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Mark Your Calendars! First Farmers Market Sunday, June 10

The Independence Park Farmers Markets are coming soon! The market takes place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Many of the market favorites return for the season. For produce lovers, the market features three farms with fruits, vegetables including one with farm fresh eggs.

There will also be a wide range of baked goods, and Stivers Coffee will pour its usual delicious java and smoothies. We also welcome back Gotta B Crepes for the finest sweet and savory crepes in Chicago, as well as tacos and tamales for Tamales Express.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat., May 12 • 7:00 pm

IPFAC Presents: *Judy & Liza - Once In a Lifetime*, Benefit for Carlson Irish American Heritage Center
4626 N. Knox

Wed., May 16 • 7:00 pm

Beats 1722-1723 CAPS Meeting
17th District Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski

Sat., May 19 • 9 am - 4 pm

33rd Annual WWCA Garage Sale

Sat., May 19 • 9:00 am

IP Food Pantry Neighborhood Walk
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<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

Dear Neighbor,

AOIFE GALLAGHER IS A NEIGHBOR. A VERY SPECIAL NEIGHBOR.

In the 14 years I have lived in West Walker, I have seen her and have had the opportunity to spend time with her and her family. Maybe it was when she was out with her family for a walk, or at the neighborhood block party, or Halloween, or even at a camping trip near Starved Rock. She is now 12 years old, and has been a friend of the other children in the Neighborhood I have seen grow up with her.

Aoife has lived her entire life with a debilitating disease called Leukodystrophy, a rare genetic neurologic degenerative disease that currently has no cure. She's already outlived her life expectancy by 2 years. The disease has robbed her of the ability to walk, gradually the loss of speech, and other developmental regressions. Her father, John Gallagher, her mother, Margaret McIntyre, and her younger brother Fionn, have been with her providing for her every need. Nevertheless, Aoife, continues to fight this deadly disease, never losing hope with her bright smile that lights up a room. This condition has resulted in astronomical medical expenses over the years. About 6 weeks ago, Aoife got a virus and has been in intensive care at Lurie Children's Hospital with frequent seizures and agonizing pain.

Numerous fundraising efforts have been recently instituted to help the family with expenses. We will update you on these sites in the West Walker Weekly Blast. Please join us for a fundraiser for Aoife at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N Knox Ave, on Sunday, June 3rd, from 3 to 8 pm. More details will follow.

Mike Webber
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West Walker Civic Association

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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Classics of Eastern Europe at St. John's Episcopal Church

St. John's Concert Series presents "Classics of Eastern Europe" featuring Jesus Garcia on piano, and Dalia Chin on flute, playing pieces by Amirov, Dvorak and Rachmaninoff. In addition Mr. Garcia will delight with sonata no. 13K 333 by Mozart and works by Brahms. The concert will take place on Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 pm. This event is **free and open to the public!** St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 3857 N. Kostner. For more information, call 773-725-9026, or visit our website at stjohschicago.com.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Worried About Overpaying For Your Next Home?

Hi Neighbors. Are you thinking of downsizing and buying a smaller home or condo? Here are a few tips to avoid paying too much.

- 1. Research the sales.** To determine a price to offer on your new home, find at least 3 recent, similar home sales close by.
- 2. What is the right price for you?** Determine your monthly budget for the mortgage, taxes, insurance, utilities & assessments (for a condo). With your budget in mind, you may decide to pay a little more for the amenities you want.
- 3. Shop around for your mortgage.** Talk with a few lenders to compare their rates and fees. Paying 4.5% vs. 4.25% interest on a \$300,000 mortgage could cost you an extra \$45 month & \$15,925 total!
- 4. Have a home inspection.** The inspector will identify potentially costly repairs or the need for new appliances, furnace, roof... Then negotiate a lower purchase price and/or ask the seller to make the repairs.
- 5. Anticipate.** Determine the cost of improvements you want to do and see if you will get a good return on your investment when it's time to sell your home.

Selling your home and buying a new home can be a little tricky. If you have any questions about the process feel free to give me a call.

I love our neighborhood & have lived here for over 20 years. If you are 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 Meeting April (no report), 2018

Important Notice: As of January 2018, 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. Starting in January 2018, 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, May 16, 2018.**

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.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CAPS.017

Twitter: @ChicagoCAPS17

Email: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org

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,

Have you been doing some spring cleaning? You might want to have a garage sale. Permits are available in my public service office. The permits are free and filling out the application only takes a few minutes. All you need to bring is your proof

of residence (i.e. drivers license, state ID, or utility bill). There is a limit of two sales per address.

Reminder... Street Sweeping occurs between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays. Keep an eye out for the bright-colored signs on trees and light poles. Failure to comply with parking restrictions during street sweeping will result in a costly ticket. For the street sweeping dates in advance, you can go to www.Sweeparound.us.

Come and join the 39th Ward Office and the North River Commission for a free Senior Health Fair on Tuesday, May 8, from 9am until 11am. This event will be held at the Mayfair Commons Senior Apartments (4444 W.

Lawrence). There will be health screenings, healthy snacks, a raffle, and more!

Learning about spring migrating birds can be fun and educational if you join the Chicago Audobon Society for Spring Bird Walks with an expert leader who can answer all your questions regarding the birds at the North Park Village Nature Center (5801 N Pulaski Road). These walks will be conducted every Saturday during May from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. You can bring your own binoculars or borrow some from the Chicago Audobon Society. These events are free and there is no registration required. For more information, please call Chicago Audobon at 773-539-6793.

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

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit connecting

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

Come On Get Happy – Don't Miss Judy & Liza May 12th!



Carlson Community Services will present "Once In a Lifetime - Judy & Liza at the London Palladium" on Saturday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Irish American Heritage Center. The tribute to Judy Garland & Liza Minnelli is a benefit for Carlson's programs.

Garland and Liza Minnelli's one-and-only performance together, which took place in 1964 at the London Palladium. The concert stars Nancy Hays as Judy Garland and Alexa Castelveccchi as Liza Minnelli. A trio led by Robert Ollis will accompany the singers.

With Mother's Day just around the corner, the concert makes a perfect gift for the Mom in your life. In addition to the performance, there will be light appetizers, dancing and a silent auction. The silent auction items include 2 round-trip tickets on American Airlines, White Sox tickets, theater tickets, dining and restaurant gift certificates, a Wine Connoisseur's collection, and more!

Tickets for the concert are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door for general admission, which includes light appetizers and a cash bar. VIP tickets are \$50 and include premium reserved seating, appetizers and one drink. Tickets can be purchased at www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

The Irish American Heritage Center is located at 4626 N. Knox, Chicago. Parking is free and plentiful and the building is handicapped accessible.



Three Brothers Garden is looking for volunteers to help raise vegetables for the Irving Park Food Pantry.

The concert is a benefit for Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit which operates three neighborhood programs – an after-school program, community garden and classical music concert series. For more information contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Three Brothers Garden Wants YOU!

If you've been looking for a volunteer opportunity and enjoy gardening, Three Brothers Garden is waiting for you! A program of Carlson Community Services, the garden is a "pantry" garden, which means all vegetables grown in the garden are donated to Irving Park Food Pantry. Last year, 527 lbs. of vegetables were harvested for the food pantry. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. If you're a novice, we'll show you how to plant, maintain and harvest. Students in need of service hours find working in the garden with other teens fun and rewarding.

The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski Rd., next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot. Tuesday night harvests will begin in mid-to-late June. To be added to the list to receive announcements about our harvest and work days, e-mail Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org, or visit carlsoncommunityservices.org and sign up for our email updates. Join us and get growing!



News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



IRVING PARK COMMUNITY

Food Pantry NEIGHBORHOOD WALK

Walk with the Pantry May 19th!

Join your neighbors at the Irving Park Community Food Pantry's 1st Annual Walk!

Want to help raise awareness about food insecurity in our community and check out some of the springtime gardens in the Old Irving Park neighborhood? Join the volunteers and friends of the Irving Park Community Food Pantry as we walk, stroll, or meander along a 1.7-mile course around the Pantry's community.

There is no cost to register and no requirements to join us. We ask that you bring a food item to donate to the Pantry and ask your friends and neighbors to contribute to the Pantry, either through the enclosed pledge sheet or at our web site (www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org/walk). You don't even have to walk, just show up and hang out!

WHEN: Saturday, May 19, stepping off on the walk at 9 a.m. We can begin to assemble at 8:15 and should be finished by 10 a.m. Those completing the walk will receive a button acknowledging their achievement.

WHERE: The walk will take place over a 1.7-mile path through the Old Irving Park neighborhood, starting at the Pantry (3801 N. Keeler, aka Irving Park United Methodist Church), heading west along a route to the railroad tracks, back along Byron to Keystone, down past Disney II School and back to the Pantry. It will take 30-40 minutes to cover the (well-marked) route.

WHY: To raise funds for the Pantry's operation and garner attention for the need to help eliminate food insecurity for others in our neighborhood. Walkers can generate donations through pledge sheets or by encouraging online contributions.

WHO: Everyone and anyone who wants to help raise awareness about the needs of those in our neighborhoods who face challenges in feeding their families due to hardships, temporary setbacks and other conditions. Young or old, wherever you live, come spend a few minutes to help our neighbors who face food insecurity.

We encourage school and church groups to gather to walk together. Students can earn 2 hours of service time for participating (we will have forms available to indicate it).

PLUS: We are happy to accept any donations of food or supplies for the Pantry that morning. We'd especially appreciate men's white socks and toiletries, as well as shelf-stable food stuffs such as peanut butter, energy bars, mac & cheese, etc. Ask your friends!

For information, contact Pantry Executive Director John Psharis at info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org.



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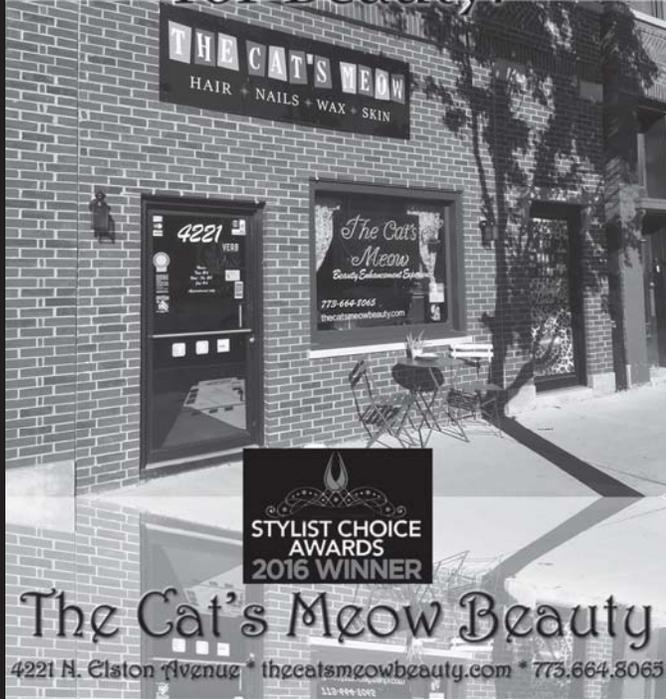
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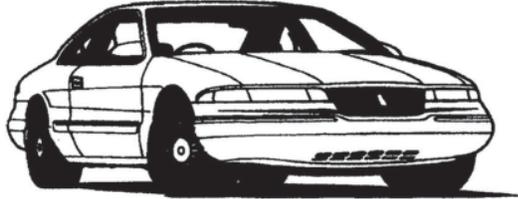
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It's Membership Renewal Time!

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

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The annual community garage sale

Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.

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WWCA Members

Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! Here's a list of neighbors who have joined or renewed as of May:

Laura Litman

Diane & Bill O'Callaghan

Matthew & Jennifer Olson

You can also pay your WWCA dues with either PayPal or a credit card at the West Walker website (www.westwalker.org)!

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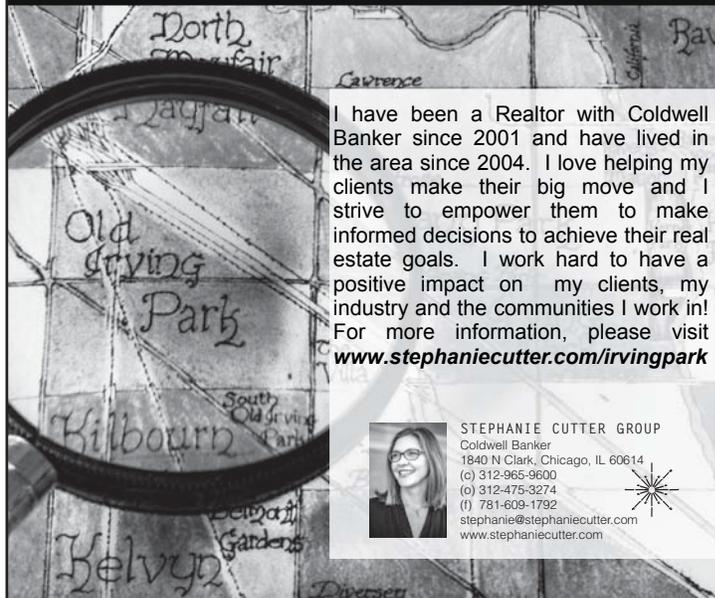
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