & Cheese Party

What a night!

We had fabulous wines served by our neighborhood "experts", wonderful cheeses supplied by Whole Foods Market – Sauganash and musical entertainment by our very own singing piano player Dan Gillogly. The Silent Auction contained over 60 fabulous items including the baker's dozen collection of memorable wines donated by GIPNA and WWCA neighbors.

The very generous donation from Andrew Moutan and Tim Olander of the wines served kept the party expenses to a minimum. The net profit - \$8,783.00! This money will be held in the Independence Park Bungalow Renovation Project account until needed for the renovation. It is not commingled with any other funds.

Thank you to all of you who participated. This was a party with a purpose that was enjoyed by all!

Partners in Preservation Contest

Thank you for voting for our project daily for five weeks. In the end, we didn't win. The Partners in Preservation selected 15 sites to receive funds. The remaining 10 sites will all receive \$5,000. So, \$5,000 is better than nothing but after all of that work by so many people and the pressure to keep people voting, I would be lying if I didn't confess to being a little disappointed with the outcome.

The good news is that the publicity gained from this exposure has led to interest in our project by the Chicago Sun Times and the American Bungalow magazine. Various departments within the City of Chicago have shown more interest in the project too. And we have been approached by a few firms interested in doing pro-bono work.



Web Site

"Restoring our heritage with the tools of today for tomorrow"

Coming soon -- our new web site -- www.greenbungalowproject.org. With the valuable help of David Dumo, our designer, Jim O'Connor, our editor and Josh Singer, our web master, we are creating a site that will be easy to maintain, informative to history/bungalow buffs and generate donations for our project through Pay Pal. Check it out.

5% Day at Whole Foods – Sauganash

We submitted our application in the hopes of being selected as the recipient of Whole Foods Market 5% Day, and we won! On **Wednesday, December 19th**, 5% of the net sales at the Sauganash store (Cicero and Peterson) will be donated to our project. This is in keeping with Whole Foods philosophy of supporting the community organizations reach their fund-raising goals. Please bring you family and friends to the store on that day.



Left: A Full House enjoys the Wine & Cheese Fundraiser at the Bungalow

Top: 39th Ward Alderman Margaret Laurino with 17th District Commander Charles Dulay and his wife Diane. Commander Dulay will retire from the Department at the end of this month

Bottom: West Walker resident Ed Torres grabs a refreshment at the fundraiser



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Hours: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.**

**Location: Whole Foods Market–Sauganash
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(corner of Cicero and Peterson)**

Whole Foods Market strongly believes in supporting the community.
On this day, 5% of the net sales from
Whole Foods Market–Sauganash will be donated to the
Independence Park Bungalow Renovation Project (IPBRP).

Bring your family and friends to support the bungalow renovation
by shopping at Whole Foods Market - Sauganash on December 19th .

*Donations for shopping at Sauganash (Cicero and Peterson) store location only.
Thank you for helping us achieve our fundraising goals.

Food Pantry Needs Help Making Christmas Merry For Neighborhood Families

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is once again appealing to your generosity. As Christmas approaches we need your help in helping those less fortunate than ourselves. At Thanksgiving we served 306 families, and in that 306 families there were 985 people! We expect that, and more on December 19th for our Christmas distribution. And these are your neighbors as the 306 families we served live in the 60641 and 60618 zip codes. As part of the Christmas distribution we also hope to give the 275 (under 12) children in those families a \$20 gift certificate to Toys R Us. Please put us on your gift list! For additional info on how you can donate or help, please contact Pat Eisenhart at 773 478 4027.



*Give during this
Holiday Season to
those Less Fortunate*

La Rabida Children's Hospital Charity Drive

It's the holiday season and the kids at La Rabida hospital need your help. We are looking for toys and \$100.00 food cards from Jewel or Dominicks. A cash donation will go toward these food cards or purchasing additional toys. We are looking for educational, instructional and interactive toys. Please, no stuffed animals. We are looking for gifts for children up to age 12, however most of the children are under 10. The contact and drop off location in Chicago is Keller's Martial Arts, 3718 W. Irving Park Road (773)279-1100. The other drop off is Gajda Health Plus Network, 552 E. Northwest Highway, Palatine.

St. Edward School and Parish News

On November 6th, five St. Edward Junior High Science teams participated in the Notre Dame High School Boys Science Competition. The challenge was to build an "Egg Mitt," using only 4 sheets of paper, tape, scissors and a ruler. The mitt had to safely cushion a thrown egg from various distances. Points were given based on how far the egg traveled before breaking. Congrats are in order for Christopher Rojas, Brandon Pascalo and Kyle Fitch for taking first place and Peter Niznik and Kyle Kania for coming in Second.

Another group of St. Edward students participated in the Science League Challenge at Regina Dominican High School. The girls had to build a tall tower that would hold a raw egg, using only craft sticks, straws, paper, tape, etc., for at least 5 seconds. Nicole Pineda and Felicity Gonzalez won first place! Congratulations!

Seventh grade teacher Tracy Mortimer, along with students Jackie Plaza and Peter Niznik, participated in the Student Pledge against Gun Violence Rally that was held at the 17th District Police Station on October 24.

School Open House

Discovery Sunday 2007 will be held on January 27 from 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Open House is a great opportunity to see the school, meet faculty and students and learn about the school's curriculum and its computer, after school care, and music and sports programs, and other extracurricular activities.

There will be no school board meeting in December, the January meeting will be held Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower church. All school parents and parishioners are welcome.

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! For more information, call the school at 773/736-9133.



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Office Report: 39th Ward



I hope everyone enjoys a very safe and **Happy Holidays!** Even though the snow will soon begin to fall, our neighborhood parks are still as active as ever. The Chicago Park District has enough activities to keep everyone busy well into the new year. Cultural performances, conservatory events, holiday camps and workshops for all ages, Santa event, and holiday tournaments are just a few activities hosted by the park district. For more information, visit www.chicagoparkdistrict.com, or call (312) 742-PLAY.

Upcoming Events...The City of Chicago will be hosting a **Winter Preparedness Fair** on **Saturday, January 12, 2008**. It will be held at **North Park Village** in the Administration Building from **9:00 am – 2:00 p.m.** This fair is free of charge, and those attending will receive a free home weatherization kit (while supplies last). This is a great opportunity to learn how to reduce your heating bill and about financial assistance programs for utility bills and home weatherization. In the meantime, everyone can reduce the amount of natural gas they use by taking a few simple and affordable steps provided by Peoples Energy:

- Keep your thermostat between 65 and 70 degrees. When you go to sleep or leave the house, turn your thermostat down.
- Open your blinds or drapes to let the sun in on sunny winter days. At night, close them to help insulate your windows from the cold.
- Don't heat spaces or rooms that you don't use. Close the vents and shut the doors for these rooms. By minimizing the space you actually heat, can save you a significant amount on your heating bill.
- Warm air rises. Direct your heating vents so that they blow horizontally across the floor instead of up toward the ceiling. If you have ceiling fans, in the summer set them so that you feel a breeze coming down (usually counterclockwise). In the winter, reverse the fan's direction and set it at a low speed to bring the heated air back down from the ceiling where you need it.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my public service office at (773)736-5594 or email us at ward39@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino - Alderman, 39th Ward

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CAPS Report

by Margaret McIntyre

The November meeting was held on a cold and rainy night - the night before Thanksgiving (Nov 21st). So, the meeting was atypical, lasting only 30 minutes with very few people in attendance and no special presentations.



Officers gave updates on several issues that were brought up last month CAPS meeting.

- Residents had reported people hanging out in an abandoned building on Irving Park and Central Park. The officers reported checking the location. It is a building under renovation and it seems the rear gate was often left open. The police department contacted the owners and locks have been added to the gates.
- Residents had reported the business, MJ Food & Liquor, on 3654 West Lawrence was selling to minors. The officers reported Vice checking into the situation. They utilized a minor to try and purchase liquor. The minor was unable to make a purchase. Vice will continue to monitor the establishment.

Under new issues discussed, there was a report by one resident that there may be a prostitute working on Lawrence from Pulaski to the River. Officers stated they will investigate.

Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood October 17 - November 20, 2007:

Theft over \$300.....	6
Battery (simple).....	5
Burglary (unlawful entry).....	5
Narcotics (possession)	5
Motor Vehicle Theft (automobile).....	4
Assault (simple).....	4
Burglary (forcible entry).....	3
Robbery (strongarm)	3
Assault (aggravated)	2
Robbery (armed)	1
Criminal sexual assault.....	1

CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) meetings for 2007 for our beat are held at the 17th District in the community Room, 4650 N. Pulaski. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. monthly on the 3rd Wednesday and typically last one hour. The next meeting is December 19. More information about CAPS is available at www.cityofchicago.org. Join the CAPS team of police officers, residents and City Departments working together for a safer Chicago.

Join IPLC to Celebrate the Season

Irving Park Lutheran Church is located on the corner of Belle Plaine and Pulaski, one block north of Irving Park. We can be contacted at 773.267.1666.

December 16th

10:30 am.- Sunday School Children's Program:
"Christmas Morning LIVE!" (No 9 o'clock service)

December 23rd

9:00 am.- Chapel

10:30 am.- Sanctuary- Chancel Choir

December 24th

10:30 am.- Family Candlelight
and Communion Service

11:00 pm.- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25th

10:30 am.- Christmas Day Lessons and Carols

Grace and Peace, Pastor Brooke Petersen

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News from St. Viator's

A GREENER ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

St. Viator Elementary School celebrated the 10 year anniversary of Art Zone with the dedication of a mosaic mural on September 22, 2007. Art Zone is a unique hands-on fine arts program for students provided solely thru volunteer efforts. The mural is a collage of images that children in grades pre-kindergarten through 8th designed in Art Zone. Students and volunteers worked together to create the beautiful 15' x 5' installation. The mosaic celebrates the students' diversity, interests and their relationship to their community at large. The mural is installed on the west side of the school.



Adding to the celebration, are new landscaping and gardens which create a green environment for the students and community. Large areas of asphalt have been removed in favor of grass, trees and gardens along the school property. Evergreens and perennials provide solace and a place to flourish year-round. This beautification is possible in part to the awarding of the Illinois First Grant. Thanks to the efforts of State Representative Richard T. Bradley and Dave Schlenbecker, Director of Building and Grounds to St. Viator, who helped secure the funds and for making a greener environment for all.

SKATE WITH SANTA

Looking for a unique way to visit with Santa in your neighborhood? Please join us on Sunday, December 16th, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., St. Viator's Gym, 3644 North Kedvale, as the Parents' Club host their annual "Skate With Santa" celebration. The cost is \$2.00 per skater. You can bring your own skates or rent a pair for \$1.00. There will be food for sale and Polaroid photos with Santa for \$3.00. Please join us at this fun, unique holiday celebration !

OPEN GYM

Come out with your children ages three through nine for a morning of sport activities: dodgeball, basketball, baseball and soccer. Possible Pee Wee Olympics depending on participation. Beginning Saturday, January 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (1st and 3rd Saturdays, January thru May) St. Viator's Gym, 3644 North Kedvale. The cost is \$20.00 for the year.

For more information, visit www.stviatorchicago.org.

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On-Line and 800 Number

Resources for Senior Citizens

Illinois Department on Aging
www.state.il.us/aging/

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
www.idfpr.com/DOI/Ship/ship_help.asp

Illinois Cares Rx www.illinoiscaresrx.com

I-SaveRx www.i-saverx.net

Illinois Rx Buying Club www.illinoisrxbuyingclub.com

Illinois Area Agencies on Aging
www.state.il.us/aging/2aaa/aaa-main.htm

Illinois Department of Human Services
www.dhs.state.il.us

Illinois Benefits www.illinoisbenefits.org

Senior Citizens' Housing
www.hud.gov/groups/seniors.cfm

U.S. Centers for Medicaid and Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov

Official Medicare Web Site www.medicare.gov

National Center on Elder Abuse
www.elderabusecenter.org

Medicare Rights Center www.medicarerights.org/

AARP www.aarp.org

Senior Citizens' Resources
www.usa.gov/Topics/Seniors.shtml

National Senior Citizens Law Center www.nsclc.org/

Senior Citizens Guide www.seniorcitizensguide.com/

Toll-free Numbers

Illinois Senior Help Line (Department on Aging)
1-800-252-8966 [1-888-206-1327 \(TTY\)](tel:1-888-206-1327)

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
1-800-548-9034 [1-217-524-4872 \(TTY\)](tel:1-217-524-4872)

Healthcare and Family Services Health Benefits Hotline
1-800-226-0768 [1-877-204-1012 \(TTY\)](tel:1-877-204-1012)

Elder Abuse Hotline
1-866-800-1409 [1-888-206-1327 \(TTY\)](tel:1-888-206-1327)

Department of Human Services Helpline
1-800-843-6154 [1-800-447-6404 \(TTY\)](tel:1-800-447-6404)

Senior Citizens Consumer Fraud Helpline – Chicago
1-800-243-5377

Senior Citizens Consumer Fraud Helpline – Springfield
1-800-252-2518

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
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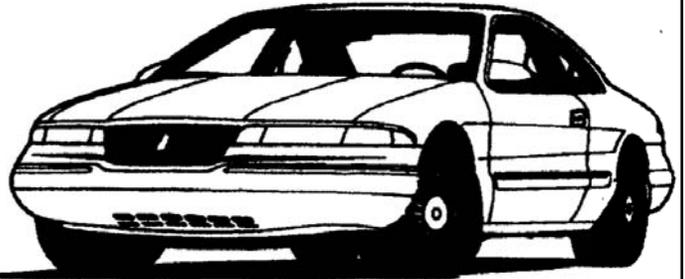
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