

WEST WALKER WIRE

SEPTEMBER 2018

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Hands to Help - Help Wanted!



HtH Board Member Deann Sherlock is ready to answer your questions at the Farmers Market!

Hands to Help is a small neighborhood-based organization providing assistance to people on the Northwest side of Chicago who are homeless or at risk of being homeless to obtain and maintain housing. The organization is currently looking for a paid, part-time Service Manager. The Service Manager provides direction and supervision to the Outreach Worker, meets with

clients during office hours and interacting with the Hands To Help committees. We are looking for someone with Social Services skills. For the full job description or if interested, please inquire at info@handstohelpministries.com.

Stop by and say hello to us at the Independence Park Farmer's Market on September 16 and October 14 and get a free button! Below is one of our Board members at the Hands To Help booth at the Market.

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Tues., Sept. 11 • 1:00 pm

Carlson Community Services Golf Outing
Maple Meadows Golf Course
Wood Dale IL
carlsoncommunityservices.org/events

Sat., Sept. 15 • 4:00 - 8:00 pm

5th Annual Independence Park Beer
Fest, Independence Park
3945 N Springfield Ave

Sun., Sept. 16 • 8:00 am - Noon

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
IPLC Gym, 4057 N. Harding

Wed., Sept. 19 • 7:00 pm

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

Sunday, Sept. 23 • 9 am - 1 pm

GIPNA Farmers Markets
at Independence Park
Springfield and Irving Park Roads

Sat., Sept. 29 6:00 - 10:30 pm

St. Edward's Harvest Bash & Pig Roast
4350 W. Sunnyside

Sun., Oct. 7 • 2:00 pm

IPFAC presents Wael Farouk, piano
Irving Park Lutheran Church,
4100 N. Harding Ave.

Tues., Oct. 16 • 7:00 pm

WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston

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

Dear Neighbor,

WELCOME BACK TO THE WIRE AND LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL IN WEST WALKER! It was hot, but it looks like it was a good summer here in the Neighborhood. Summer vacations are ending, and children are heading back to school.

NEW BUSINESSES are always a welcome addition to the Neighborhood, and over the Summer we had a great addition: The LUCKY CHARM CAFE. Located at 3600 W Irving Park Ave, this cozy café serves coffee drinks and pastries as well as salads, sandwiches and soups. A great place to linger with your Neighbors

THE INDEPENDENCE LIBRARY has grown over the summer. Drive by and take a look. Now scheduled to open in January, 2019, this exciting addition to the Neighborhood has been anticipated for 100 years!

WIRE CARRIERS are some of our most important volunteers. Several changes to our carrier volunteers occurred over the summer, and I'd like to thank our outgoing carriers, Charlie Westmeyer, Charlie Webber, Diane O'Callahan and The Gettings for all their help over the years. New Wire carriers, Beverly Birch and Chris & Mauve Altman are ready to help, and we thank them for volunteering.

ELECTIONS are just around the corner. On November 6, 2018 Federal, State, and County officials will be on the ballot. This includes our U.S. House of Representatives, State Governor and Attorney General, and numerous County representatives. Elections are always important. This election has been called the most important in decades. Please take the time to vote.

Mike Webber
WWCA President, Pro Tem

Ribbon Cutting for Free Little Library

Grace Covenant Church (4201 N. Monticello Ave.) invites you all to a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Free Little Library being installed on the Berteau side of the church property. The ceremony will begin at 11:30 am on Sunday, September 16th. Coffee, lemonade and a variety of treats will be available to enjoy following the ribbon cutting.

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 over 100 years of service
to the West Walker Community**

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for space and content. For information
on advertising, please contact Shannan
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45th Ward Report



Beginning early September, the Department of Water Management (DWM) and NPL Construction Co. crews will begin the work to install 2,615 feet of 8-inch water main on North Keeler from West Montrose to West Irving Park. The water main along this stretch of road has been identified as being over 100-years-old and needs to be replaced.

When crews are working in the street, they may close or limit it to traffic for safety reasons. However, residents will always be able to reach their homes or businesses. Outside of working hours, a travel lane will be left open for local traffic only.

"No Parking" signs will be posted as needed during working hours (generally 7 am to 4 pm). Parking outside of those hours will be allowed, but cars will need to be moved by the start of the next workday. Crews will try to preserve as much parking as possible.

DWM and my office understand that construction always involves inconveniences and noise. Crews will do everything possible to maintain residents' quality of life throughout these projects, and will conduct themselves as good and thoughtful neighbors in the course of their presence on your street.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you can either ask the construction foreman on the project site, email my office at Ward45@CityofChicago.org, or call the DWM Office of Public Affairs at 312-744-6638.

The water main installation is anticipated to be completed by late November 2018. Once the water main is installed, the street will be restored so that traffic is not impacted. However, final restoration is weather dependent and may not occur until the spring of 2019 or until weather permits.

Thank you for your ongoing patience as these important infrastructure improvements are completed.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Your Neighborhood Realtor!

Your Property Assessment is Up 40%. Yikes! What Can You Do?

Hi Neighbors. Many of you asked me what to do about the big property tax assessment increase. The first step was to file an appeal to the Cook County Assessor by August 16. If you missed our Jefferson Township deadline, here are some additional options even if you already appealed to the Assessor.

1. File a complaint with the Cook County Board of Review during the 30 days when Jefferson Township opens up. (Date is TBD). Go to www.cookcountyboardofreview.com.

2. File an appeal with the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB). After doing #1 above, you can further appeal to PTAB – www.ptab.illinois.gov.

3. Make sure you are getting all your property exemptions. There are 8 exemptions that reduce your assessment & your taxes --Homeowner, Senior, Veteran and even one for Home Improvement.

There are specific rules & deadlines. File yourself or hire an attorney. Feel free to call or email me for a recommendation.

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 August 15, 2018

In attendance: Martha Hack, CAPS Facilitator, CAPS Officer Hamid, CAPS Officer Zander, Ald. Deb Mell (33rd Ward), Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa's Office (35th Ward), Gail Beitz, Alderman Laurino's Office (39th Ward).

About 45-50 residents attended the meeting. Both Alderman Mell and Ramirez-Rosa were at the meeting and briefly spoke about recent violence and public safety. Mell urged residents to report suspicious activity and street lights that are broken or out. Two Albany Park murders in August (outside of Beat 1723) were discussed briefly. A 19-year-old man was killed on Aug 2nd and the police think it was mistaken identity on the part of the shooters. They are not considering it gang related since the victim was not in a gang. The other murder on August 13th is not believed to be related, but was definitely gang-related.

Officers warned of a "Gypsy Ruse" that occurred on August 7th, 9th and 10th, where two male Hispanics

posed as utility workers wearing yellow vests to gain access to and steal from homes. The officers stressed that utility workers wear ID badges. If you are unsure of whether someone is legitimate, call 911 and officers can come out to verify.

The CAPS officers are creating a gang graffiti database. They would like pictures and addresses of gang graffiti before you call the graffiti blasters to remove the graffiti. You can contact the CAPS office at CAPS017District@chicagopolice.org with this information.

The rest of the meeting was spent with complaints about the homeless man who has taken up residence at the corner of Central Park and Irving Park. He is adding furniture and more possessions to the area where he sleeps and is a deterrent to area businesses, some of which have just opened. In addition, other homeless people have begun spending time with him there. Complaints ranged from public urination and defecating, public intoxication, drug sales to minors and public indecency. According to the officers, he has been arrested 122 times and has refused the services of the city's health and human services office. Officers urged people

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It's a Sellers' Market in West Walker!



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4239 N. Ridgeway



4034 N. Harding

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Thank you Dorie!!!!!" – Cathy Lawler

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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Pantry Seeks Gently Used Coats

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is asking readers to donate any unneeded, gently used winter coats for our October coat program to help our neighbors through the harsh Chicago winter.

Please check your closets for any gently used coats. They can be brought to the Pantry's home at 3801 N. Keeler during Pantry operating hours (Wednesdays 9 am to noon and Tuesday, Sept. 11th and Oct. 9th from 6 pm to 7:30 pm). Additional dropoff points include Disney II Magnet Elementary School (3815 N. Kedvale), Old Irving Brewing (4419 W. Montrose Ave.), and the Linnemeyer front porch at 3822 N. Tripp Ave. More locations will be listed soon on our Facebook page.

A big thank you to Stephanie Cutter of Coldwell Banker and Barbara Murphy, owner of Josi's Frozen Yogurt Café at Six Corners. On behalf of the Pantry, Stephanie hosted Free F ro-Yo day at Josi's in July, with Barbara donating 20% of pre-tax sales and Stephanie matching that donation. Customers who attended also donated on their own, and Stephanie, through her Stephanie Cutter Group: Chicago Real Estate organization, made an additional donation based on a percentage of every home sale made by her group.

The result was a combined donation from Josi's, Stephanie, her group, and neighbors that came to nearly \$975! We appreciate everyone's efforts on our behalf and everything that Barbara and Stephanie have done to support the Pantry.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's 33rd annual Hunger Walk will be held Saturday, September 8th at Jackson Park (near Hyde Park). Friends of the Pantry will walk the 2-mile course to raise awareness about food insecurity throughout Chicago.

If you would like to donate on behalf of the Pantry, you can do so at our website at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org through our PayPal link or at GCFD's Walk page at www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hunger-walk/. Click on the Register button at the bottom, then click on the Donate button and request "Irving Park Food Pantry" (which should infill) to make your donation to our GCFD account. You also can register to walk on the page (but it's not required).

We appreciate all your support in ensuring we live up to our motto of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Audra Nelson and her kids organized and distributed school supplies to clients at the Irving Park Food Pantry during its program to help kids in kindergarten through 8th grade prepare for the school year. The program ran during August.

Photo by Craig Shutt

Yard Waste Collection

In an effort to assist residents in clearing their yards, parkways and storm drains of debris, please be reminded that the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation has implemented a coordinated collection of yard waste debris across the City. **Residents can call 311** to request separate bagged yard waste collection service throughout the season, which runs April to November.

IMPORTANT: Yard waste should be **bagged separately** and left in the alley or at the curb, next to black garbage carts and blue recycling carts for pickup. Yard waste and other debris should **not be thrown into the blue recycling cart** as it contaminates the recycling stream.

Call 311 to have a dedicated DSS truck collect your yard waste and take the bags to be composted in an effort to increase diversion from landfills.

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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.



AARP's volunteer group, RSVP visited Three Brothers Garden in August to help harvest vegetables for the Irving Park Food Pantry. Garden intern Eleanor Ermentrout poses with the RSVP volunteers and project manager Jen O'Grady. Weekly harvests for the Irving Park Food Pantry take place every Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 at 4107 N. Pulaski. All are welcome!

Three Brothers Garden News

Three Brothers Garden recently welcomed volunteers from RSVP, AARP's senior volunteer organization. Led by RSVP project director and Carlson board member Jen O'Grady, the volunteers harvested nearly 60 lbs. of tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers and peppers. They also planted two garden beds with radishes and lettuces, which will be ready for harvest in about six weeks. Earlier this summer a group of teenagers and adult leaders from Serve Boldly -- a Lutheran youth-oriented non-profit -- worked in the garden, helping with weeding and spreading wood chips. Thank you to our regular volunteers, Rebecca Haneberg, Ruth Olech, Sara Anderson, Melanie Reschke, Erin Bouman and garden intern Eleanor Ermentrout for your help throughout the summer! Through late August, we've harvested over 300 lbs. of vegetables for the food pantry!

Our harvests will continue throughout October and we'd love your help! Join us any Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at 4107 N. Pulaski, behind Irving Park Lutheran Church. Kids are welcome!

The garden is a partnership between IPLC and Carlson Community Services. For more information, contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766 or visit carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Announces 25th Season

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is pleased to announce its 25th season, featuring a mix of classical, contemporary and folk music. In the first concert of the season on October 7th, Wael Farouk will perform a solo piano recital. Next, blues artist Bear Williams and his band will perform a Christmas show, including a sing-along, on December 9th. The third concert of the season is February 17th and will feature Mary Jo Neher, horn, and Joe Burgio, organ. In the final concert of the season, Old Irving Park resident John Ling will perform with his mariachi band on March 24th.



Pianist Wael Farouk will perform a solo recital on October 7th in the first program of the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's 25th Season. The concert is at 2:00 pm at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave.

"I'm delighted to bring these diverse artists and programs to the Irving Park community in celebration of our 25th season," said Roger Bingaman, the series artistic director. "Whether you're a long-time patron or new to the series, please join us for exceptional performances in the neighborhood, at a price everyone can afford."

All concerts are at 2:00 pm at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. The concerts are free of charge, but donations are gladly welcomed. A reception with the artists will be held after each concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee. Dates and programs are subject to change.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is a program of Carlson Community Services, a non-profit serving the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766.



Schurz High School

The Schurz Community is excited to announce that construction on a new, \$2.7-million athletic field begins September 7th!

Work on the field and on Waveland, which will be narrowed once construction is finished, will take about three months. During construction, Waveland will be temporarily closed from Milwaukee to Lowell, but it will reopen to one-way traffic after work is finished. The end result will be an IHSA-regulation sized field allowing Schurz to host home soccer games for the first time in its history!

In addition to the soccer field, there will be a softball field, water fountain, and a running track. Those amenities will be open to the community during non-school use. No buildings are planned and lighting is engineered to prevent disturbance to the surrounding areas.

Alderman Arena has announced that this project leaves a section on the east side that is not needed for the sports fields. Possible uses include an outdoor fitness trail, dog park, or outdoor classroom space. All would include natural landscaping. Please share your thoughts on those options on Thursday, September 20th, in the Schurz Library, at 7 pm (after the Schurz Open House).

The Schurz' Parents and Family Open House is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 20, from 5-7 pm.

In August, Schurz was awarded a grant from the Sustainable Community Schools Initiative. We look forward to our partnership with the Logan Square Neighborhood Association!

We are excited for the support of the new City Year Team led by Schurz alumna Eunice Zepeda ('13). Welcome back Eunice!

Schurz is home to the STEM Grow Food Science Lab, International Baccalaureate program, Junior ROTC program, AVID college readiness program, Honors program, Career and Technical Education programs, and a growing athletic department. Every year, our students and community are working together to make Schurz one of the best neighborhood high schools in the city!

Neighborhood School news continued on page 8

Check Out These Summer Specials!!!

- *\$26 summer pedis! Peach Blossom and Wild Berry Peony!*
- *\$160 Brazilian wax package! That's \$40 off!*
- *Add a Keratin Vital Shot to any hair service for just \$10! (Normally \$25)*

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St. Edwards School

St. Edwards welcomes its new principal, Mrs. Lasica, and new pastor, Father Anderson, to the family!

St. Edward Parish has started a weekly progressive raffle, the **King of Hearts**. One ticket is selected weekly and picks a card off the mounting board. If the King of Hearts is selected, and the number of the card selected is the King of Hearts, the winner splits the pot with the Parish. If the King of Hearts is not selected, the money rolls over to the next week. Tickets are 6 for \$5 and are available at St. Edward Rectory and Old Irving Brewery. The first drawing is Saturday, September 29th. Join the fun!

Also on September 29th, St. Edward Parish is hosting the annual Harvest Bash and Pig Roast. This year, we are excited to have Iron Horse perform at St. Edward. You may know the band from the show "America's Got Talent." Tickets are available on our parish website (stedparish.org/harvest-bash.html) for the presale price of \$20 (\$25 at the door) or \$10 for kids. Please join us!

We are a 2017 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon and are located at 4343 W. Sunnyside Avenue. We welcome students in grades PK3 – 8th grade. For more information, please visit our website at www.stedwardschool.com or call us at 773-736-9133.

Disney II Magnet School

SAVE THE DATE - Disney II Magnet High School's Open House for Prospective Students will be held on Sunday, October 28th from 10 am - 2 pm at 3900 N. Lawndale. At the Open House students and families can learn more about our 7th-12th grade program and how to **"Create You@Disney III!"**

Interested in learning more about Disney II Elementary School? We have upcoming Prospective Parent Tours of our Kedvale Campus. To learn more about upcoming tours at Disney II's Kedvale campus for incoming K-6 students & Tuition Based Pre-K, call 773-534-3750 or visit <https://disneyiimagnet.org>.

Urban Gateways Offers Teen Arts Pass

Teen Arts Pass (TAP) is a new initiative by Urban Gateways that gives young people ages 13-19 access to \$5 tickets to see professional dance, music, and theater performances in and around Chicago. With your free TAP membership, all you have to do is present your card at a participating venue on the day of the show, and as long

as it's not sold out, you can purchase a ticket for \$5 cash. It's that easy!

With the Teen Arts Pass, teens can experience live arts performances all around Chicago for only \$5. Signing up is totally FREE. For more information, <http://teenartspass.urbangateways.org>

Get Free Homework Help at the Library!

Chicago Public Library is proud to offer in-person and online homework help across the city at every CPL branch.

Visit a Homework Helper at your neighborhood branch or work with a live online tutor through Brainfuse. Online homework help is available in English and Spanish and can be accessed from home with a library card.

All services are free! Check out chipublic.org for more information.

5th Annual Independence Park Beer Fest

Tickets on sale now for the **5th Annual Independence Park Beer Fest, which will take place on Saturday, September 15th from 4-8 pm.** Enjoy great beer, food trucks, and live music by Los Gallos and Lunar Ticks -- rain or shine. This event is sponsored by the Independence Park Advisory Council and all proceeds support programs at our 100-year-old park. Supported by Friends of the Parks. Purchase tickets here: www.independenceparkchicago.com/

Independence Park Farmers Market

Come visit on Sunday, **September 9th and 23rd!**

There will be your favorite farmers, delicious coffee and pastries, hot tamales, crepes as well as one-of-a-kind handmade works by local artisans. There's always something special for you and your family. The market takes place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.



News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

IPLC Women's Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in member's homes or the fellowship room at church (Victory Hall), enjoying snacks and spirited conversations about various books, most of which most of those gathered have read. Join us! For a complete book list or more information, contact Book Club coordinator Ginia Jahrke gjahrke@comcast.net.

Sing with the Choir at IPLC! The Irving Park Lutheran Church Chancel Choir rehearses every Sunday at 9:15 am (except 2nd Sundays). The rehearsal schedule is designed to accommodate busy lives and encourage drop-ins; come whenever you can—you don't even need to sit with the choir during the service, just come on up to sing after sharing the Peace.

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast: Sunday September 16th Stop by the Gym on Sunday September 16th before or after worship to enjoy pancakes and sausages prepared by our very own Boy Scout Troop. The pancakes will be ready as early as 8 am and up until noon.

Finding Faith, Joy and Hope in Fractured, Broken World is the focus of the Adult Bible Study this year at Irving Park Lutheran Church. We will explore how our Christian faith can resist and overcome the trials and troubles of the world we live in today. Our studies will include contemporary authors, scholarship on Christian Ethics and the clear and authoritative guideposts.

CTA Irving Park and Addison Blue Line Escalator Renovations Continue

The Pulaski Blue Line entrance remains closed. The CTA continues to pursue funding for a new escalator.

The Escalator to the Irving Park Blue Line platform is also out of service until December 15th.

In addition, the Escalator at the Addison Blue Line station is under renovation until September 15th. The Addison station elevator remains in service.

For more information about CTA Elevators and Escalators, see <https://www.transitchicago.com/about/elevatorsescalators/>

Free Seniors In Transition Event October 18

Are you looking to help your parents transition into a new lifestyle? Downsizing? Stay in the Family Home? Wills, Trusts, POA, POHC? How to be a Healthcare Advocate? Medicare Part D Enrollment? We Have the Answers! Attend our Seniors in Transition Event on Thursday, October 18th at the Irish American Heritage Center, from 5 to 8 pm, in the Erin Room. This event hosted by Jean-Marie Minton, will feature a panel of experts who will offer information on wills, trusts & power of atty./health care, long term care insurance, home cares specialists, home safety modification, independent and assisted living, reverse mortgages, home organization, estate sales, moving companies and senior resource service providers!

So don't miss this FREE event (registration is required). For more information call Minton-Regan Properties at 312-623-1595. The Irish American Heritage Center is located at 4626 N. Knox Avenue in Chicago.

Pulaski Elston Business Association (PEBA) Names New Executive Director

New Executive Director Elizabeth Zander comes to PEBA with more than 13 years of economic development experience. She spent 10 years as the E.D. at the West Ridge Chamber of Commerce and most recently has been involved with the Six Corners Association in Portage Park.

"I'm thrilled to be taking on this position with PEBA," said Zander. "My specialty is organizations who need to find their niche and PEBA covers a diverse community that offers many directions in which we can use to grow the organization."

Founded in 2013, The Elston Business Association serves the business communities of Mayfair, Albany Park, West Walker and Old Irving Park and works closely with the City of Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection as well as 39th Ward Margaret Laurino.



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We're All In This Together: A Neighborhood Conversation on Building Empathy and Safe Communities

What does a trauma-informed community look like? What steps can we take to make our neighborhoods more resilient? How can we be better neighbors? How do Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma inform daily interactions? All are invited to explore what our roles are, individually and collectively, in building a more empathetic and safe community.

Join us on Wednesday, September 26th at North Park University, Hamming Hall. Information tables will be open from 5 to 6 pm, followed by a presentation and discussion from 7-8:30 pm.

This event is FREE but please RSVP to reserve your spot!

Questions? Contact Renee at 773-334-7304 or rlehocky@lawrencehall.org.

This event is presented by Cook County Health & Hospital System (CCHHS), The Kedzie Center, Lawrence Hall, North Park University, North River Commission, and 2nd Story, and sponsored by Alderman Patrick O'Connor and Alderman Deb Mell.



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Filament Theatre Presents The Snow Queen

This holiday season, Filament Theatre is pleased to present **The Snow Queen**, playing November 10 - December 23 at Filament Theatre, 4041 N Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago. The Snow Queen is adapted from Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairy tale by Tyler J. Monroe and was originally developed with director Allegra Libonati at the American Repertory Theater. Allegra Libonati returns to Filament Theatre to bring new magic to this classic tale. Single tickets are currently available at www.filamenttheatre.org. The press opening is Saturday, November 17 at 2:30 pm.

Filament Theatre's production welcomes family audiences out of icy winter and into a warm parlor with hot chocolate to drink, games to play, and music for singing and dancing. As the audience snuggles into their couches, pillows and blankets, the epic story unfolds all around.

"It is a show where you can bring family members of all ages and everyone can take away a part of the story," says director Allegra Libonati. "If they can all be swept away in this fairytale, go on a journey together, and be inspired by the strength of a little girl alone in the North Pole, that would be a wonderful thing."

Accessible Performances:

Filament Theatre offers a free sensory-friendly performance of THE SNOW QUEEN on Sunday, December 2 at 10am. This performance is reserved specifically for families who have at least one member with special needs. Tickets will be available starting September 18, via www.filamenttheatre.org/sensoryfriendly

Production Related Events:

As part of Chicago Ideas Week, Filament Theatre hosts Chicago Ideas Week's first ever "Family Lab" on Saturday, October 20th from 10 am-12 pm where families will explore the thematic and aesthetic world of The Snow Queen. Tickets will be available via www.chicagoideas.com on September 18. Filament Theatre is located at 4041 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago,



Hang Out on the Front Porch!

Have you heard about Front Porch Concerts (FPC)? Front Porch Concerts aims to bring back the front porch mentality with pop-up concerts on front porches in Chicago's neighborhoods. You can find out more information on the **FPC Community Irving Park** page on Facebook.

Or, if you'd like to join the FPC community, sign up by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yb2pmmwp> and you'll be updated with information about upcoming concerts, video releases along with any other news realting to Front Porch Concerts!

On Sunday, September 23 at 5 to 7 pm, Ryan Mannix from **Lunar Ticks** and **Colin Morris** will perform on a porch in the Irving Park neighborhood, and we'll have complimentary beer donated by Begyle Brewing! There's no better way to spend a Sunday evening than listening to great local music and getting to know your Chicago neighbors. Bring your own blankets and snacks. Be sure to visit the **FPC Community Irving Park Facebook page** to get the exact address!

Last "Lot Jams" of the Summer

Come out to dance to the sounds of **N'Samble Latino on Thursday, September 13th at 7 pm!** This will be the last Lot Jam of the summer, so let's make it a memorable one! Bring your own chair or blanket and kickback to local tunes while soaking up the last moments of summer weather. The jam is located at the parking lot between Aspire and Surge Billiards near Montrose and Kedzie. Grab food, drinks, or coffee at Surge to enjoy during the live music.

This event is open to the public, FREE, and familyfriendly. Don't forget to bring your own blankets and chairs.

Lot Jams is Irving Park and Albany Park's collaborative free summer concert series, and is hosted by TRIP (The Residents of Irving Park), PEAP (People of East Albany Park) Block Club, Albany Park Neighbors and the North River Commission.



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not to give him money. That's what keeps him in that spot. They also stated that unless the police witness him doing something illegal, they cannot arrest him. Anyone who witnesses him breaking the law should report it to 911 and file a complaint.

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 are held on the third Wednesday of the month and typically last one hour. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm 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.

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Enjoy an evening of comedy to benefit the Kedzie Center, on **Thursday, October 18th at 7:30 pm.** Comedians Patti Vasquez, Jeanie Doogan, Benita Santillanes and Madeline Figueroa share their personal experiences with breast cancer and the healing power of humor. Live music provided by Stacie Sandoval and Her Orchestra. The event will take place at Joe's Bar at 940 W. Weed Street in Chicago. There will be a full menu, cash bar and raffle prizes! For tickets, visit www.thekedziecenter.org/ events.

The mission of the Kedzie Center is to provide accessible, high-quality and culturally-informed mental health care to North River residents through the integration of clinical practice, education, and evaluation, as informed by the community and in collaboration with local residents and partners.

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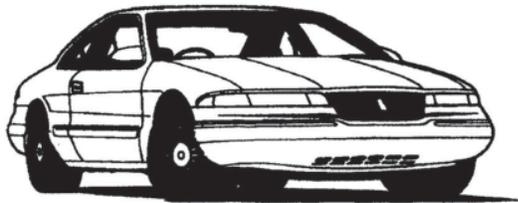


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Independence Park, and Independence Library, free e-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime, and a LOT MORE! Bring your 2018-2019 dues to our next WWCA meeting. Or you can mail in the application below. You can also **pay your WWCA dues with either PayPal or a credit card at the West Walker website** (www.westwalker.org)!

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