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24th Annual Spaghetti Dinner May 18

Bring your friends and neighbors to the annual the Independence Park Advisory Council Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the field house on 3945 N. Springfield. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$5 per child (12 and under). Tickets are available at the door.

Proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner 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. Past Spaghetti Dinners have funded the purchase of two air conditioners for the auditorium, team benches for the gym, a new refrigerator and a radio for recreation classes. "LIKE" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ipacchicago!

Hands To Help Ministries Trivia Night!

Join us for fun and trivia on Friday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church on 3857 N. Kostner! There will be raffle prizes, cash bar and sweet & savory treats. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information, call Laura at 773-736-2562. All proceeds benefit Hands to Help Ministries, a non-profit organization which assists the homeless and those in crisis on the Northwest side of Chicago. Contact us at info@handstohelpministries.org

HTH Welcomes New Outreach Worker Hands to Help Ministries welcomes Omar Guzman to the team as its new outreach worker!

HTH Ministries Receives Grant Thank you to the FDC Foundation for their continued support as they have awarded HTH a \$15,000 grant for 2013, which will fund rental, identification and utilities assistance for our clients.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wed., May 15 • 7:00 p.m.

CAPS Meeting Beat 1723
4650 N. Pulaski, Community Room

Sat., May 18 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

28th Annual West Walker Garage Sale

Sat., May 18 • 1 - 3 p.m.

Independence Park
Bungalow Open House
NW Corner of Hamlin and Byron

Sat., May 18 • 5 - 8 p.m.

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

Sun., May 19 • 4:00 p.m.

IPFAC Presents *The Trout Quintet*
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding

Tues., May 21 • 7:00 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston

Fri., May 31 • 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Dog Bite Prevention Seminar
Irving Park YMCA
4251 W. Irving Park Rd.

Thur., May 30 • 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Murphy Talent Show Fundraiser
Murphy School, 3539 W Grace

Fri., June 7 • 5:00 p.m.

Deadline for 9th Grade Applications
Disney II Magnet High School
(see page 9 for more information)

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

Dear Neighbor,

I HAVE RECEIVED MANY QUESTIONS about the apparent increase in crime, especially violent crime, in the past few weeks. Just in the last 30 days, there have been several shootings along Irving Park, at Avondale, Keystone and Kimball, as well as a robbery of a young woman by gunpoint at Avers and Irving Park.

I have been in communication with Alderman Laurino's office, and they have agreed to coordinate a speaker for our WWCA general meeting on May 21 at the Latvian Center. At this time, we are expecting either a 17th District representative, a representative from the Alderman's office, or both. Because of the short notice, more details will be sent out via the WWCA e-mail blast and posted on the WWCA website ahead of the meeting. Please plan to attend. Also, please attend the Beat 1723 CAPS meeting on May 15. Details are in the calendar. Involvement is the best way to increase awareness and the attention of the Chicago Police. Try to attend both meetings, and stay safe.

Mike Webber
WWCA President, Pro Tem

WWCA General Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2013

Officers Present: Michael Webber, Davor Engel, Jack Prikos

1. Convened at 7:00 p.m.
2. Mike Webber reported on the proposed Disney II Magnet High School and Thurgood Marshall Middle School developments.
3. Jack Prikos reported that the WWCA operating balance was \$4,836.75.
3. Jack Prikos of Farmers Market Garden Center spoke on a number of topics including the history of Farmers Market and the "sustainable" gardening project supported by the City of Chicago. Native varieties of perennials, trees and shrubs and rain barrels are eligible for rebates through a City of Chicago program. In addition, the "impatiens downy mildew" affecting the Chicago land area was discussed. This highly destructive disease is spreading rampantly through the City, and has caused many plant sellers to stop selling impatiens. Alternant species, including native perennials covered by the rebate program, are available. Visit your local garden center to learn more.
5. A reminder about the 28th Annual West Walker Garage Sale on Saturday, May 18.
6. Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next scheduled WWCA Meeting: Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

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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Submit ideas and text to:
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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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News from Magic Mushroom Summer Program 2013

Registration Is Open Registration is still open for the 2013 Mushroom Summer Program, now in its 38th year! The month-long, gospel-based summer program 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 can be found on www.iplc.org or call the church office at 773-267-1666 to have one emailed or mailed to you. The 2013 program dates are July 8th through August 1st. Call us today!

After eight years serving as the director of Magic Mushroom, I am thrilled to share that I'm passing the baton to Pastor Meagan Sherman-Sporrong, who returns to Magic Mushroom for her second year in the lead! She is excited to take on the duties as Program Director for 2013. Meagan was the On-Site Coordinator for Magic Mushroom last summer and grew up attending Irving Park Lutheran Church, where her mom and sisters are still members. She graduated from Lutheran School of Theology in 2009 with a Masters in Divinity and an Urban Ministry Emphasis. After graduation she served as Pastor of Mayfair Lutheran until 2012. Meagan currently works part time at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Albany Park as the Director of Family Ministry. Her family includes her husband Isaac, and their children Ingrid (6), Everett (4), and Eloise (2).

For me, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work at Magic Mushroom. I was blessed to work with a talented, creative and supportive staff of pastors, teachers, aides, fellow directors and steering committee members for so many years. However, I am most humbled and honored to have met and won the trust of so many families throughout the Irving Park community and beyond! I so much enjoyed sharing the music and the Word with so many, many children, each with their own unique and wonderful gifts. It was amazing to watch them learn and grow through the years.

I now have a wealth of good memories, life lessons and many laughs because of the Magic Mushroom Summer Program. Thank you for all the support and joy you've given me over the years, and I'll always look back at Magic Mushroom with delight.

Sincerely, Lee Samsami Stein

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Peace in a Diverse World

*By Pastor Katherine Thomas Paisley,
Irving Park United Methodist Church*

We have hopes and dreams for the children we love. Recent events where children have been the victims of violence remind us of the fragility of life, even for children whom we would normally feel had their whole lives before them. Recent events have horrified us not only because senseless violence shocks us, but also because these episodes occurred in places where we would think that our children would be safe.

When we reflect on the fragility of life and the unsafe nature of our world, it is far too easy to become protective of our own beliefs and values, to close ourselves off from those we perceive to be different, and allow our fear to have a polarizing effect on our very diverse culture. That is a natural response – but there may be a better one.

What if we learn more about different cultures? What if we work to build friendships with our neighbors and around the world? Safety grows in communities where difference is respected and relationships are built on mutual respect. I like the stories about *peace children* – children exchanged between tribes to learn to love a people different from their own and taught to lead so that there would be peace between groups. This idea has worked in Ireland, Africa and in the Middle East.

Our summer focus at Irving Park United Methodist Church will be on making friends and developing relationships all over the world. Our Vacation Bible School will give us a taste of Japan, Zimbabwe, Great Britain, and Australia (June 24-28 and free). In worship, we will hear from foreign exchange students and learn to build bridges of understanding. We will work with our youth and children in neighborhood projects to build stronger relationships, and we'll visit different faith communities to help us grow in our understanding of each other. We intend to teach our children that differences can enrich our lives and relationships.

We need more peace children in our troubled world – children who will listen, understand, be open to people with different ideas and cultures, and encourage rather than fear those whose language and culture are different from their own. If your faith or community group is working on something similar, please let us know. And know that whoever you are, you are not only welcome – you are honored and celebrated for who you are with us. Together, we can build a world that is safer and more vibrant with diversity, respect and appreciation.

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39th Ward Report



Dear West Walker Residents:

Residents of the 39th Ward were especially hard hit by the recent rains and flooding. Although Albany Park residents were most affected by the flooding, many West Walker residents experienced flood related issues as well. I recommend that

all residents document flood damage – take pictures and keep receipts. It is also important to file claims with your insurance company, even if you don't think flood damage is covered under your policy. This documentation will be invaluable when and if federal funds become available to help residents.

The weather emergency underscores the importance of communication. I encourage residents to sign up with NotifyChicago, a free city service that provides residents with recorded telephone, text, and/or e-mail alerts on everything from traffic to weather emergencies to hazardous materials situations. To receive NotifyChicago alert messages, log onto www.alertchicago.org to create an account.

Secretary of State Jesse White's office maintains an emergency contact database that allows residents to enter emergency contact information, as well as disability/special needs information. In an emergency where you are unable to communicate, law enforcement can access this information and notify your designated emergency contacts, as well as provide any helpful information to emergency medical personnel at the scene. Sign up at www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Save the date! The City Clerk's Office will be conducting city sticker sales at my 39th Ward Public Service Office, 4404 W. Lawrence, on Monday, June 24, from 12-6 p.m. For the first time, the City Clerk will be requiring your vehicle identification number before you can purchase your sticker. If you do not have the number on your city sticker renewal, or if you don't receive the renewal form, please bring proof of your vehicle's identification number. Your insurance card, state registration card, or car title will have the VIN number printed on it.

As always, please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

Dog Bite Prevention Program to Work with Irving Park YMCA



The Irving Park YMCA on Chicago's Northwest side is hosting a dog bite prevention seminar at two different times on Friday, May 31st. Central Bark Doggy Day Care will conduct this very important program to children of all age levels. Children will be taught what signs to look for in an

aggressive dog and focus on what to do if a strange dog approaches a child on the street and even how to approach a dog that is familiar to them.

"Little known facts about dog bites are that children are more likely than adults to be bitten by a dog. In fact, they are more likely to be bitten in the face and to require medical attention more often than an adult. We are trying to get out there and inform children on the do's and don'ts of dog interaction and keeping children safe around dogs," says Central Bark owner, Bonnie Lemperis.

Lemperis and her Dog Bite Prevention crew will be conducting this very important and educational seminar on Friday, May 31 at 10 a.m. for preschoolers and 5 p.m. for older kids. at The Irving Park YMCA located at 4251 W. Irving Park Road. All children in attendance will receive coloring and puzzle sheets to reinforce what they learned.

Chicago native Bonnie Lemperis has been a passionate dog owner since she was a young girl. She has fostered dogs for a variety of animal rescue organizations throughout the state, has been trained in dog behavior, and is even certified in pet first-aid. Bonnie is the owner of the local Central Bark Doggy Day Care facility on Pulaski Road, a one-stop-shop for everything dog, and winner of Chicago Magazine's coveted "Best of Chicago" award in 2010. Bonnie can be reached at 773-736-3641 or at chicagoavondale@centralbarkusa.com.

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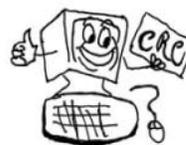
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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



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Chili Supper and First Garden Work Day Kick Off Gardening Season At Three Brothers Garden

The 5th Annual Chili Supper kicked off the Three Brothers Garden growing season on April 7th. One hundred and fifty diners enjoyed delicious chili from The Alps, Smoque BBQ, Paddy Mac's, Java Thai and neighborhood cooks Ed Gardner, Rebecca Haneberg, Ruth Olech and Sarah Steedman. Music was provided by Indy Park Bluegrass Jammers and raffle prizes included donations from Annette Held Landscape Design, TG Nails and



Top: Craig LaSota eyes his chili cheese dog at the 5th Annual Chili Supper. Bottom: Grace Kendrick helps out in the kid's craft room.

Embellish Boutique. Over 50 volunteers helped to make the event a success! Special thanks to co-chair Helen Lira and volunteer coordinator Yaz Ebeid. Funds raised at the supper will be used to plant and maintain Carlson's Three Brothers Garden and for education and community outreach.

The garden's first work day was held on April 13th. Volunteers who braved the cold and rain included Lynette and Gary Schroeter, Elmer, Rebecca and Jack Haneberg, Sarah Steedman, Sophie and Charlotte Bushell, Yaz Ebeid, Ruth Olech and Holly James. Volunteers did a general clean up, topped off the raised beds and planted lettuce and peas. Produce grown in the organic vegetable garden is donated to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. Since 2009, over 3,000 pounds of vegetables have been distributed to pantry clients. Located at 4107 N.



Rebecca Haneberg and Yaz Ebeid help move soil to the raised beds.

Pulaski Rd., the garden is a partnership between Carlson Community Services and Irving Park Lutheran Church. To find out how to become a garden volunteer, please contact Sarah Steedman at ssteedman@sbcglobal.net or Lynette Schroeter at gilschro@aol.com.

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. Admission to the concert is free, but a free-will offering will be collected. A reception with the artists follows the concert.

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 beautiful pieces of chamber music ever written.

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 Irving Park community with a variety of outreach efforts. For more information, contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766, or visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



The gang at Liberty Tax Service stopped by the Pantry to drop off the results of the food drive they held in March, offering a 50% discount to those bringing in a donation. From left: The Pantry's Executive Director John Psiharis and Office Manager Sandra Schwarzbeck, and Liberty's Paul Kruse, Susan Barrett and Manager Michael McNichols.

Pantry Receives Major SNAP Grant

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry has received a one-time allocation of food credits from the Greater Chicago Food Depository for \$8,700. The grant resulted from our on-going work with GCFD as a member of the SNAP Outreach Community Partners Network. Each week, our volunteers help clients apply online for SNAP benefits, with approximately 10 to 15 households being accepted each month. We helped so many people with the program that we qualified for this special one-time grant.

This surprise funding will be a huge help in meeting our annual budget goals as food costs continue to rise and our client base expands. Thanks to Steven McCullough, GCFD vice president of community partnerships, for facilitating this allocation for us and to Community Services Coordinator Belma Torres, who oversees the SNAP processing operation.

Thank you to the Roundy's Foundation, the charitable arm of Roundy's Supermarkets, owners of the Mariano's Fresh Markets chain, for including the Pantry in its annual donations to food pantries. The group donated \$500 and a pallet of 2,595 pounds of food to our cause in April. This is the seventh year that the Foundation has donated to food pantries in its communities in Illinois and Wisconsin and the second year the Pantry has been included as the program expands.

Thanks to the Old Irving Park Association (OIPA) for making a \$500 donation to the Pantry to give us a boost

during April, when we were participating in the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation Challenge. Money raised during March and April counted toward our total, which helped us gain more of the \$1 million the Foundation is giving away nationwide to food pantries based on their contributions during these two months.



Jeramie Blacker, store director for Mariano's Fresh Market at 5353 N. Elston, presents a check for \$500 and a pallet of 2,595 pounds of food to (l-r) Daniel Irizarry, the Pantry's volunteer IT manager (who also works with Mariano's), and John Psiharis, the Pantry's executive director.

Thanks to Curves on Irving Park (3701 W. Irving Park Rd.) and Liberty Tax Service (4900 W. Irving Park Rd.) for conducting food drives to benefit the Pantry during March.

We are gearing up for GCFD's annual Hunger Walk on June 29th at Soldier Field. (The date has changed due to a scheduling conflict but the site remains the same). More information will be coming next month for the event, which is the Pantry's biggest fund-raising program for the year. Please save the date and walk with us. You don't even need to walk, just show up at the event (kids count too) and you get counted toward our total to boost our contribution from GCFD!

Executive Director John Psiharis has been invited to serve on a newly created Agency Advisory Council created by GCFD. The council will provide insights and feedback on operations and programs to make them more efficient and effective.

We want to say goodbye to a longtime volunteer, OIP resident Jay Skilton, who was named Volunteer of the Year in 2012. Jay, who is leaving the area, has volunteered at the pantry for six years, running the distribution line, serving on the board, and representing the Pantry with Three Brothers Garden.

Thank you to everyone who contributes your time and money on our behalf to allow us to continue to be neighbors helping neighbors!



St. Viator School

St. Viator Elementary School's mission is to instill a life-long love of learning, a respect for all people, and a

commitment to Catholic social justice and peace. Our student graduates matriculate into highly selective high schools of their choice.

Our expanded preschool program includes a part-time and full-time option for 3 year olds. Beginning in August, options for 3 year old preschool are three days a week (M-W-F) half-day from 7:50 to 11 a.m. or full-day from 7:50 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. or five days a week (M-F) half-day from 7:50 to 11 a.m. or full-day from 7:50 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Registration is underway, reserve your seat!

The St. Viator student council provides an opportunity to practice democracy, gain an appreciation for service and develop confidence and leadership skills. To celebrate Earth Day in April, student council sponsored a Go Green Day emphasizing the importance of being eco-friendly and building an awareness and appreciation for our Earth.

First through eighth graders recently graduated from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education And Training) program which provides skills necessary to combat the temptations of getting involved in drug and gang activities.

St. Viator offers extracurricular activities for all grade levels, including dance, robotics, chess, improv acting, Brownie and Scout Troops and championship athletic and intramural sports.

Please visit our website (www.stviatorchicago.org) to learn more about St. Viator and what we can offer you and your family. For a personal tour, contact Marge Tiritilli in the school office at 773-545-2173.

St. Edward's School

Registration is open for the 2013-14 school year for grades Pre-K through 8th grade. Schedule a tour by calling 773-736-9133 to see our classrooms in action!

Come see what's going on in the arts at St. Ed's! On Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m., our annual Spring Show will be held in Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell. The show features performances of our singing students and orchestras. On Friday, May 17th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Buckley Hall will be the site of Gallery 43 Fine Arts Night which showcases the visual artistic talents of our students. The Gallery 43 Art Program is run completely by volunteers.

Who loves scouting? Come find out what the Cub Scouts have to offer and join Pack 3904's Pack Night on Friday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. in Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell. Boys kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to learn more about what scouting has to offer. For more information, email Jerome Lasky at jandklasky@aol.com.

St. Ed's is holding a fundraiser at Potbelly Sandwich Shop at 4207 N. Harlem, Norridge, on Tuesday, June 11th from 5 to 8 p.m., where 25% of all purchases will benefit St. Edward School.

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Go Team Go!! We are surveying parents and students for next year's sports programs. Basketball, cross-country and cheerleading teams will be back, and we hope to add boys' and girls' volleyball teams, and possibly chess club. If you are able to coach one of these teams, please contact JoAnne Pepper at peppers56@hotmail.com or call 312-286-9132.

Margaret Laurino
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Murphy Elementary School

Murphy Talent Show A Talent Show Fundraiser will be Thursday, May 30th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. See priceless entertainment from both students and faculty at Murphy School! Admission is only \$5 and tickets can be purchased at the door. Murphy is located at 3539 W. Grace.

Disney II Magnet School

Titans Make Battle of the Books Finals Team Titans won the O'Hare Network competition in grade 4-6 category. Disney II's Battle of the Books team competed with 185 teams from schools throughout Chicago in two categories, 4-6 and 7-8 grade levels. Our team is the winner for the O'Hare network of schools and qualified to compete in the city finals on April 27. Special thanks to coach Mrs. Maria Schnauffer who started the program at Disney II and led our teams to city finals for the past three years. This year the team was supported by the talented assistant coach, Julie Gawenda, 6th grade student!

PTA Student Volunteer Day The PTA sponsored their annual "Disney II/PTA Student Volunteer Day." On April 17, students acted as stewards of their community by volunteering time in the Irving Park Community Food Pantry and the Three Brothers Garden. Over 25 students ranging in grades pre-k through 6th grade were able to get their hands dirty preparing for the growing season at Three Brothers Community Garden and assisting with food distribution at the Food Pantry. Disney II students understand that giving back to their community is one of the greatest gifts they can offer the Irving Park residents as thanks for their ongoing support.

Disney II Magnet 9th Grade Applications Disney II Magnet School will expand to the high school level in fall 2013. The college prep program offers an emphasis on fine arts and technology. Located at 3900 N. Lawndale, the high school campus will open at the 9th grade and add one grade each year until it serves grades 9-12.

Students will be selected through a computerized lottery. To be eligible for the lottery, students must have minimum stanines of 5 in both reading and math on their 7th grade ISATs (or another acceptable standardized test). Students with an IEP or 504 Plan must have seventh grade reading and math stanines that equal at least 10.

Applications, which can be found on the Disney II Magnet website (www.disneyiimagnet.org), must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Office of Access and Enrollment, 125 S. Clark St., 10th floor, Chicago, IL 60603, and must be received no later than June 7, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.

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 9 A.M. - Adult Bible Study and Learning Adventures SS
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 NOON (SPANISH) - Cecilia Obret, mission pastor
 Jonathan Braun - Director of Music
 Hope Reyes - Church Program Minister

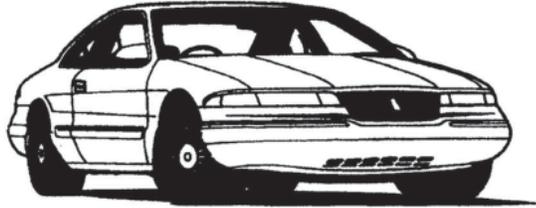
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It's Membership Renewal Time!

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 May 21st! 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

Swedish Covenant Hospital Events for Everyone!

Swedish Covenant Hospital is hosting many exciting events in May. For more detailed information on each of the following events, and more, visit our website at www.swedishcovenant.org/events-classes. To participate in any of the following events, please make a reservation by calling 773-878-6888.

Wednesday, May 15 - Medication Check Up (Free)

One-on-one appointment with our pharmacist for a personalized medication management session. Caregivers welcome. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Foster Medical Pavilion Pharmacy, 5215 N. California Ave.

Wednesday, May 15 - What to Expect During and After Delivery (\$10 per couple): Obstetrician Dr. Mary Conte will discuss all aspects of the birth plan. Giveaways will be provided by kickSprout, an events organization for expectant parents and families. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Little Threads, 2033 W. Roscoe St.

Thursday, May 16 - Home Remedies (Free): Join Internal Medicine physician, Dr. Rusalina Mincu, for a fun, hands-on discussion about easy recipes, remedies and treatments you can whip up at home. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., City Olive Roscoe Village, 2236 W. Roscoe St.

Saturday, May 18 - Cooking with Arthritis at Mariano's (Free): Eileen Brusso, an occupational therapist and certified hand therapist will address proper handling of kitchen tools, appropriate posture and body mechanics and methods that protect arthritic joints. 10:00 to 11 a.m., Mariano's Fresh Market, 5353 N. Elston Ave.

Tuesday, May 21, May 28 - Joint Replacement Informational Session (Free): Two chances to meet and discuss all aspects of joint replacement with a joint program navigator, a physical therapist and an occupational therapist. *If you are scheduled for any type of joint replacement surgery, please register for a class at least 3-4 weeks prior to your surgery date.* Sessions open to the public. No children under 16. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Galter LifeCenter, Rehab Services Entrance - 5157 N. Francisco

Tuesday, May 21 - Balance Screening (Free): SCH Physical therapists will perform 10-minute screenings to evaluate your risk for a fall. 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., The Balance Center at Galter LifeCenter (please use Rehabilitation Services entrance)

Tuesday, May 21 - Family & Friends CPR Class (SCH Employee \$10.00, Community Member \$30.00): Learn CPR for a family member, a new baby or because you always wanted to take a course. *This class is not for*

healthcare/child care workers that require a certificate. 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Anderson Pavilion, Titus Johnson Room (2751 W. Winona)

Wednesday, May 22 - Cardiac Sports Clearance and Breathing Disorders in the Active Child (Free)

Learn to identify exercise-induced asthma, common cardiac issues. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

Thursday, May 23 - A Good Night's Sleep (Free): SCH sleep experts discuss what affects quality sleep, as well as techniques to improve your rest. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave.

Thursday, May 23 - Diabetes Management - Stress Eating (Free): With registered Dietitian Elizabeth Foley, and registered Nurse Debbie Davis. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Galter LifeCenter, 5157 N. Francisco Ave., Studio 4

Wednesday, May 29 - Learn About Natural Childbirth (Free): With certified Nurse-Midwife and Director of SCH Nurse Midwifery Sherri Ruerup. 6:15 - 7:15 p.m., Bloom Yoga Studio 4663 N. Rockwell Ave.

Thursday, May 30 - Dr. Tony's Bees (Free): Dr. Tony Vancauwelaert, beekeeper and family medicine physician, will discuss the SCH rooftop beehives, the benefits of bees in our ecosystem and how to keep them thriving. See the beehives, enjoy a Whole Foods Market Sauganash honey tasting, and take some honey home! 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Swedish Covenant Hospital, Foster Medical Pavilion, 5215 N. California Ave.



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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