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All Things Gardening at WWCA Meeting

Jack Prikos of Farmers Market Garden Center will speak on a number of topics including the history of Farmers Market, summer bulbs and the “sustainable” gardening project supported by the City of Chicago. Native varieties of perennials, trees and shrubs and the City of Chicago rebate initiative will be presented. In addition the “impatiens downy mildew” affecting the Chicagoland area will be discussed. This highly destructive disease is spreading rampantly through the city. Find out what you can do and learn some alternative plant suggestions. For beginners or seasoned gardeners this presentation is a “can’t miss!” The meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.**



Photo by Lee S. Stein

28th Annual West Walker Garage Sale is Saturday, May 18

Mark your calendars! It’s almost time for the 28th annual West Walker Garage Sale. Last year there were 91 garages for you to visit and shop for bargains or your next great treasure. The WWCA garage sale will be on May 18 from 9 to 4 p.m. If you want to sell your treasures, turn to the back page of this newsletter and fill out the application. Don’t wait!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat., April 13 • 9 - 11 a.m.

Three Brothers Garden Prep & Planting
4107 N. Pulaski (by IPLC parking lot)

Tues., April 15 • 7:00 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting, Speaker:
Jack Prikos, Farmers Market Garden Ctr.
Latvian Community Ctr., 4146 N. Elston

Wed., April 17 • 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Save Trees From Emerald Ash Borer
Wright College Auditorium
4300 North Narragansett

Sat., April 20 • Call for Time

Ald. Laurino’s Clean & Green Event
Call Ward Office 773-736-5594

Sun., April 21 • 3:00 p.m.

Organ Concert, Douglas Cleveland
St. John’s Episcopal Church
3857 North Kostner

Sat., April 27 • Call for Time

Shredding & Electronics Recycling Day
Mayfair Library Parking Lot
4400 W. Lawrence

Sat., April 27 • 6:30 p.m.

1st Annual Trivia Night
Irving Park United Methodist Church
3801 N Keeler

Sat., April 27 • 7:30 p.m.

Concert by Jen Reilly & Karen Jordan
The Tapestry Church
3824 West Irving Park Rd.

Sat., May 18 • 5 - 8 p.m.

IPAC Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Independence Park Field House,
3945 N. Springfield

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

Dear Neighbor,

THE LONG AWAITED WWCA WINTER SOCIAL on March 8th came upon us as quickly as the past two storm watches. What we had instead of snow was a group of 30 plus (in number and age) residents to hang out and catch up at our favorite neighborhood pub, Paddy Mac's! The always gracious host, Brian Esterline, as well as Jack Prikos, were there to welcome us with savory appetizers (The Lenten Tuna Wraps were a hit), local beers and their new wine offerings!

All WWCA attendees enjoyed the end of a hard work's week with neighbors - new and old. The late night juke box dance party was the climax of the evening - as every party should be!

We're looking forward to the next WWCA Winter Social in addition to the many events with WWCA members before then. Thank you to all who attended!

Mike Webber,
President Pro Tem

WWCA General Meeting Minutes

March 19th, 2013

Officer Present: Davor Engel.

1. Convened at 7:00 p.m.
2. No new reports from President, Vice President, Treasurer.
3. Matt from Energy Impact Illinois gave a presentation. Offered complete information on how to get government-subsidized energy improvements to your home, which can be found at <http://energyimpactillinois.org/>. Everyone is highly encouraged to use this great resource for home energy evaluations for minimal cost and energy improvements at substantially subsidized rates.
4. Liz Mills reminded everyone about the 5th Annual Chili Supper benefitting Three Brothers Garden on Sunday, April 7th from 5 - 7 p.m. at the IPLC gym.
5. A reminder about the 28th Annual West Walker Garage Sale.
6. Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next scheduled WWCA Meeting: Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.

West Walker Civic Association welcomes new members as of April 2013:

Veronica Aguirre	Davor & Connie Engel
Laurie & Ed Gardner	Laura Ell & Dave Knickerbocker
John & Betsy Minor	Allison True
Paddy Mac's Public House, Business Member	

To Join or renew your membership, see page 11.

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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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.

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39th Ward Report



With any luck, spring is just around the corner. This means it's time to spruce up the neighborhood! Our annual Clean and Green will be on Saturday, April 20. To participate, contact Jonathan in my Ward Office at 773-736-5594. We'll provide some of the items you will need to clean your corner of the neighborhood.

The following week, on Saturday April 27, I will be hosting a shredding and electronics recycling event in the parking lot next to the Mayfair Library at 4400 W. Lawrence. Drop off your old electronics, and they will be recycled safely and securely.

Street sweeping is underway! Regular cleaning keeps the roadways clear for motorists and supports effective storm water management in our sewer system. Posted parking restrictions allow our sweepers access to the curb lane where debris and trash collect. The city's Department of Streets and Sanitation has posted their street sweeping schedule online. You can find it at: http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/streets/provdrs/streets_san/svcs/street_sweeping.html

Please be aware that the city's street sweeping is scheduled around the old ward boundaries! For example, if you used to live in the 45th Ward, but were recently redistricted into the 39th Ward, you should look at the 45th Ward street sweeping schedule.

As always, please contact my 39th Ward Office at 773-736-5594 or Ward39@cityofchicago.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, *Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward*

Get Exercise While Volunteering!

Isn't it nice to get the *West Walker Wire* delivered to your home free? Well, we need volunteers to make that happen. You can be one of our dedicated carriers. We are looking for someone to deliver the Wire, once a month (except for summertime), to the homes on Monticello between Irving Park and Montrose. The newsletters will be delivered right to your door for you to distribute. If you can help out, please call Mike Webber at 773-539-8346.

Help Save Our Ash Trees

By Maureen Taylor, Irving Park Garden Club



Did you know that the Emerald Ash Borer is a lethal enemy of ash trees and that it first arrived in the United States from China in about 2002? Did you know that it was first observed in Chicago in 2008 in Bronzeville and that it quickly spread throughout the city? Did you know that many people mistakenly think that there is no way to save a tree once it is infected?

Chicago is among a handful of American cities that has invested in a powerful new product and focused training so the city's Forestry Department can address the Emerald Ash Borer problem.

The city has a plan to treat some ash trees, and with our help more can be saved. The rich collection of lush, mature trees on the Northwest Side plays a special role in our burgeoning economic and cultural development. Ash tree devastation would noticeably detract from that beauty, but more than that it would also cause practical problems. A mature tree absorbs from 120 to 240 pounds of air pollutants every year. A mature tree canopy reduces air temperatures by about 5 to 10°F, influencing the internal temperature of nearby buildings. Mature trees help reduce as much as 65 percent of storm runoff. They also contribute to soil stabilization and cleaner water.

Did you know that it costs the city \$56 to treat each infected ash tree vs. \$1100 to cut one down? If you're not concerned about their beauty, consider the economics. Waste is avoidable if we act now. What can you do?

Come to this important community meeting where you can learn how to **easily** help save our ash trees. Alderman Timothy Cullerton of the 38th Ward invites all from every Northwest Side neighborhood to this event: Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Wright College Auditorium, 4300 North Narragansett.



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News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Pilot Program Enhances Pantry Buying

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry (IPCFF) is pleased to announce that it has been selected by the Greater Chicago Food Depository to receive part of a grant from the City of Chicago's Department of Family & Support Services. The grant, for \$900 per month, will allow the Pantry to procure additional food for our clients from the GCFD's supplies.

This pilot program is designed to enhance our ability to purchase nutritional foods from GCFD to provide to our clients. It will help us buy staples such as eggs, peanut butter, jelly and cooking oils. The grant is issued in monthly installments as a credit to our account each month, to be used during that month.

The program, which began in February, will continue through the rest of 2013. The Pantry's only requirement is to collect some additional demographic information about the clients who receive food from the grant, much of which already is collected for our regular USDA allocation.

The Pantry was selected due to our quality of service, good management, our geographic location and the volume of people we are able to serve in our few operating hours. This speaks volumes about our volunteers and the great work they do! We appreciate the efforts of Jenny Schuler at DFSS and Virginia Yniguez, government programs manager at GCFD, for creating this program and including the Pantry as a part of it.

The grant is especially helpful now, as food costs have risen significantly in the past year. Costs rose by 15% in 2012, including the price for food purchased from GCFD (from 7¢ to 8¢ per pound). Those small increases add up for the volume of food that we buy to feed our clients.

If you are looking for specific items to donate, we are in special need of key staples that are in short supply from government and local sources. These items include peanut butter, rice, cereal, one-pot meals, soup, canned meat (tuna, salmon, chicken), and jelly.

Welcome New Board Members

IPCFF welcomes five new members to its board: Joyce Benninghouse, Marsha Niazmand, Rev. Katherine Paisley (of the Irving Park United Methodist Church), Sandra Schwarzbeck and Sara Yoest. They will help the Pantry make decisions involving financial, operational and strategic activities. If you have an interest in serving on



From l to r: Catherine Moyers, Joyce Benninghouse and Ryan B. prepare Easter baskets during the Pantry's distribution for clients' children in March. Photo by Craig Shutt.

the Pantry's board, please contact Executive Director John Psiharis at info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org.

Feinstein Challenge Returns!

The Pantry again is participating in the Alan Shawn Feinstein Challenge. His organization divides up \$1 million each year to hunger-fighting agencies based on their contributions during March and April. If you donate to the Pantry before April 30th, those contributions will go toward our total to receive some of this money, which often consists of several hundred dollars. You can check out the organization here: <http://www.feinsteinfoundation.org/> Thank you for your support!

Special thanks to Whole Foods Sauganash, which extended the Pantry's participation in its "Dime at a Time" program for the last three months of 2012 to include January, too. The program provides 10¢ off the register total for each reusable bag that customers use, and they could designate the Pantry to receive that rebate. The four-month program raised more than \$2,000 for the Pantry. Thanks to all who shopped at Whole Foods and donated their savings to us!

Thanks also to Aldi Foods (5001 N. Pulaski Ave.) for offering to supply us with food when they have overstocks from now on. We look forward to working with them and adding their donations to our regular distributions.

The West Walker Civic Association and Soup & Bread Chicago held a special fund-raising event to benefit the Pantry in January at the Hideout (1354 W Wabansia Ave.). The event raised \$550 for the Pantry. Thanks to everyone

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Registration Open for Magic Mushroom Program



Registration is open for the 2013 Mushroom Summer Program, now in its 38th year! Magic Mushroom is a month-long, gospel-based summer program that meets Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m.

to 12 p.m. Magic Mushroom offers visual arts, activities, drama, music, and gym. Optional field trips and events are held on Fridays. Classroom teachers are seasoned professionals who create a learning environment with enthusiasm and energy. Each class has at least one teen helper. Enrollment forms and brochures can be found on www.iplc.org or call the church office at at 773-267-1666 to have one emailed or mailed to you. The 2013 program dates are July 8 through August 1. Call us today!

St. John's Unveils Memorial Concert Series

Made possible by a generous gift from St. Paul's Community Church in Wicker Park, St. John's is proud to present our Second Annual Memorial Concert Series on the third Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. April 21, May 19, September 15, and October 20, 2013.

The April 21 concert will feature our Inaugural Organ Concert by organist Douglas Cleveland of Seattle.

The May 19 concert will feature The Jodi Jean Band with jazz singer Jodi Jean Amble for an afternoon of jazz. The September 15 concert will feature Irish folk singer Kathy Cowan and the October 20 concert will be presented by classical guitarist Brian Torosian.

Concerts are free and open to the public. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 3857 North Kostner.

Irving Park United Methodist Church First Annual Trivia Night

Saturday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$25/person or \$175 for a table of 8. Everyone is welcome to a fun night of trivia questions, a light meal, raffles, prizes and silent auction items! IPUMC is located at 3801 N Keeler. To purchase tickets, visit our website: irvingparkumc.com or contact Pastor Katherine Paisley at 773-283-6262 for more information.

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



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Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, serves the Irving Park

community with a variety of outreach efforts.

Three Brothers Garden First Garden Work Day Scheduled for April 13th!



The first work day in Carlson's Three Brothers Garden will be April 13th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Three Brothers Garden will start the 2013 volunteer growing season with a general clean up, bed soil topping off, and lettuce and pea planting on April 13 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Come one, come all!

For more information or to find out how to become a garden volunteer, please contact Sarah Steedman at ssteadman@sbcglobal.net or Lynette Schroeter at gilschro@aol.com. The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski Rd., next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot.

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents The Trout Quintet Sunday, May 19th

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present the Trout Quintet by Franz Schubert in the last concert of the 2012-2013 season. The concert will be held Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Avenue in Chicago.

The Trout Quintet will be performed by Dorothy Deen, cello, Gretchen Sherrell, violin, Loretta Gillespie, viola, Alison Gaines, bass and Roger Bingaman, piano. Composed in 1819 when Schubert was just 22 years old, it's been called one of the most famous and beautiful

pieces of chamber music ever written. Admission to the concert is free, but a free-will offering will be collected. A reception with the artists follows the concert.



Amanda Hayman and daughter Simone enjoy the Fine Arts Committee's presentation of "The Fabulous Fable Factory" in March.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is in its 19th season of bringing high quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood. The 2012-2013 concert series is dedicated to the memory of Nancy Johnson, a long-time Fine Arts Committee member who organized the post-concert receptions. Ms. Johnson passed away suddenly in 2011.

The Three Brothers Garden and Fine Arts concert series receive funding from Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 not-for-profit. The mission of Carlson is to serve the community with a variety of outreach efforts. For more information, contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766, or visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

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who helped create this program and to those who attended and donated to our efforts.

A new series of weekly nutrition classes began in February, with instructor Alicia Theofanis from the University of Illinois Extension. Fourteen clients are enrolled and make a variety of dishes using foods that we provide to our families.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Easter basket distribution to clients a success during March. Special thanks to the Mom's Group of Park Community Church's Forest Glen Campus, as well as Irving Park United Methodist Church and Irving Park Lutheran Church, for their support. Thanks also to Vicci Rodgers and Lee Stein for coordinating the basket allocation and to Joyce Benninghouse and Catherine Moyers for distribution on Wednesday mornings.

Please "Friend" us on Facebook to stay abreast of Pantry news, and visit our website at irvingparkfoodpantry.com to see our 2012 Annual Report, blog and other news. Thank you for helping us continue to be neighbors helping neighbors!

Tapestry Church Welcomes Singer/Songwriters Jen Reilly and Karen Jordan



Join us at Tapestry Church on Saturday, April 27th at 7:30 p.m. Admission is a suggested \$5 cover charge. Coffee, tea and desserts will be available. Jen

Reilly is a native Floridian singer/songwriter who plays neo-acoustic pop and folk with themes of inspiration, redemption, and culture. Karen Jordan masterfully weaves acoustic guitar and rich, soothing alto vocals into well-crafted lyrics and melodies that will captivate, and leave you wanting more! Tapestry Church is located at 3824 West Irving Park Road in Chicago.

IPAC Spaghetti Dinner Rescheduled for May 18

The Independence Park gymnasium will have a brand-new floor installed during the next several weeks! Due to this unanticipated—but much desired—park improvement, the annual Spaghetti Dinner has been rescheduled from Saturday, April 13, to **Saturday, May 18**. In past years the Spaghetti Dinner has hosted more than 300 people with activities for children, a raffle/silent auction, food, drinks, and plenty of socializing with friends and neighbors. IPAC apologizes for the schedule change, but we hope that you will join us May 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the field house, 3945 N. Springfield. Tickets are \$5 per child (ages 12 and under) and \$15 per adult; available at the door.

IPAC seeks donations for the Spaghetti Dinner silent auction. If you can donate sporting tickets, gift certificates, travel destinations, technology gifts, wine, or other fabulous items, they would be greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible. Please mail or drop off your donation by May 10 to the Independence Park Advisory Council, 3945 N. Springfield Ave., Attn: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. For questions, email info@ipac-chicago.org.

Proceeds from the annual Spaghetti Dinner help to fund programs and improvements at the park all year, including summer Movies in the Park, the 4th of July Parade, Swim with Santa, and Easter EGG-Stravaganza. IPAC has also purchased two air conditioners for the auditorium, team benches for the gym, a new refrigerator, and a radio for recreation classes from funds raised at Spaghetti Dinner.



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Park View Lutheran School

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1:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 30th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Park View Lutheran School offers families programs for 3 and 4 year olds through 8th grade. Our caring community of teachers, parents, and students provides a creative and nurturing learning environment. Meet the teachers, parents, and students, ask questions, and tour the classrooms. We offer excellent academics in a Christian environment. We welcome all families of every race and faith. The talents and needs of each child are recognized, supported, and celebrated. Park View is a small school that makes a big difference! Please call 773-267-0072 for more information.

St. Viator School

Expanded Preschool Beginning in the 2013-2014 academic year, the PreK-3 program will expand to offer both half- and full-day options. Starting in August 2013, PreK-3 options will be: 3 days a week (M-W-F), half-day 7:50-11 a.m. and full-day 7:50 a.m. -2:40 p.m., 5 days a week (M-F), half-day 7:50-11 a.m. or full-day 7:50 a.m. -2:40 p.m. Registration for all grade levels is underway.

Art Zone Open House Art Zone Open House and Academic Fair will be on Sunday, April 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event highlights students' academic accomplishments throughout the year, as well as their achievements in the Art Zone Program, in which they explored the work of such artists as Frank Lloyd Wright, Edward Hopper and Jackson Pollock. Teachers will be present to answer any questions.

Science Fair Special congratulations to St. Viator junior high students who were awarded gold and silver

certificates at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Region 2 Science Fair!

St. Viator is committed to educating the whole student—mind, body and soul—from age 3 through 8th grade. Along with technology, St. Viator offers music, physical education, 26 languages through the Rosetta Stone World Language Program, PeaceBuilders and the award-winning Art Zone Program. After-school enrichment programs include Brownie and Scout Troops, championship athletic and intramural sports as well as yoga, guitar, chess, and robotics. However, the best way to get to know St. Viator is to visit us. Please contact Marge Tiritilli at MTiritilli@stviatorchicago.org or call the school office at 773-545-2173 for information. www.stviatorchicago.org

Murphy School

Murphy School, located at 3539 West Grace, invites the community to enjoy the following arts programming:

Family Music! Six-month olds to PreK children are encouraged to bring their parents or guardians to Murphy Family Music at 8:15 a.m. on April 5th and May 17th. Children's music and movement are led by our director, Sandy Lucas, a Golden Apple award-winning teacher.

Community Sing! Join us for this monthly event that brings us together to celebrate children's accomplishments through singing and dancing. We begin the day with a song beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 26th and May 31st.

We are a Fine & Performing Arts Neighborhood Magnet School with top academic instruction in a caring community. **Open school tours** will be held on **Thursday, April 25th** starting at 9 a.m. and following the Community Sing (see above) on **Friday, May 31st**. For an personal school tour of our preschool through eighth grade, call Principal Zelenka directly at 773-534-9892.

CICS-Irving Park School

Puma Prowl Walk-A-Thon We need sponsors for our 2nd annual walk-a-thon to be held on May 8th. Proceeds will help us create the "Classroom of the 21st Century," offering our students leading-edge technology, as well as supporting teachers and staff through training. The Puma PTO is a registered 501(c)3, so all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, contact Denise Renalds at denise.renalds@sbcglobal.net or 312-504-1720.

Science Fair We are pleased to announce our second annual Science Fair! Our 6th thru 8th grade students will be sharing their experiments and research on May 7th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.



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Used Book Sale The Green Parent Group is sponsoring a Used Book & Uniform sale. All are welcome to attend on April 16th thru 18th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Wed. 1:30-3:30). Select your next mystery, biography, children's or "how to" book from a wide variety of used offerings that will be on display in the gymnasium. All proceeds benefit our successful recycling and composting initiatives, which teach our students about sustainability!

NWEA Testing Starting April 29th, students will undergo NWEA testing. The Northwestern Evaluation Assessment (NWEA) provides products and services to measure and promote academic student growth and school improvement. Students also use these results to set their own academic goals.

Disney II Magnet School

Thank you to all who contributed to the 5th annual Disney II auction, which was an overwhelming success thanks to Disney II parents, staff, and community members, many of whom gave countless hours, lucrative auction items, and/or attended the event. All proceeds support Disney II programs such as Spanish, Music, Art, PE, and Technology.

The Illinois State Board of Education has recently given the Academic Excellence Award and appointed Disney II School "Honor Roll" status.

Congratulations to 4th grade teacher, Ms. Maria Schnauer, who was named the 2012 Chicago Bears "Hero in the Classroom." Schnauer received a \$1,000 donation to her school, a \$250 gift card for classroom books and supplies, and ticket to a 2012 Bears home game!

Disney II received a Bronze Level status for leadership in nutrition and wellness. Also, Disney II was awarded the "Kitchen Community Garden Grant" to begin implementation of an outdoor learning space and garden design.

Finally, as a reminder to all bibliophiles, the PTA-sponsored **Used Book and Media Sale will be June 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Donations of books and media may be left near the main entryway of the school.

St. Edward's School

T-Ball Action St. Ed's summer instructional t-ball league is open to children 3 to 6 years old. Held at Mayfair Park, with one weekday evening game and one Saturday game. The goal is to have FUN! St. Ed's Youth Organization will supply team jerseys, bases, balls and bats. For applications, please email RSVP@stedwardschool.com.

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Neighbors,

I live in West Walker and I have several clients looking to purchase in our neighborhood. The inventory of homes for sale is low, a fact noted by the Chicago Tribune on Jan. 23, 2013 when it stated that "(c)ompared to a year ago, inventory has plunged. For instance, in Chicago, there were 14,183 homes for sale in December 2011. Last month, there were 8,036 listed properties, or 43.3 percent less. As a result, the average number of days it took to sell a Chicago home fell almost 19 percent year-over-year, to 77 days last month."

If you have been thinking about selling please contact me to discuss. Even if you do not want to list your home on the Multiple Listing Service, I may still be able to assist you in selling your property to a qualified buyer.

Sincerely,
Connie

Connie Engel

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John 6:63



News from Independence Branch Library

Join us for **Story Time!** Children ages 2-5 are invited to participate in stories, learn rhymes, and sing songs as we celebrate books on Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Mother Goose on the Loose is for children ages 3 months to 24 months and takes place Mondays at 11:30. Children are invited to enjoy songs, rhymes and stories and have fun participating in activities with their parent or caregiver. Independence Branch of CPL is located at 3548 W. Irving Park Road.

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Annual Flower Sale Partnering with Farmers Market Garden Center, St. Ed's Annual Flower Sale benefits our Dominican Sisters. The sale will be held on Friday, May 3rd, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Saturday, May 4th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the playlot at 4447 N. Lowell. The sale will feature gorgeous hanging baskets, annuals and herbs.

Deals on Wheels Sale Need a gently used stroller or bike? Come to our Deals on Wheels Sale on Saturday, May 4th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cleaning out your garage? Need a new home for your used stroller or bike? We can sell it! Donations will be accepted Wednesday, May 1st, Thursday May, 2nd from 7:45 to 9 a.m. and 2:45 to 4 p.m. and on Friday, May 3rd 7:45 to 9 a.m. in the Club Room (north side of gym, 4447 N. Lowell).

XOX Spa Fundraiser Join us Thursday, May 9th at XOX Salon and Spa at 4458 N. Milwaukee. All day, the salon will donate 30% of the price of all services back to our school. Join us from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for a wine and cheese reception, featuring various vendors. Be sure to book your appointments today by calling 773-777-9997. Please mention you are calling for St. Ed's.

We give your child so much more than just a seat in a classroom. Our school is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. Visit us at www.stedwardschool.com today. Registration is open for the 2013-14 school year for grades Pre-K through 8th grade. See our classrooms in action! Call us at 773-736-9133 to schedule a tour or visit us on Wednesday, April 10th from 9-11 a.m. for our Open House. We look forward to meeting you!

& Breakfast & Lunch

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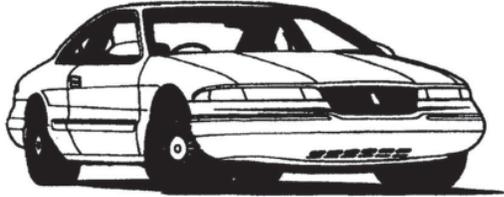
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It's Membership Renewal Time!

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

- Ten issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.
- Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.
- Free e-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime.
- Free special events, like the Halloween Party and Fall Festival and 4th of July celebration at Independence Park.
- The Art In My Back Yard artistic series.

Bring your 2013-2014 dues to our next WWCA meeting on April 15th! Or you can mail in the application below.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yearly Membership Dues: Effective May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014

Check one: FAMILY \$15 BUSINESS \$20 SENIOR \$5

NAME: _____
(Please print. Write your name as you would like it to appear in the *West Walker Wire*.)

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Please note your e-mail address if you would like to receive e-mail updates:

E-MAIL: _____

Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Mail or drop off your application and dues to: Jack Prikos, 4238 N. Avers Ave., Chicago, IL 60618

West Walker Civic Association

28th Annual Neighborhood Garage and Yard Sale Saturday, May 18, 2013, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - rain or shine

All West Walker residents are invited to participate in our
28th Annual Garage and Yard Sale

Cost to participate is \$5 for WWCA members and \$10 for non-members.
Your \$5 or \$10 helps pay the cost of advertising and printing.

The sale is advertised in the following newspapers and online sites:
Chicago Tribune ● *Red Eye* ● *Hoy* ● *Reader* ● *Reader On-Line* ● *Craigslist*

Signs are posted on the main perimeter streets.

3,000 maps indicating the location of each participating garage or yard
are distributed the week of the sale.

Under **current city ordinance**, every home having a garage or yard sale must display a **Garage Sale Permit**, which must be acquired from the alderman's office. The Garage and Yard Sale Committee will file the applications and obtain the permits for all paid participants. **Your permit will be delivered to your address the Friday before the sale. (There will be NO confirmation given before that.)**

Return the form below to have your address listed as a participant in the sale, along with your application fee by May 11, 2013.

Or sign up on the WWCA website at <http://www.westwalker.org>.

For further information call Bob Crowley at 773.267.1921.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION GARAGE AND YARD SALE

Saturday, May 18, 2013

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
E-MAIL: _____

- I am a member of the West Walker Civic Association. Enclosed is my **\$5** participation fee.
- I am **not now a member** of the West Walker Civic Association but want to join. Enclosed is my **\$20** participation fee. Please credit \$15 toward my WWCA dues for 2013-2014.
- I am **not** a member of the West Walker Civic Association. Enclosed is my **\$10** participation fee.

Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Mail or drop off your form and payment to: Bob Crowley, 4125 N. Harding Ave, Chicago, IL 60618