

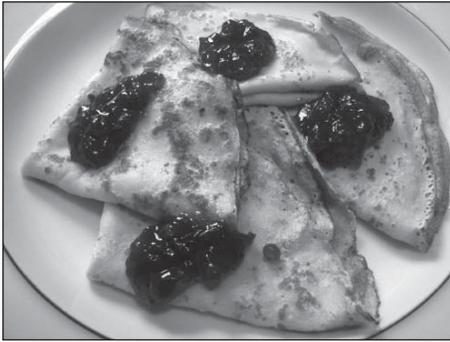


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Come to the gymnasium of Irving Park Lutheran Church for our 29th Annual Pancake Supper and Bake Sale on **Tuesday, February 13th, from 5 - 7:30 pm** (gym is at the corner of Harding and Belle Plaine). There will be Swedish pancakes, regular pancakes, sausage, lingonberries, apples, and orange juice for all!

Then treat yourself to the bake sale table after dinner! Admission at the door is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 12 and under. Feast and fellowship before Lent's time of prayer and reflection. All proceeds go towards improvements in our beautiful gymnasium, which serves so many people in our community!

Summer Camp @ IPLC Director Are you interested in directing Summer Camp @ IPLC? The position is paid, full time work for the 1-4 weeks the church camp operates in the month of August (with full and half day options) and includes planning, communication, and staff coordination beforehand. For more information, contact Pastor Bouman at erinbouman@sbcglobal.net or 773-267-1666.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat., Feb. 10 • 5:00 pm

Darwin Day - Climate Change
Dinner and Conversation
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner

Wed., Feb. 21 • 7:00 pm

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

Sun., Feb. 25 • 5:00-7:00 pm

Soup & Bread for Carlson
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym
4057 N. Harding Ave.

Sun., March 18 • 2:00 pm

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee
Presents
Ling's Classical Strings
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding

Fri., March 23 • Time TBD

Hodie Snitch and Holy Smokes
Independence Tap
3932 W Irving Park Rd.

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

Dear Neighbor,

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018, WAS LITERALLY A GROUNDBREAKING DAY in West Walker. Elected officials, school officials, CHA and CPL representatives, community organizers, and neighbors From West Walker, Independence Park and Old Irving gathered at the site for the new Independence branch library. Construction on the new Library and senior living project is underway, with a projected completion in late 2018 or early 2019.

For the first time in its over 100 year history, the branch will have a permanent, dedicated facility located at 4022 N Elston, right here in West Walker. The branch has been shuttered since October, 2015 when its leased facility suffered fire damage. Although efforts to secure a new library go back many years, the fire spurred a renewed effort to build a dedicated branch library. Although countless individuals contributed to the new library, West Walker resident Roberta Bole has remained a steadfast supporter and advocate for a new library for years, and many thanks go to her for her efforts.

In less than a year, a world-class learning center will open in West Walker. In addition to lending written, audio and video materials, programs for all ages will be available. Community space will accommodate learning and activities. The housing component will encourage a dialogue across the ages – in itself a unique educational opportunity.

Watch as our new library grows. Be prepared to be delighted and amazed.

Mike Webber
President, Pro Tem
West Walker Civic Association



The January 28th groundbreaking ceremony for the new Independence Branch Library. Roberta Bole is flanked by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and State Representative Jamie Andrade, Alderman John Arena and project heads.

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
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St. John's Episcopal Church Celebrates Annual Darwin Day

Climate Change... will our food become extinct? Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 3857 N. Kostner Ave.

Celebrate Charles Darwin's birthday with a conversation about climate change and the future of our food supply. The speakers will be Dr. William Bromer and Vicki Westerhoff. Bromer is a professor of biology and environmental science at the University of St. Francis in Joliet and an expert on the biology of streams and rivers and the species they sustain. He is a devoted fly fisherman and environmental activist. Vicki Westerhoff is an organic farmer whose farm, Genesis Growers, supplies organic vegetables to the St. John's drop site and other Chicago locations. Westerhoff will speak about her journey to turn her family farm into an organic farm. The evening will include a dinner and a gift of heirloom seeds as door prizes. The dinner is free; cash bar and donations support the Darwin Day program. The event is free and open to the public.

Why Darwin Day? "While many fundamental Christian churches deny science we embrace the opportunity to learn more about the universe, believing that God gave us brains so that we can use them. Darwin Day has been a great opportunity for people of faith to celebrate science, embrace the amazing strides that scientific discovery has made, and to admit that we don't know everything; that questions and doubt are essential to faith," says The Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer. "Tackling our part in global warming is an essential ethical response."

Additional information may be obtained on the St. John's website www.stjohnschicago.com.

About The International Darwin Day

Darwin Day is an international celebration of science and humanity held on or around February 12, the day that Charles Darwin was born on in 1809. Specifically, it celebrates the discoveries and life of Charles Darwin -- the man who first described biological evolution via natural selection with scientific rigor. More generally, Darwin Day expresses gratitude for the enormous benefits that scientific knowledge, acquired through human curiosity and ingenuity, has contributed to the advancement of humanity.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Your Neighborhood Realtor!

Real Estate Trends for 2018 – Take 2

Hi Neighbors. I hope your 2018 is off to a good start! Our real estate market is still going strong. Here's what we can expect in 2018.

- 1. Continued Shortage of Homes on the Market** – It's still a Seller's market. However the number of homes for sale should grow by Fall 2018.
- 2. Rising Prices** – Chicago area volume of sales could increase 10% and prices could increase up to 4%.
- 3. Higher Mortgage Rates** – The interest rate for a 30 year fixed rate mortgage, currently 4.125%, could rise to 5% toward the end of 2018.
- 4. Millennials & Baby Boomers** – will drive the housing market & home design. Both want wider hallways (for wheel chairs or strollers). And Boomers want extra support behind shower walls for potential grab bars. 43% of homebuyers will be Millennials.
- 5. New Construction Up** – Forecasters predict a 7% increase in new construction homes with a focus on more affordable entry level homes.

Sources: NAR, Realtor.com, Zillow, Crains

If you're thinking of selling in the next 24 months, and want to get the highest sale price, please call me for a free home consultation.

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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723

Beat 1722 & 1723 Beat Meeting, January 16, 2018 - No Report

Important Notice: Beginning January 2018, the Beat 1722/1723 CAPS meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

Call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide detailed descriptions of the individuals and vehicles involved in any incident. Even if a neighbor has already reported the incident or activity, other neighbors should make separate calls. The police often look at the number of calls for service in determining the allocation of officers and resources with respect to a particular situation or incident. CAPS meetings for our beat are currently held monthly at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month and typically last one hour. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, February 21st. If you or a neighbor have been the victim of a crime and you would like to

share that information with your neighbors, e-mail the details to westwalkercrimealerts@gmail.com. The exact address of the crime and name of the victim will be kept anonymous.

Here's how to reach or follow the 17th District CAPS office:

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Twitter: @ChicagoCAPS17

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Phone: 312-742-4588

Event Calendar: <http://home.chicagopolice.org>

Liz Mills

CAPS Coordinator

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39th Ward Report



Dear West Walker Residents,

Winter Overnight Parking Restrictions are in effect until April 1. Signs for this seasonal restriction are permanently posted. Vehicles Parked on critical arterial streets with a posted seasonal overnight restriction will be towed, as well as ticketed,

between 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. whether or not snow is on the ground.

For the March 20 Primary Election, Chicago voters will be able to use Early Voting & Registration from Feb. 8 through March 19 at North Park Village Administration Building (5801 N. Pulaski). Ballots cast in Early Voting are final. After casting ballots in Early Voting, voters may not return to amend, change or undo a ballot for any reason. Government-issued photo ID is not required but is helpful. Registration services are available at Early Voting sites. Any voter who needs to register for the first time or file an address update or a name change must show two forms of ID, one of which shows the voter's current address.

If you're looking for a way to fill your days with springtime fun, please keep in mind that the Chicago Park District has programs available for adults and children. Online Registration for Spring 2018 programs located at parks located West of California Avenue will begin on Monday, February 26th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and In-Person Registration will begin on Saturday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Gompers Park (4222 W. Foster Avenue- 773-685-3270) Peterson Park (5801 North Pulaski Road, Building J - 312-742-7584), or the Chicago Park District website (www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) for further information.

If you'd like to receive the latest news and updates from the 39th Ward, please consider registering for my e-newsletter. You can sign up on my website, www.AldermanLaurino.com or send us an email at Ward39@cityofchicago.org. We will be happy to add you to the list. Your information will remain private and will never be shared. As always, please feel free to contact my office at 773-736-5594 or send an email to Ward39@cityofchicago.org with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

Use Tax Time to Organize Your Personal Records

by Audrey Cosgrove, Attorney

Think for a few moments about what would happen if you suddenly became incapacitated or died. Would your spouse or family know what to do? Would they know where to find important records or be able to access them online?

There are many documents and information that your family would need if you become incapacitated or die. This list will help you start thinking of the critical information you want your family to have.

- legal documents (will, living trust, health care documents);
- list of medications you are taking;
- list of your advisors (attorney, CPA, banker, insurance agent, financial advisor, physicians);
- insurance policies (health and life);
- year-end bank and investment account statements;
- storage facility location, access method, and inventory;
- list of other assets, including location, account numbers, date purchased and purchase price;
- safe deposit box location, list of contents and location of key;
- list of people to whom you owe money (mortgage, credit cards, etc.);
- death or disability benefits from organizations;
- past tax returns.

Some people find this process daunting. Make it easy and do it annually when you do your taxes and are going through your documents anyway. Create a paper binder and a computer folder. Let someone know your computer passcode so they can open it, and in the computer folder, keep all the current sign ins for online accounts. Don't assume your family will figure out your record keeping method. Do a trial run so when they are stressed out, they will find what they need.

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



**Carlson
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Services is a
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profit connecting*

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

Soup & Bread for Carlson February 25th

Cold and snow bringing you down? Thaw out with a steaming bowl of soup from great restaurants and local cooks served among friends – all for the good of neighborhood programs. Carlson Community Services will host its sixth Soup & Bread fundraiser on Sunday, February 25th from 5-7 pm.

Soup & Bread for Carlson will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave. Up to 10 satisfying soups from local restaurants and neighborhood cooks will be served. The soup menu wasn't final by newsletter deadline, but past participants have included restaurants like Community Tavern, Smoque, Bread & Wine and Hot Woks/Cool Sushi. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and teens, \$5 for kids 3-12. Kids under 3 eat free! The event will also feature music, a raffle, kids' crafts and bake sale --- fun for all ages.

All proceeds go to Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 non-profit connecting the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. Carlson's programs include the Magic After-School Place, Three Brothers Community Garden and the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series. For more information or to volunteer for the event, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org/event/soup-bread/ or contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766 or lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org.



(Top to bottom) Bonnie Tawse and Sarah Steedman serve their Japanese Ramen soup at Soup & Bread 2017. Chris Altman and Joyce Winer at Soup & Bread 2017

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Ling's Classical Strings March 18th

Noted professional violinist and teacher John Ling will bring his string quartet to the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's final concert of the 2017/2018 season. The concert will be held Sunday, March 18th at 2:00 pm. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. The concert is free, though donations are welcome. A reception with the artists follows the concert.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is sponsored by Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 non-profit. Its mission is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. To learn more, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org.

News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Pantry Seeking Event Coordinators

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is looking for organized people who could run one or more of our annual outreach programs. At this time, the events include distribution of school supplies (in August) for client's children and providing coats (one per family) to clients in October. Thank you to local resident Megan Tomey for volunteering to coordinate the Easter Baskets (for the four weeks before Easter) for our clients' children.

These are on-going events that have systems in place—but we need someone to oversee them and organize gathering materials and distributing them during Wednesday distributions. The ideal candidate is connected to others in the community who can help generate the needed donations, ensure the materials are delivered to the Pantry and recruit volunteers to help with the distribution. Co-coordinators are welcome! If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact Lee Stein at 312-608-1465 or leesstein@gmail.com for details and information.

Our special distributions are an opportunity for local people who want to make a tangible difference in their community through an opportunity that provides a definite start time and end time and who can coordinate and schedule others. Please note that availability on Wednesday mornings during the distribution is not a requirement to be a coordinator as long as other volunteers are committed to that time.

Thank you to the students, parents, faculty and staff of Portage Park Elementary School for organizing a food and coat drive for the Pantry in November as part of the 45th Ward Food Drive. Thanks also to Lorca Elementary School, which gathered five boxes of food during its first food drive for the Pantry in December.

We also very much appreciate the efforts of the second-grade class at Disney II Magnet Elementary School, who selected the Pantry to receive the profits from their annual craft fair in December. The Pantry was chosen from about 15 charities due to the variety and reach of our programs in their community. The students presented the Pantry with a check for more than \$1,400!



Second-grade students at Disney II Magnet Elementary School present Executive Director John Psiharis (back row, on left) and Publicity Coordinator Craig Shutt (on right) with a check for the proceeds from their craft fair in December. The two talked with the students about the Pantry's work and answered questions during their visit. Photo by Disney II

Be a Bunny for our clients' children at Irving Park Community Food Pantry!

Put together Easter Baskets layered with safe, fun and useful things that are easily found in a dollar store. Healthy snacks are great too. Hand-made bookmarks (or something similar) are also nice additions! We'll distribute baskets in age ranges: 0-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Our first distribution will occur on Wednesday, March 7th at 9 am. For more information about how to drop off your baskets, call the Pantry at 773-283-6296. It helps us most when the donations arrive already packed. Please AVOID shrink wrapped baskets, and woven baskets with the big curved handle, as these make it harder for us to stack, store and deliver them.

We appreciate the entire community's support and efforts to help us the years! With your help, we will continue in 2018 to live up to our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

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Join us for Ward Night
Tuesday evenings from 5-7 PM

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45th Ward Report



The new Independence Branch Library, 4024 N. Elston, received demolition and building permits from the City of Chicago in December. Demolition and construction is expected to begin late winter to early spring, weather permitting.

The building is a unique collaboration between the Chicago Housing Authority and the Chicago Public Library, with the library on the first two floors and four floors of affordable senior housing above. The new library takes on a contemporary aesthetic, with plenty of windows to allow natural light to flood inside. The new branch will have learning spaces for all age groups, a multi-purpose community room, and a dedicated play area. John Ronaan Architects, a finalist in the competition to build the Obama Presidential Library, was chosen from a group of three finalists to design the new branch.

For decades, neighbors and library users have lobbied for a new library. After the library's former location closed in 2015 due to smoke damage from an adjacent

fire, momentum grew for a new and improved facility. In October, 2016, it was announced that the library would have a permanent home where the former Hollerbach Funeral Home was located.

I want to thank the Friends of Independence Library, West Walker Civic Association, Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association, Old Irving Park Association, Rep. Jaime Andrade, the Mayor's office, Ald. Marge Laurino, Ald. Deb Mell, Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, and all the residents and neighborhood groups who advocated to make this happen.

Filament Theater Offers Summer Camps

Filament Camps focus on amplifying the creativity of the young participants. In Filament camps and classes, there are no scripts and no assigned roles—each participant creates their own dream role. Through drama and creative play, Filament's experienced teaching artists support everyone in creating their own dialogue, characters, stories, costumes, and ultimately their own play. Participants will explore creative problem solving, teamwork, confident public speaking, analysis of text, speaking directly to the audience, community engagement, and more – all while creating something fun that makes them proud!

Children ages 6 to 12 can sign up for our two-week Mysterious Summer Adventure Camp, "The Filament Clue Collectors," or our one-week Rocket Camp, "Stories in the Stars."

Filament Clue Collectors invite you to join an ensemble of spies, sleuths, and detectives for a two week mysterious summer adventure! Nate the Great, Harriet the Spy, Encyclopedia Brown, even Harry Potter—bring your favorite sleuth to life this summer as we learn the secrets of Filament Theatre, visit special sites all around Filament's neighborhood, and learn how to question suspects, collect stories, and build a case! Campers will learn the fundamentals of Filament Theatre's playmaking techniques, collect daily clues, go to the park for lunch, and work with Filament teaching artists to create and solve a special mystery play of their very own. Register for one session or two, the mystery will change...just as mysteries often do! Family and friends are invited to a special performance on the last Friday of camp at 2:30pm.

Stories in the Stars calls out to all astronomers, daydreamers, stargazers, and rocket scientists! We need

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you to create a brand new play at lightning speed! Explore the cosmos as we look at myths and legends surrounding famous constellations and investigate some of the most mysterious questions scientists have about our galaxy. In just one week campers will learn the fundamentals of Filament Theatre's playmaking techniques, explore the Milky Way, go to the park for lunch, and work with Filament teaching artists to create a brand new play inspired by the night sky. Family and friends are invited to a special performance on the last day of camp at 2:30pm.

Classes will be lead by professional teaching artists and members Filament's Resident Artists who have extensive teaching credits in performing arts training programs, schools and after school programs. Teaching affiliations include: The Actors Gymnasium (Evanston), District 65 after school programs, CPS programs, Emerald City Theater camps, Barrel of Monkeys, National High School Institute Theatre Arts Pre-College training, and more!

Filament Theatre is located at 4041 N. Milwaukee. For more information, call 773-270-1660 or visit www.filamenttheatre.org.

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Schurz Academic Decathlon Team Advances to City Finals

On Saturday, January 27th, the Schurz decathletes competed in the first All-City Tournament and placed 3rd, just behind Whitney Young and Lane Tech. Congratulations to the team members and alternates who received many medals: Nick Lopez, Jonathan Carcamo, Eriks Nikurs, Jonathan Rodrihuez, Ashley Rios, Natanael Estrada, Anthony Berdeja, Oswaldo Nunez, Erik Vasquez and a special congratulations to George Goce who took home the team's highest score. Many thanks to our supporters, tutors and volunteers: Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Weiss, Ms. Rak, Mr Raimondi, Ms. Joung, and Ms. Hansen. And thank you to Mr. Arreguin and Mr. Rutter for helping us with our team uniforms that made quite an impression. Coach Arsenie is proud of the team and is thankful for everyone's continued support. The City Finals will take place at Whitney Young Magnet High School on February 11th. Go Bulldogs!

Schurz Girls Basketball Team Named Chicago Sky Team of the Week!

Congratulations to the Schurz Bulldogs for being named as the sixth weekly winner of the Chicago Sky's 2018 "High School Team of the Week." The Schurz Bulldogs are currently 11-10, and finished in second place at the Robeson High School Holiday Tournament. The girls' basketball team also works hard in the classroom, with athletes in honors, business and finance, dual-enrollment, and IB and AP classes. Off the court, the Bulldogs are partnered with Schurz's Build On program and volunteer with the KEEN program, working with athletes who have special needs.

Supply Drive!

The Schurz ETS program invites all students, teachers, and staff members to support the organization "Connections for Abused Women and Children" by donating full size toiletries, baby/infant toys or clothes, or art materials. The drop box is located in the college room. February 20th is the last day to donate!

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Windy City Playhouse Launches Summer Camps

Sign your child up for WCP's "Camp Playhouse" for summer 2018!

The Playhouse's summer camp is a place for every child to learn and grow through theater. Each week, we'll use a different theme to explore the principles of creativity, and our commitment to inclusion means that every child will feel welcome.

Our themes are: Heroes & Villains; Detective Capers; Myths Legends and Folklore and for all of you Hogwarts and Narnia fans: Double, Double, Toil & Trouble! Camps are organized for kindergartners through 3rd graders, and 4th through 6th graders.

Whether your camper is a born-and-bred performer, the artsy designer-type, or a bookish playwright in-the-making, there's a place for them at the Playhouse! To add to the fun, we'll test the limits of the "theater space" to show kids that the magic of theater can be created anytime, anywhere.

Windy City Playhouse is located at 3014 West Irving Park Road. Call us at 773-891-8985 or visit us at www.windycityplayhouse.com.



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Experience the National Veterans Art Museum.

The Things They Carried is a permanent exhibit based on the book by Tim O'Brien. Reopened in 2014, in order to be more immersive for viewers, the exhibit is inspired by Tim O'Brien's book, *The Things They Carried*. Much like the book, the exhibit explores the concept of storytelling and questions how one might share the story of the Vietnam experience. The exhibit takes as its central question "how to tell a true war story," and prompts viewers to consider their personal stories and contemplate how they might share their own narratives.

VIETNAM - The Defining Moment, open through April 28th, is the latest exhibition which is a part of the decade-long anniversary marking 50 years since the Vietnam War. Featuring artwork created by over 30 Vietnam veterans, this exhibit explores the specific moments that transformed and shaped the lives of the military veterans and those close to them. The defining moment in life is the point when internal and external forces combine to make fundamental changes in who we are. This transformation reveals our true character and determines the course of our future. Each man and woman touched by the Vietnam War had a defining moment and came home a different person than the one that left. For some it came suddenly, with hot searing pain. For others, it came slowly, with the soul wearying grind of war.

The exhibition is curated by two Vietnam veterans, Jim Moore and Mike Helbing. Of the artwork chosen for the exhibit, Moore states, "We aimed identify moments that were turning points for the subjects of each artwork and examine the role of the veteran artist in capturing either their own defining moments or those of others."

Above and Beyond: The Vietnam War Memorial - This amazing exhibit is comprised of 58,307 dog tags. Each dog tag represents the death of military personnel in the Vietnam War and is arranged in date order of death. And, each dog tag shows their name, date of death and military branch. Above and Beyond was commissioned by the National Veterans Art Museum and created by veteran artists: Rick Steinbock, Ned Broderick, Joe Fornelli and Mike Helbing. Above and Beyond was created over a 2-year period as each dog tag was stamped by hand using a former military Graphotype machine.

National Veterans Art Museum is located at 4041 N. Milwaukee, on the second floor. For more information, call 312-326-0270 or visit www.nvam.org.

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Lent at Irving Park Lutheran Church begins on Ash Wednesday February 14th (on Valentine's Day this year!). Come experience God's self-giving love in the Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:30 pm. The service includes imposition of ashes and holy communion. Then join us on five subsequent Wednesdays (Feb. 21-March 21) for an easy weeknight dinner (6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall) and family-friendly worship (7:30-8:00 pm) that is filled with prayer, scripture, contemplative songs and a children's sermon.

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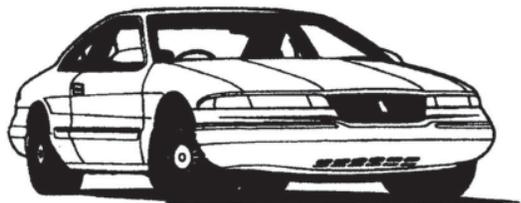
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