



WEST WALKER WIRE

JUNE 2013

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Fourth of July at Independence Park!

Come out to celebrate Independence Day at Independence Park for the annual 4th of July festivities. Decorate your bikes, trikes, kids and dogs and walk in the annual parade around the park! The parade line-up begins at 10:00 a.m. Parade will be followed by fun family games such as the Egg Toss, Sack Races, and Running Races. West Walker will be there to quench your thirst with refreshing lemonade as we all get together to celebrate America's Independence!



Hands to Help Welcomes New Outreach Worker

Hands to Help Ministries is pleased to welcome **Omar Guzman** to its team as the new outreach worker, who began in March.

Thank You to everyone who came out to the successful Trivia Night Fundraiser on May 17th!

CTA Passes If you want to help our mission, Groupon offers a great online deal for 3-Day CTA Passes for only \$9 (a \$20 value). Buy CTA passes as a gift for Hands to Help Ministries and you will help people get to job interviews, doctor visits and assistance appointments. Visit www.groupon.com, and type CTA in the search field. Send your passes to Hands To Help, 3857 N. Kostner, Chicago, 60641 (limit 4 per person. Expires Sep 1st).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesdays all Summer • 5-7 p.m.
Three Brothers Garden Harvest
4107 N. Pulaski

Thur., June 13th • 6:00 p.m.
Hunger Games Challenge
Independence Branch Library
3548 W. Irving Park Rd.

Fri., June 14th • 7:00 p.m.
Boy Scout Pack Night #3904
St. Edward's Buckley Hall
4447 N. Lowell

Sat., June 15 • 5 - 7 p.m.
"Wreck-It Ralph" for MAP Program
IPLC Gym, 4057 N. Harding

Sat., June 15 • 6:00 p.m.
Mayfair Presbyterian Ch. Ham Dinner
4358 W. Ainslie

Sat./Sun., June 15th/16th • 12 Noon
Six Corners Barbecue Festival
4006 N. Milwaukee

Wed., June 19 • 7:00 p.m.
CAPS Meeting Beat 1723
4650 N. Pulaski, Community Room

Thur., June 20 • 6:00 p.m.
Alderman Laurino's Community Mixer
O'Donnell's, 4500 N. Elston

Mon., June 24th • 12 - 6 p.m.
Chicago Vehicle Sticker Sale
39th Ward Office, 4404 W. Lawrence

Thur., July 4 • 10:00 a.m.
Festival at Independence Park
3945 N Springfield Ave

Tues., Sept. 17 • 7:00 p.m.
WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Center, 4146 N. Elston

Visit our Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

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Dear Neighbor,

SUNSHINE RETURNED for the 28th annual West Walker Civic Association Garage Sale, which was held Saturday, May 18, 2013. Everyone had a great time. Many thanks to Bob and Kevin Crowley and Melanie Reschke for their work on the sale. It wouldn't happen without them.

I would also like to thank Lt. William Mullane with the Chicago Police 17th District for joining us at the West Walker Civic Association general meeting on May 21, 2013. As a tactical officer, he gave us wonderful insight into the efforts being taken in our District to reduce gang crime. As always, he advises to call 911 if anything seems out of place. If necessary, you can also call the 17th District directly at 312-742-4410.

John Riordan, who recently joined Alderman Laurino's team as Director of Economic Development and Business Affairs also join us at the recent general meeting. John had insightful things to say about development in the Ward as well as quality of life and crime issues. I'd love to see him work with us on Elston Avenue improvements. He can be reached at 773-736-5594.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Mike Webber
WWCA President, Pro Tem

WWCA General Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2013

Officers Present: Mike Webber, Davor Engel

April General Meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.

Mike Webber reported the current operating account balance to be \$5,995.59 with payments pending of \$1,544.00.

Lt. William Mullane with the Chicago Police 17th District addressed concerns regarding recent shootings and efforts being taken in our District to reduce gang crime.

John Riordan, Alderman Laurino's new Director of Economic Development and Business Affairs, introduced himself and addressed development in the Ward as well as quality of life and crime issues.

Melanie Reschke reported on recent PEBA activity, including a PEBA networking event on June 17, 2013 at Via Veneto, ongoing plans for the development on the First Chicago property on Elston and new PEBA banners.

Mike Webber discussed local crime issues, the outcome of the Garage Sale and a reminder about the upcoming Fourth of July activities at Independence Park.

Minutes submitted by Mike Webber

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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39th Ward Report



DEAR NEIGHBORS,
If you had damage from the April 2013 floods, you may be eligible to receive federal assistance for disaster-related expenses, as well as low-interest loans. You can apply for assistance online at www.disasterassistance.gov. You can also apply by phone between 7:00 a.m.

and 10:00 p.m. at 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362). If you want to talk to specialists face-to-face, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has opened a disaster recovery office at North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski, in the administration building. The office will be open from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., 7 days a week.

It's time to purchase your annual city sticker! New stickers must be purchased and placed in your vehicle by July 15. I am hosting the 2013-2014 Chicago Vehicle Sticker Sale at my 39th Ward Office, 4404 W. Lawrence, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 24, to allow you to purchase your city stickers in your neighborhood. Make sure to bring proof of vehicle registration, your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and proof of residency (i.e. driver's license, state ID, lease or bill). Payment is either cash or check (made payable to the Chicago City Clerk.

Want a night out with friends and a chance to sample tasty treats from our local eateries? Then join us at our Community Mixer on Thursday, June 20, 6 p.m., at O'Donnell's, 4500 N. Elston. Cash bar, but free to attend, visit with neighbors and check out food from community restaurants. Please RSVP to Ward39@cityofchicago.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my public service office at 773-736-5594 or e-mail us at Ward39@cityofchicago.org.

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

BBQ Fest June 15th and 16th!

Come to the 6 Corners BBQ Fest (at Milwaukee/Cicero and Irving Park intersection) for delicious ribs, pork, sausage, brisket, and so much more! Enjoy live entertainment, a Kids Corner, and wrestling at the Slam Zone! The National Veterans Arts Museum, Filament Theatre Ensemble, Arts Alive and Northwest Arts Connection, will be featured at the festival! Visit www.6cornersbbqfest.com for more information.

Farmers Markets at Independence Park!

The first Independence Park Farmers Market (located at Irving Park Road and Springfield Avenue) of the season is Sunday, June 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (See page 9 for ad of other summer dates).

The 2011, 2012 and 2013 Michelin Guide recommended Independence Park Farmers Markets. Choose from grilled English bangers, vegetarian tamales, made-to-order crepes, gourmet free-trade coffee, organic fruits, seasonal vegetables, organic meats, Halal lamb, honey, eggs, spices, kettle corn, hot chocolate, baked goods, cheeses, olives and olive oils, chocolates, handmade chemical-free soaps, shampoos, tofu and bean sprouts, jams and jellies, gourmet chocolates, meat rubs and marinades, canned vegetables, dry soup mixes, fancy cupcakes and more, sold from over 30 vendors!

Knife Sharpening Our wonderful knife sharpeners, Dave and Amanda will be at the market to fix up your favorite knives. Also they can repurpose your donated knives and scissors. Repurposed items are given to soup kitchens, culinary students in need of assistance, homeless shelters, or low-income senior homes. If the knives are sold, that money will be given to charity.

LINK card is an accepted form of purchase at the market.

Free Children's Craft Class from 10 a.m. to noon.

Shakespeare All-Stars Outreach Ensemble will bring the Bard's works to life in a vibrant, action-packed and interactive performance sure to delight audiences young and old. You've never seen Shakespeare like this!

The Plein Air Painters will be working on site during the market. Watch real artists in action. Our favorite bluegrass musicians, the **Indy Park Jammers**, will be playing and singing during the market too. Bring along your guitar or banjo and singing voice to join in the fun with them.

Recycling with Free Compost Bring a bucket to get free used coffee grounds from Greg Stivers of Stivers Gourmet Coffee. Your acid loving plants, such as azaleas, hydrangeas, blueberries, rhododendrons and creeping phlox, will love you for the coffee grounds.

Getting There Free parking available in the south lot on northbound Springfield Ave. next to the field house or on Irving Park Road. The CTA #80 Irving Park bus stops at Springfield and Irving Park Blue Line station is two blocks west of the park. See you there!

Summer at St. John's Episcopal

Summer Worship St. John's offers two Sunday services, 8:00 and 10:00 am. This schedule will continue throughout the summer until September 9 when our three services Sundays resume. All are welcome to join us at St. John's for fellowship, prayer, and music!

Gospel on the Green Our first Gospel on the Green of the summer will be Sunday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m. Join us as we celebrate the Good Word among the beautiful sights, sounds, and smells found in the garden of St. John's. Weather permitting, remaining outdoor services will be held on July 21 and August 18.

Get Your Little Musicians Ready! Old Irving Park resident and father of three Lenny Zieben will be offering weekly music classes at St. John's. Classes are for parents and children (4 years or younger). Stop by on Tuesday, June 11 at 10:00 a.m. for a free class. Lenny holds a degree from DePaul University and is currently an Artist in Residence with Snow City Arts Foundation at Rush Presbyterian Children's Hospital, where he works with long- and short-term patients on various projects as well as teaching and entertaining. For more information about Lenny and his program visit www.musicfornewpeople.com or email lenny3000@gmail.com.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 3857 N. Kostner (corner of Bryon and Kostner). For more information visit www.stjohnschicago.com or call 773-725-9026.

News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Summer Worship Schedule Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. **Child care is provided.**

Magic Mushroom Summer Program There are still spots available for the 2013 Magic Mushroom Program! 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!

Ham Dinner at Mayfair Presbyterian Church

The cooks at MPC are serving up a Ham Dinner downstairs in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 15, at 6:00 p.m. This is a delicious dinner! Join us for a friendly time of fellowship! Tickets are \$12 for adults (ages 11 and older), \$6.00 for children ages 5-10 and free for children ages 4 and under. Tickets must be purchased by June 9th. For details call Cheryl Musto at Mayfair Presbyterian Church, 773-685-0104. Mayfair Presbyterian Church is located at 4358 W. Ainslie Street in Chicago.

Summer Programs at Independence Branch Library

Great summer programs are coming to the Independence Branch library! You've read the books and seen the movie, now it's time to take the **Hunger Games Challenge**, on Thursday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m. for ages 12 and up. Join us for trivia, challenges and prizes!

For the younger set, we hope that you will choo-choo choose to come in for a fun-filled train program on **Saturday, June 15th at 2 p.m.** for ages 4 and up. We'll talk about our friends Thomas and Chuggington and how real trains work. We will also talk about the brand new summer program.

June also sees the beginning of the **Summer Learning Challenge** which begins on Monday, June 17 and runs until August 10. Great upcoming Summer Learning Challenge programs include "Amazing Animals," a series of programs for kids ages 4-8 in which we will learn facts about some amazing animals, listen to stories, and make a craft to take home. Amazing Animals dates are June 20, June 27 and July 11, and begin at 6:30 p.m.

Hop on by for "Frogs and Toads" on July 2 at 6:00 p.m. for kids ages 5 and up. Discover how frogs and toads have adapted to live on both land and water.

These are just some of the great programs that are coming to the Independence Branch located at 3548 W. Irving Park Rd. For more information call 312-744-0900.



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Report it or the Police Won't Know About it!

As mentioned in the meeting minutes, Lt. Bill Mullane reported that shootings are down by 29%, but robberies have increased, as well as—most notably—auto thefts, particularly 1990-1998 models of Hondas and Nissans.

The lieutenant reminds West Walker residents that in order to have a greater police presence in the area, the police need to hear from us regularly. If you see anything suspicious, call 911 or make a report with the 17th District Front Desk by calling 312-742-4410. Also attend your local CAPS meetings, which meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The next CAPS meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m.** at 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room.

West Walker Civic Association meetings are also a great place to find out what's going on in your community. Make a point of attending the WWCA Meetings. As a member, we want to know what you want out of WWCA! Let us know at the next meeting. Mark your calendar for **September 17th, 7:00 p.m.** at the Latvian Center.

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The Real Estate Market is definitely back in Chicago and, more specifically, our neighborhood. My recent listings in West Walker and Old Irving have sold or rented quickly, one prior to being listed and the others with multiple offers. If you are thinking about taking advantage of the current low inventory levels, or know of anyone who is, now is a great time to contact me about how I can assist you to price, market and sell your property quickly and at a great price!



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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



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

community with a variety of outreach efforts.

Carlson's Three Brothers Garden



Three Brothers Garden Committee member Lynette Schroeter

The weekly harvests have begun at Three Brothers Garden! Spring veggies like radishes and lettuces are being harvested every Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. If you are interested in learning about vegetable gardening or just like getting your hands dirty, join us! There's no prior gardening experience required and your labor goes to a great cause—

providing hungry neighbors with fresh vegetables!

Harvest help is welcome any time between 5 and 7 p.m. Bring a group from your neighborhood, work place, church or civic organization. Service hours for students are available. The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski, at the corner of Belle Plaine and Pulaski.

The Carlson Community Services Board and Three Brothers Garden Committee would like to thank founding member and dedicated volunteer **Lynette Schroeter** for her service. Since the garden's inception in 2008, Lynette played a large part in the design, construction and maintenance of the garden. She also played a large role in garden fundraisers like the Chili Supper and Soup & Bread. Lynette's creative vision and work ethic will be missed. We wish Lynette and her husband Gary all the best with their move out of state.

Just as we bid farewell to Lynette, we welcome our summer volunteer coordinator, **Katherine Jordan**. Kate was chosen from a very capable pool of college students for the internship position. Kate is a junior at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. A resident of the Independence Park neighborhood, Kate has volunteered in the garden covering watering shifts when she was in

high school. She brings a great level of energy and enthusiasm to our weekly harvests! Come and say "hello!" to Kate.

The Three Brothers Garden receives 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, including community gardening. For more information, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org or 773-398-6766.



Three Brothers Garden Committee members Melanie Reschke (left) and Ruth Olech prepare lettuce for delivery to the Irving Park Food Pantry.

Irving Park Lutheran Church and Carlson Community Services proudly present...



Disney's "Wreck-It Ralph," A fundraiser to support the Magic After-School Place on June 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym on 4057 N. Harding. Donations of \$5 per child are encouraged! We are raising money for MAP, our neighborhood after-school program. The Movie will begin promptly at 5:15 p.m.

Concessions will be sold so bring money and a big appetite for pizza, popcorn, chips, candy, drinks, and much more! Make yourself comfortable! Bring a blanket, sleeping bag, pillows. MAP (Magic After-School Place) staff will be on hand at event, so please feel free to drop your children off for the movie!

For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Aryn Fletcher (MAP Director) at abfletch80@att.net. The Magic After-School Place is sponsored by Carlson Community Services, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. The mission of CCS is to serve the Irving Park community with a variety of outreach efforts, including programs for youth.

News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



Volunteers with the Food Pantry prepare to walk in the 2012 Hunger Walk starting at Soldier Field. Join us at 8:30 a.m. on June 29th to walk with us this year! Photo by Anna Besmann.

Walk with the Pantry! The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is signing up walkers and taking donations for the 28th annual Hunger Walk to be held on **Saturday, June 29th** at Soldier Field. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and walkers step off at 8:30 a.m.

Best of all, participants don't need to actually walk the 5K (3.2-mile) route along the lakefront—they just need to be present that morning. That includes kids! And IPCFP receives a bonus credit to our account from the sponsor, the Greater Chicago Food Depository, for each walker. We also receive bonus funding up to \$5,000 to supplement what we raise in our own account.

To benefit the Pantry directly, click on the Hunger Walk link on the Pantry's website (www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org) to participate in three ways:

1. Donate to the Pantry's Team. Click on the Hunger Walk logo on the Pantry's webpage to make a donation to our team or an individual walker. You also can sign a walker's pledge sheet, donate at our website through our secure link, or bring a donation to the Pantry office. Please designate that your donation is for the Hunger Walk, as every donation we receive for it increases the bonus funds we receive from GCFD.
2. Join the Team. Individuals can join the Pantry's walkers and raise funds. Each walker gives us a bonus payment from GCFD. To join, go to our Team Page and click on the Join Team link. Or, from the main Hunger Walk page at www.chicagosfoodbank.org, search for "Irving" in the Team Search.
3. Organize a Hunger Walk Team of at least 10 walkers. Each walker signs up pledges to sponsor their walk. Go to the Hunger Walk page at www.chicagosfoodbank.org to sign up your team.

When signing up or donating, please use the **Pantry's agency number (#A00113)** to ensure your donations are given to IPCFP and we receive credit toward our total.



Left: Marsha Niazmand was presented with the 2012-2013 Volunteer of the Year Award. Right: Thank you to the young volunteers from Disney II Magnet School who donated their time during a visit to the Pantry in April. They helped bag food, take out trash, break down boxes, double-bag, and sort and store food with great energy and big smiles. Photos by Craig Shutt.

The Pantry will be sharing a table with Liberty Tax Service (4900 W. Irving Park Road) at the **Six Corners Barbecue Festival on June 15th and 16th**. We also will have a booth at the **GIPNA Independence Park Farmers Markets** all summer. Stop by and see us at these events. We'll have cooler bags and hats you can buy to show your support for the Pantry!

The Pantry held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on May 29th at **Mirabell Restaurant** (3454 W. Addison), thanks to the contribution and efforts of owner Jeff Heil and his staff. During the event, **Marsha Niazmand** was announced as the Volunteer of the Year. Marsha has volunteered at the Pantry for more than 10 years and put considerable work into expanding our distribution of pet food into a full-time operation. She has sought out regular donors, organized deliveries and coordinated volunteers to help each week. Today, about half of our clients receive food for their dogs, cats and other pets. She was an overwhelming favorite in the balloting, and her award was well-deserved!

Regretfully, in May we had to say goodbye and good luck to our part-time Client Resources Coordinator, **Belma Torres**. She was offered a full-time position at Lakeshore Hospital, where she has been working part time. Belma will continue her involvement with the Pantry by joining the Board of Directors this month.

Thanks to volunteer Pat Eisenhart and her son Thomas, who works for the Nature Conservancy, for supplying us with 800 reusable bags. The bags were distributed to our clients to help reduce the use of plastic bags.

Visit our website at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org to learn about Pantry news and events!



CICS-Irving Park School

Graduation Day CICS Irving Park School 8th graders will graduate June 15th. They celebrated with their families at a

downtown luncheon May 29th. We are proud to say that 33% of their class were accepted to selective enrollment high schools...Congratulations graduates!

Capitol Idea! 8th graders worked hard raising money throughout the year for their class trip to Washington, D.C.

Spring Concert/Art Show Our 2nd through 5th graders celebrated the 80's in song and visual arts at the Spring Concert/Art Show on June 6th.

Be an Activist for Schools Visit us at www.facebook.com/CicsIrvingParkPumaPto and "Like" us! There are links to support Charter Schools locally and state-wide. Advocate for your child's educational rights!

St. Viator School

St. Viator Elementary School has enjoyed another successful school year. The annual Art Zone and Academic Fair at the end of April showcased some of the students' amazing achievements throughout the year. The school halls were illuminated with artwork inspired by Edward Hopper, Frank Lloyd Wright and Jackson Pollock.

On April 25, the Geographic Society of Chicago brought the GeoSphere to St. Viator. The GeoSphere is an extraordinarily unique learning environment. Our PreK through 8th grade students sat on Antarctica inside the 20-foot inflatable globe to discover how the world works and have an unparalleled view of our planet.

Student Council recognized Earth Day with a week of activities demonstrating the many ways we can protect our planet, including a workshop on Vermicomposting: The science of using worms to break down organic

matter. Other activities included an "Earth Hour" where lights and electronics were turned off to save energy, and a student/teacher Green Up & Clean Up around the campus by planting flowers, recycling and cleaning up.

In celebration of St. Viator's 110th anniversary, a glorious new 20'x3' mosaic mural is being installed on the exterior Eastside of the school. The theme of the mural is "Educating Generations of Faith" and the images are inspired by drawing from the school children.

A special note of gratitude goes out to the dedicated staff and family volunteers who passionately gave their time and talents to enrich the lives of all the students this school year. We congratulate all the students and teachers on their many accomplishments and wish the graduates much continued success in high school and beyond.

Please visit www.stviatorchicago.org to learn more about St. Viator and what we can offer your family. Contact Marge Tiritilli for a personal tour at 773-545-2173. Enjoy a safe and happy summer!

St. Edward's School

Registration is open for the 2013-14 school year for grades Pre-K through 8th grade. Please call the school at 773-736-9133 to arrange a convenient time to visit or schedule a tour. We look forward to meeting you!

Who Loves Scouting? Come find out what the Cub Scouts have to offer and join Pack 3904's Pack Night on Friday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m. in Buckley Hall at 4447 N. Lowell. Boys in kindergarten through 4th grade are invited. For more information, email Jerome Lasky at jandklasky@aol.com.

We give your child so much more than just a seat in a classroom. For over 100 years, St. Edward School has provided a Catholic education to children from three-year old pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. We have an average student-teacher ratio of 18:1, and feature an extensive music program as well as art, gym, sports, chess, and Spanish at all grade levels. Our students matriculate to highly selective CPS and Catholic schools in Chicagoland. St. Edward's School is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. For more information, call 773-736-9133 or visit www.stedwardschool.com.

Murphy School

Murphy School was the proud recipient of an American Heart Association grant called a Teaching Garden. Through this program, children will experience planting, growing and harvesting foods to promote healthy

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lifestyles. An outdoor dedication ceremony was held on May 31st during the monthly Community Sing. Over 600 students, faculty, parents and Aldermen Rey Colón and John Arena were in attendance. Students read their poems about nature and everyone sang songs including "The Garden Song." The Aldermen and Principal Zelenka led the formal ribbon-cutting ceremony at the five new planter boxes on the west side of the school. Please come to visit the 19 planter boxes around the school and stop in to pull a weed or two during the summer months! You can see photos from our dedication event on the American Heart Association's Facebook page, under the GE Teaching Garden wall post.

Disney II Magnet School

Music instructor, Mr. Ken Barnhart, directed students in a performance of various shows for the Spring Concert. This event included performances by choir, Orff Band, Beginning Band Instruments, and Recorder classes.

Disney II 5th and 6th grade students participated in the Lorado Taft Education Field Trip, a 3-day, 2-night outdoor program. Students participated in team-building activities and learned a great deal about their natural surroundings.

Congratulations to the PTA for yet another successful Used Book/Media Sale, which will help fund Disney II social events and scholarships for students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities but do not have the means. Thank you to community members who have donated used books and/or shopped at the event.

Congratulations to Disney II art teacher, Ms. Mary Haddad, for directing a Saturday program, "Explore More Art," for students and families. Participants explored various art mediums and took home beautiful projects. This activity was generously supported by: Stann Champion RootsRockSociety, Global Explorers Kids, Urban Gateways, Chicago Japanese American Historical Society, Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, Moon Light Designs Fused Glass, Disney II Magnet School Musical Theater, Alywind Music Store, Second City, Seanachi Theater Company, Pigeons with Teeth at Prop Theater, Hot Woks Cool Sushi

Disney II was awarded a Kitchen Community grant for a "Learning Garden." Students will learn where food comes from, how to grow it, and how to maintain a garden. The garden includes 10 raised garden beds, vegetable plants, benches, an irrigation system, and more!

The Disney II community thanks its supporters in the greater Irving Park neighborhoods and wishes every one of their neighbors and friends a safe and exciting summer.

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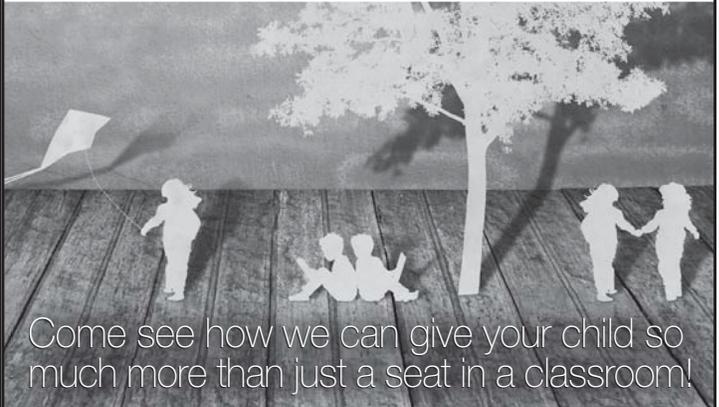
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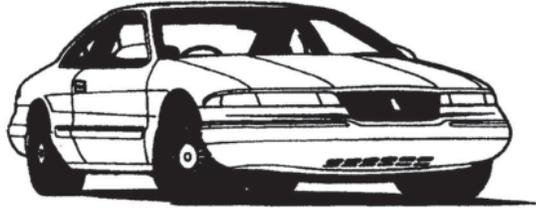
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- Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library
- Free E-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime
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Bring your 2013-2014 dues to our next WWCA meeting on September 17th, pay online (www.westwalker.org) or mail in the application below.

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