

# WEST WALKER WIRE

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## The Wire Invites You to Speak Out!

by Lee Samsami Stein

MOST PEOPLE LIKE TO BE HEARD. As a member of the West Walker Civic Association, you have a voice, a unique experience and skills that you can share with other members of the organization. We want to hear from you! We invite all West Walker members to write about something that is important to them. We can publish your submission in the Wire.

Is there a restaurant in WW area that you want to review? Do you have the solution to a problem in the area? How long have you lived in West Walker? How has it changed in that amount of time? Do you love architecture? Maybe a monthly "guess the house style" photo column would be fun...or a community member spotlight. These are great ways to introduce West Walker residents to each other. Are there some tools of a trade that you can share with other members, such as gardening, home repair, or cooking? In terms of writing, the sky is the limit. By the way, do you have a beautiful image of the West Walker area that you'd like to share? Photos are accepted! Include a description and send it in.

Any piece that would be of interest to individuals or families living in the West Walker Area are appropriate for the Wire. Our guidelines are simple: Wire articles are of interest to the community as a whole and are meant to be informative. Articles should be timely, and relevant with correct information. No marketing, no rants. All submissions are

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Thur., Sept. 13 • 7:00 p.m.**

Community Ministry Meeting  
IPUMC, Fellowship Hall  
3801 N. Keeler

**Wed., Sept. 18 • 7:00 p.m.**

CAPS Meeting Beat 1723  
4650 N. Pulaski

**Sat., Sept. 21 • 2 - 11 p.m.**

St. Edward 3rd Annual Octoberfest  
Address TBD

**Wed./Thur., Oct. 2 & 3 • 2:30-6:30 p.m.**

Halloween Costume Sale  
St. Edward's Church Basement  
4350 W Sunnyside Ave,

**Fri., Oct. 4th • 7:00 p.m.**

**Sat., Oct. 5th • 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sun., Oct. 6th • 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.**  
Circus in the Parks  
Independence Park, 3945 N. Springfield

**Fri. Oct. 11 • 7-10 p.m.**

Carlson's Trivia Night  
IPLC Gym, 4057 N. Harding

**Sun., Oct. 13 • 3 - 5 p.m.**

Irving Park Community Food Pantry  
Annual Wine-Tasting Benefit  
Mirabell Restaurant, 3454 W. Addison

**Tues., Oct. 15 • 7:00 p.m.**

WWCA General Meeting  
Latvian Community Center  
4146 N. Elston

**Sat. Oct. 19 • 5:30 p.m. Dinner,  
7:00 p.m. Concert**

Jim Worthing Concert  
IPUMC, 3801 N. Keeler

*You can also visit our*

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

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# Dear Neighbor,

EVERYONE LOVES A CIRCUS! And we have a great one coming into the West Walker Neighborhood, October 4th through the 6th in Independence Park.

Midnight Circus returns with an all new show in its purple & blue little Big Top for the 2013 Circus in the Parks Tour. This event has been so popular, this year's visit has expanded to three days and five shows. This one-of-a kind family-friendly event has amazed and delighted thousands of Chicagoans, with advertising proceeds going toward Independence Park improvements. Visit [www.circusintheparks.org](http://www.circusintheparks.org) for information and tickets. See you at the Circus!

Our first West Walker meeting this fall will be on October 15 at the Latvian Community Center, 4146 N. Elston Avenue, at 7:00 pm. Please keep an eye out for the October Wire for more details on the meeting program. As always, the WWCA is seeking additional volunteers to help us serve the neighborhood. Right now, we need a volunteer to serve as our meeting Secretary as well as one or more volunteers to deliver the Wire. If you want to help but don't feel those positions use your talents, let us know you want to help and we'll find a fit for you.

Finally, crime and violence has been in the news a great deal this summer. Please take the time to attend a CAPS meeting or have one person from your block go to represent your concerns. This month's meeting is on September 18, 7:00 p.m. at the 17th District station, 4650 N Pulaski.

Please be safe, be aware and keep an eye out for all our school kids.

Mike Webber  
President, WWCA

## News From Irving Park YMCA

### Tuition-based Afterschool Program

The Irving Park YMCA After School Enrichment Program runs Monday through Friday from 3:30 until 6 p.m. and is located at the Kedvale Campus, 3815 N. Kedvale.

The Irving Park YMCA After School Enrichment Program is for children ages 5-14 that need a safe and nurturing environment to learn, play and make friends after school. The program focuses on educational enrichment and physical activity. Programming includes homework help, arts and crafts, science and technology, character development, physical activity, and martial arts. Registration is monthly and part time can be accommodated (3 days a week minimum). The cost of the program is \$290 per month for 5 days and \$174 a month for 3 days a week. To register, parents must request an invoice from Allison Greenman at 773-326-2627 or e-mail at [agreenman@ymcachicago.org](mailto:agreenman@ymcachicago.org).

# WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### West Walker Mission Statement

"The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have."

### Celebrating 100 years of service to the West Walker Community

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**All story ideas, text, and ads are due a week before the first of the month.**

**Submit ideas and text to:**  
[west\\_walker\\_wire@yahoo.com](mailto:west_walker_wire@yahoo.com).

*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.*

*For information on advertising, please contact Shannan Bunting at [WWWire@solsticepr.com](mailto:WWWire@solsticepr.com)*



# CAPS Report

## Beat 1723, August 21st 2013

by Jane Nagle, CAPS Coordinator

### Statistics by type of crime (July 17 to August 21):

- Armed Robbery - Handgun - 1
- Assault - Aggravated - Other Dangerous Weapon - 1
- Battery - Aggravated - 1
- Battery - Domestic Battery Simple - 2
- Battery - Simple - 3
- Criminal damage to property - 3
- Criminal damage to vehicle - 4
- Deceptive Practices - Credit Card Fraud - 1
- Harassment by Electronic Means - 1
- Harassment by Telephone - 1
- Motor Vehicle Theft - 5
- Other Crime Against Person - 1
- Robbery: Armed-Knife/Cutting Instrument (Bicycle Theft) - 1
- Theft from Auto - Under \$500 - 4; Over \$500 - 3
- Theft from Building (Garage) - 1
- Theft - Other - Under \$500 - 3; Over \$500 - 4

As always, call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide detailed descriptions of the individuals and vehicles involved in any incident. Even if a neighbor has already reported the incident or activity, other neighbors should make separate calls. The police often look at the number of calls for service in determining the allocation of officers and resources with respect to a particular situation or incident.

CAPS meetings for our beat are currently held monthly at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month and typically last one hour. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is **Wednesday, September 18, 2013.**



## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY TO US TODAY?



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## News and Events from Carlson Community Services



**Carlson  
Community  
Services**

*Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, serves the Irving Park community with a variety of outreach efforts.*

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*Yaz Ebeid, Pastor Bill Hutchison and Garden Coordinator Kate Jordan at a Three Brothers Garden potluck supper.*

### New Officers

Carlson Community Services, a neighborhood non-profit, elected new officers at its June annual meeting. Elected to serve one year terms were West Walker residents Yaz Ebeid, chairman, and Roberta Bole, vice chairman. Bill Sherlock, was elected to treasurer and Lynda Olander, secretary.

The board of directors expressed gratitude to

Rich Wielock for a job well done after serving five years as Carlson's chairman. Rich will remain on Carlson's board as chairman emeritus.

Other members of Carlson's board are West Walker residents Pam Austin, Helen Lira and Melanie Reschke. Roger Bingaman, and Fred Glure also serve on the board. Independence Park neighbor Lynda Olander was elected to the board at the annual meeting and stepped right into the secretary's job. Welcome Lynda, congratulations to our new officers and thank you, Rich!

### MAP Begins 8th Year with New Director, Staff

The Magic After-School Place committee is pleased to announce that Cara Murray has been hired as the new



*Cara Murray and Rachel Lockhart register students for the Magic After-School Place (MAP)*

director of MAP. Prior to joining MAP, Cara was the Site Director at By The Hand, an after-school program in the Austin neighborhood.

MAP operates out of the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym at Harding and Belle Plaine five days-a-week from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. With a focus on homework completion, the program serves students from Murphy and Belding schools. In addition to homework help, MAP features a library, computer lab, high school mentoring program, art enrichment and more! Tuition is kept affordably low at \$30 per week per child through grants from foundations and churches, individual donations and fundraisers.

The MAP team welcomes adult volunteers who would like to help with homework, games, art projects and reading. High school students looking for service hours are welcome, too! Contact Cara at [mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org) for information.

### Three Brothers Garden Gets Growing!

After a slow start to the season, Three Brothers Garden is thriving! Thanks to the work of Kate Jordan, Volunteer Coordinator and Garden Committee co-chairs Ruth Olech and Rebecca Haneberg, we have had a good crew of volunteers at Tuesday night harvests, including lots of new faces. Faithful attendees have included Ruth, Rebecca and the Haneberg family, Melanie Reschke, Judy Madsen, Martha Sanders, Dorene Jordan, Ellen Ryan and family and Ben Zorn.

Through August 27th, 491 lbs. of vegetables have been harvested for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. There's still plenty to harvest! Join us every Tuesday through September from 5-7 p.m.

For more information about Carlson Community Services and its programs contact Liz Mills at [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org) or 773-398-6766.



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# 39th Ward Report



DO YOU DRIVE on Foster Avenue? Over the years, I've received many requests from the community to address traffic safety and speeding issues along Foster Avenue near Gompers Park. We've tried a number of enforcement methods, including radar guns and sting operations, with some levels of success. But

the problem continues. Since Gompers is located in a Children's Safety Zone, and since data backs up our concerns, the city recently installed automated speed enforcement cameras on Foster and Pulaski. Violations recorded in the first 30 days of a camera's installation will receive a warning notice. The easiest way to avoid a ticket is to pay attention to and follow the posted speed limits.

In addition to the speed cameras, Foster Avenue is part of a large construction project. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is beginning a resurfacing project on Foster from Harlem to Ashland Avenues. Construction began on August 14, starting at Harlem and Foster Avenues. We will keep you updated on the progress as they make their way toward the 39th Ward.

The city is resuming enforcement of the residential truck ordinance. Typically, commercial and business trucks cannot park on residential streets, unless they are there specifically to provide a service to a resident. However, if you have a truck weighing 8,000 pounds or less, which you use as your personal (not business) vehicle, you may obtain a Residential Truck Permit from my office. This permit will allow you to park the truck in front of your home. There is no charge for the permit.

In development news, you've probably noticed the vacant lot at the northeast corner of Montrose and Pulaski. The former King of Tile location was sold and 7-11 is building a new store at this location. They are currently in the permitting phase and hope to start construction soon. First Chicago Bank and Trust (the former Labe Bank) is moving forward with their plans to build a new bank on their vacant site at 4343 N. Elston. The Zoning Board of Appeals recently approved their plans for a drive-thru and the city is reviewing their construction plans.

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](mailto:Ward39@cityofchicago.org).

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



*A young volunteer helps a clown demonstrate his pitching skills at the 2012 Circus in the Park.*

## The Circus Is Coming to Town!

Mark your calendars now for Circus in the Parks at Independence Park! The dates are **Friday, Oct. 4th, at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, **Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**, and **Sunday, Oct. 6th at 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Midnight Circus offers actors and acrobats, aerialists and eccentrics, clowns and contortionists, singers, dancers, musicians and a lone dog. It's a new style of contemporary circus that combines circus arts, music, dance, and theatrics. Be entertained and inspired! With performers from all over the world showcasing a variety of talents, Midnight Circus presents a true "Big Top" tent extravaganza, celebrating community and rebuilding parks, one circus at a time!

All proceeds from Circus in the Parks will be split between all participating parks to fund their local park improvements. Since 2007, over \$160,000 has been raised by this one of a kind community building and fundraising event!

Independence Park is located at 3945 N. Springfield Avenue. Call 773-478-3538 for more information. Don't miss this amazing show--it's fun for the whole family!

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## Irving Park Baptist Church

**New Pastor!** Irving Park Baptist Church is happy to announce the calling of their new Pastor, Samuel Cocar! Pastor Sam and his wife, Valerie, (along with their dog, Oliver) have moved into the church parsonage.

Pastor Sam is a 2012 graduate of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary where he obtained his Masters of Divinity Degree. He also holds a B.A. in History with a minor in Biblical Studies from Trinity International University. Pastor Sam's first Sunday as IPBC's spiritual leader was August 4th.

The church is excited to have this wonderful young couple so devoted to the Lord's work leading IPBC! IP Baptist Church is located at 4401 West Irving Park Rd. For more information, visit [www.irvingparkbaptist.org](http://www.irvingparkbaptist.org) or call 773-286-6800.

## St. John's Episcopal Church

**Job Opening** Beginning September 1, St. John's Episcopal Church seeks a responsible and caring adult to care for children every Sunday during our worship services, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Nursery Care Giver is responsible for programming simple games and crafts and for assisting Sunday School teachers for one hour of the time. This job requires a background check and current CPR and First Aid certification. On hiring the Nursery Care Giver will be paid to attend the training for the prevention and recognition of child sexual abuse. Compensation is \$15 per hour, with opportunities for additional hours for special events and services. Please send a resume, list of references with contact information, and cover letter to The Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave., Chicago, IL 60641 or email [rector@stjohnschicago.com](mailto:rector@stjohnschicago.com).

Students and teachers of all ages and levels are welcome for special prayers on Sunday, September 8 when we return to our fall schedule with worship at 8:00, 9:15, and 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy violin and piano music on Sunday, September 15 at 3:00 p.m. with violinist Jaime Gorgojo. Gorgojo has performed as a soloist, chamber and orchestra musician in Spain, U.S., France, Mexico, Canada and the Middle East. He is concertmaster of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago.

Celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace for worship "In the Spirit of Taize," on Friday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. Following the traditions of the Taize Community in the south of France, Taize worship focuses

on prayer through the use of contemplative singing, candlelight and icons, and silence. A reception with refreshments will be offered following the service.

All events take place at St. John's Episcopal Church and are free and open to the public. Find us at 3857 N. Kostner Ave. Chicago, IL 60641 [www.stjohnschicago.com](http://www.stjohnschicago.com), on facebook and on twitter.

## Irving Park Lutheran Church

Join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 8th! Enjoy a light breakfast and a children's activity at 9 a.m. Our special Rally Day activity for children and students will be upstairs in Luther Hall! Parents are invited to meet the Sunday School Teachers and see the classrooms.

Then at 10 a.m., meet us in the Three Brothers Garden for prayer and sing-along, followed by a parade! We will finish the parade in front of the sanctuary, in time for our 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion.

Celebrate with us! If you are looking for a Sunday School for your children we have a lively welcoming one right here close to home. Classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Children enjoy fellowship, singing and service projects while learning about God's creation. Enroll on Rally Day or any Sunday morning. For more information call 773-267-1666. Irving Park Lutheran Church is located at 3938 West Belle Plaine in Chicago.



*Jim Worthing will give a concert at Irving Park United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 19th.*

## Irving Park United Methodist Church

### Jim Worthing Concert

**October 19th** Irving Park United Methodist Church is thrilled to host Jim Worthing in concert on Saturday, October 19th at 7 p.m.! The family-friendly concert will feature both gospel and patriotic selections. A solo artist for

the past 13 years, Mr. Worthing sang with two award-winning groups: Re-Creation, and The Cumberland Boys, Opryland's Gospel Quartet. The Cumberland Boys won national awards, including the Horizon Award, Christian Group of the Year Award, and seven nominations for the Music City News/TNN Christian Artist of the Year Award. The concert will be fun for the whole family, and will

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# News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



*The Lyons family helped with the Pantry's school-supplies distribution in August. Over 100 clients received bags each week.*

**Donations Boost Food Pantry** We are very grateful to the congregation of Gethsemane Romanian Pentecostal Church (3838 N. Elston) who has donated \$15,000 to the Pantry. This amount represented a portion of proceeds they received from the sale of their church building.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago has renewed our grant from Operation Rice Bowl for \$1,500, which will be used to underwrite expenses associated with our Nutrition classes, run by Alicia Theofanis of the University of Illinois Extension Program. Thank you to Gloria Price for her work in securing this grant.

A \$2,500 gift was received from a supporter who made a memorial donation to the Pantry. It will be used to help maintain our truck, which we use to pick up food and donations that regularly support us.

Our **Annual Wine-Tasting Benefit** will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 13th at Mirabell restaurant (3454 W. Addison). Tickets are \$40 apiece, with funds used to aid our food-purchasing budget. A variety of wines from around the world will be available, as well as a silent auction of locally-contributed goods and services. For tickets, contact Janet Middleton at janetmiddleton0@gmail.com. More information will be forthcoming on Facebook and www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org.

**Additional Distribution Hours!** Beginning on September 10th, the Pantry will open from 6 to 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. This expansion is partially funded by the Kraft Feeding Possibilities Grant. Special thanks to Irving Park United Method Church for their support and to the many new volunteers who have signed on to help out with these new hours!

Thank you to all who contributed to our annual school-supply distribution, which took place throughout August. Special thanks to the Linnemeyer, Lyons and Lee families, who helped to distribute the supplies to our clients each



*Stop by to talk with some of the Pantry's volunteers at the GIPNA Farmers Market on September 22nd and October 13th!*

week. Special thanks to the Mette Family for purchasing supplies, and to Irving Park Lutheran Church's Magic Mushroom Summer Program, Park Ridge Presbyterian Church and to Carter Westminster Presbyterian Church for school supply donations!

This summer's Hunger Walk raised more than \$15,000 for the Pantry, with several teams of volunteers walking the 3.2 miles along Lake Michigan. Thank you to all for supporting your local food pantry!

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## St. Viator School

St. Viator Elementary School welcomes all families to the 2013-2014 school year!

St. Viator staff, students, families, and friends enjoyed fun, games, good food and great company at the annual Rock the Lot celebration on August 15th and 16th. The parking lot was transformed into a recreational space for the whole family! There was a mini golf course, rock climbing wall, petting zoo, swing ride, trampoline, live music stage and local food and drink vendors.

St. Viator is launching Green Eagles, a green initiative to recycle and reduce waste to ensure a healthy tomorrow. Students who participated in the summer enrichment program cultivated a garden plot in the neighborhood community garden and current students will maintain and learn from it throughout the year.

St. Viator is committed to educating the whole student--mind, body and soul--from age 3 through 8th grade. St. Viator offers technology, music, physical education, 26 languages through the Rosetta Stone World Language Program, PeaceBuilders, Super Kids reading program and the award-winning Art Zone program. Registration is ongoing. Please contact Marge Tiritilli at MTiritilli@stviatorchicago.org or call the school office at 773-545-2173 with any questions.

## St. Edward School

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer and is having an easy transition back to school. Back to school is such a busy time of year for all students and that's no exception at St. Edward!

**Upcoming Events: Tuesday, September 10th: Potbelly Fundraiser**, 5-8 p.m. at Potbelly Sandwich Works, 4207 N. Harlem, 25% of all sales benefit St. Edward School!

**Saturday, September 21st: St. Edward Parish 3rd Annual October Fest**. 2:00-11:00 p.m. German and American food, games, raffles, live music, dancing, beer tent, wine garden. Food served from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Children's Games 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. \$5 General Admission, \$3 Senior Citizens, Children 4 and under free.

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 2 & 3: Halloween Costume Sale**. Gently used costumes for sale in the Church Hall. 4350 W Sunnyside Ave, Chicago, IL 60630

St. Edward School is a recipient of the Caritas Scholars program. Families who enroll their children in an archdiocesan school for the first time for the 2013-14 school year and demonstrate a financial need will receive first priority in consideration for the Caritas Scholars Program, which pays up to 50% of tuition. Please contact the school at 773-736-9133 for more information.

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 school is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. For more information on the School call 773-736-9133, or visit [www.stedwardschool.com](http://www.stedwardschool.com).

## Murphy Elementary School

School tours offered at local neighborhood magnet cluster school for the Fine and Performing Arts! Murphy School, located at 3539 West Grace, will host a school tour following each monthly Community Sing starting on Friday, September 27th from 8:00-9:00 a.m. This wonderful school serves students from Preschool through 8th Grade. Call 773-534-9892 or check the website at [www.murphy.k12.il.us](http://www.murphy.k12.il.us).

## CICS-Irving Park School

**Ready? Set? GO!** Our students began the new school year on August 19th. CICS Irving Park is part of the Distinctive Schools network of high-performing charter schools. We have 536 eager students enrolled this year. We're pleased that our students will enjoy specials classes this year, including Spanish, PE, Music and Art. Please visit our website at [www.cicsirvingpark.org](http://www.cicsirvingpark.org).

**Tech Upgrade** Through the successful fundraising efforts of our "Classroom of the 21st Century" drive, we were able to purchase 12 iPads and 3 interactive white boards for our classrooms this year.

**Welcome New Teachers** In addition to new staff members arriving via the Distinctive Schools network, we welcome our first full-time school nurse, Ms. Moraitis! This year we will also have team leaders for lower and upper grades to coordinate with our teachers on professional development and improving student performance and engagement.

**Fall Sports** We are excited to announce that we will offer Cross Country, Girls Volleyball and Boys Soccer programs this Fall for the upper grades. If you are



interested in coaching, or have donations for equipment, please contact JoAnne Pepper at peppers56@hotmail.com or call (312)286-9132.

**NWEA Testing** Starting in September, 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 for the coming school year.

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support the ministries of Irving Park United Methodist Church. Mr. Worthing's music can be found through his facebook, or on youtube. Join us for a pre-concert dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door for age 13 and up. Children's tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door for age 3-12. Children under 3 are free. There's a maximum cost for one family of \$75 (parents and children). For tickets and more information, call 773-283-6262 or email at irvingparkumc@comcast.net. Tickets also available through our website: www.irvingparkumc.com.

**REPLAY: Everywhere Fun Fair!** Saturday, September 14 will be a VBS Replay at Irving Park United Methodist Church from 10:00 a.m. to noon. "Roots of Rhythm" from Family Matters will return to bring an interactive experience of African drumming. We will REPLAY some of the music that the kids love. There will be art, music, a cooperative project to benefit the Irving Park Food Pantry, and more for the whole family!

Join us for the **Community Ministry Meeting** on Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. (downstairs in Fellowship Hall) to discuss IPUMC's dream to refit the building for community ministries. Currently, IPUMC is home to nine Martha Groups (AA), Irving Park Food Pantry, Old Irving Park Historical Association, three Brownie troops, a homeschoolers group, Mision Hispana, and an afterschool program, among many others. We would like to hear your suggestions in order to help us make our space a better fit for all!

**September Bible 101 Class** If you want to get an overview of the Bible, and ask questions about it, register for *Bible 101*, which is open and free to the public. It will be offered at several times to allow for wide participation.

For all the above events, call 773-283-6262 to get more information or to register. IPUMC is located at 3801 North Keeler in Chicago.

### WIRE PHOTO BOMB!

Photograph by Michael Webber



*There was a terrific turnout for the 4th of July Parade at Independence Park, and this year, the weather such that it would've made Goldilocks smile...not too hot, not too cold, just right!*

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Alderman Margaret Laurino ward39@cityofchicago.org  
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- The annual community garage sale.
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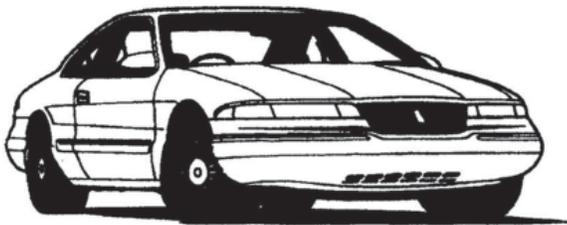


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