



WEST WALKER WIRE

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Spooky Fun at Fall Fest!

By Kirsten Gettings

A spooky fun time was had by all at The West Walker Civic Association's annual Halloween party and fall fest on Saturday, October 26th at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym. The neighborhood showcased their costumes while doing crafts, games, watching a spooky movie and ending with a trick or treat parade down Harding Ave. There were also raffle prizes and refreshments. Food was collected for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry.



Congratulations to the raffle winners: 2 tickets to Blue Man Group – Dorie Westmeyer, Wine Cellar – Kotche Family, Scrappy Nation Doll and Hushling – Sophie Bushell, Rainbow Loom Bracelets – Ken Kubes, Manicure Diamond Nails – Roberta Bole, Halloween Gift Basket – Ken Kubes, Kids Halloween Basket – Kendrick Family and the “Guess the Candy Corn” winner was Kiera Gettings.

Thank you to the volunteers who made this event possible: Beth Tidmarsh, Ken and Mindy Finnigan, Dorie Westmeyer, Connie Engel, Deb Kloet, Jen & Matt Olsen, Kirsten Gettings, Laura Ell, Grace Kendrick and friend Olivia, Sarah Steedman, Olivia Gardner, Alexandra and Chris Altman, Rina and Randy Jorgensen, Phil Bole and Jeanne Pozy.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 10 • 11 a.m.

FREE Holiday Container Seminar
Farmers Market Garden Center
4110 N. Elston, 773-539-1200

Fri. & Sat., Nov. 16 & 17 • 7:00 p.m.

Broadway Blessings
IPUMC, 3801 N. Keeler

Sun., Nov. 17 • 10:00 a.m.

IPUMC 125th Anniversary Worship
(Silver Tea & Brunch to follow)
3801 N. Keeler

Wed., Nov. 20 • 7 p.m.

CAPS Meeting - Beat 1723
4650 N. Pulaski, Community Room

Thur., Nov. 28 • 1:00 p.m.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner

Thur., Nov. 28 • 1 - 4 p.m.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner
St. John's Lutheran Church
4939 West Montrose

Sat., Dec. 7 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Local Artists Christmas Gift Expo
IPUMC, 3801 N. Keeler

Sun., Dec. 15 • 2:00 p.m.

IPAC Presents VOX 3 Collective
IPLC, 4100 N. Harding

Mon., Dec. 16 • 6:30 p.m.

Hands To Help Caroling
Meet at St. Viator's Recreation Center
3656 N. Kedvale

Tues., Dec. 17 • 7:00 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Ctr., 4146 N. Elston

You can also visit our

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

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Dear Neighbor,

Although the needs of the community and the events sponsored by the WWCA have grown, the number of people volunteering to keep the association running has fallen. Without the support of volunteers we cannot function. Below is only a partial list of positions we need to fill. Please consider what you can do to help and contact me or any other officers to volunteer or ask questions.

- Wire carriers
- Volunteers for the July 4th Event at Independence Park
- WWCA Officers
- WWCA Secretary
- Spearhead new neighborhood banners
- Additional Wire ad sales support
- Wire article contributors

None of these positions take a great deal of time when there are many volunteers to share the load. I hope you will take time to consider what you can do to help your neighbors and your neighborhood.

I am also starting my own "Block Club" using resources supplied through the City and Police Department. These clubs are meant to encourage community and provide mutual security. I will report on my success and whether I recommend this resource in future editions of the Wire.

Mike Webber
WWCA President, pro tem

WWCA General Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2012 - Officer Present: Mike Webber

June General Meeting minutes approved by voice vote.

Melanie Reschke reported on recent PEBA activity, including the completion of plans for the new First Chicago Bank & Trust at Elston and Pulaski Avenues.

Mike Webber discussed local issues and the need for additional volunteers to support the West Walker mission.

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."

Celebrating 100 years of service to the West Walker Community

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Please include a phone number in case we need to follow up with you. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for space and content.

For information on advertising, please contact Shannan Bunting at WWWire@solsticepr.com

News from Irving Park United Methodist Church



125th Anniversary!

In 1888, the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Irving Park was organized with 27 charter members. Looking

forward to a church home of their own, they purchased a lot on North Forty-First Court adjoining the grounds of the Irving Park Grade School.

The "neat building of wood with a spire," was dedicated January 3, 1892. When the congregation needed larger quarters a cornerstone was laid in 1912 for the building that stands on this corner today. A major renovation was completed in the 1960s and plans for additional church renovations are underway. Come learn about the rest of our rich history as well as what's happening on the corner of Grace and Keeler today!

The church anniversary will be celebrated throughout November, with a special worship service on November 17 at 10 a.m. followed by a Silver Tea and Brunch complete with a display of historical pictures, videos and more to enjoy. All are welcome.

Local Artists Christmas Gift Expo, December 7

Support local artists and small businesses and give some unique gifts this holiday season. Also enjoy demonstrations by the Shakespeare All Stars and music and dance studios. There is no charge for tables or booths. Call the church office at 773-283-6262 to reserve a space! Dec. 7th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 3801 N. Keeler.

Book Drive New or slightly used books will supplement items in the Toy Drive for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry Holiday Distribution. We specifically are looking for books that teenagers would enjoy. For more information, contact Claire Conaghan at claireconaghan@gmail.com or call the church office at 773-382-6262.

Broadway Blessings Spotlights Young Talent

"Broadway Blessings" will be performed on November 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. at IPUMC. This show throws a spotlight on some of the talented children in the Old Irving Park neighborhood, and helps to provide holiday meals through the Irving Park Community Food Pantry and support the arts through Irving Park United Methodist Church. A selection of solos and ensemble numbers from favorite musicals will reflect the particular talents of the children and youth involved. Portions of the show may be presented in our neighborhood schools on dates to be arranged. For more information, call 773-283-6262.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By **Dorie Westmeyer**
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

Improving your credit score could save you \$100,000!

Are you thinking of buying a home? Or refinancing? Then knowing your credit score is key. A low score could cost you big bucks. But there's hope!

Credit scores range from 300-850 with loans typically requiring a 620 score. The higher your score, the lower your interest rate and the more you save. Today, if your score is 620, you will pay \$1700 per month on a \$300,000 30 year mortgage. Up your score to 760, and that same loan will cost you \$1414 a month. A savings of \$286 per month! That's a car payment! And over the life of the loan you would save \$103,000 in interest! That would cover college!

Improving your credit score is based on 5 factors:

- Your payment history - 35% of your score - Pay on time. One late credit card payment could cost you up to 60 points.
- How much you owe - 30% of your score - Pay off your higher balances first. It will decrease your credit utilization ratio- the amount charged vs. the total limit. Credit experts say this is the quickest way to improve your score.
- Length of credit history - 15% of your score - Don't close those old accounts.
- New credit - 10% of your score - Don't open new accounts in a short period of time.
- Types of credit - 10% of your score - Lenders like to see a variety: mortgage, car loan, credit cards and retail accounts

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CAPS Report

Beat #1723, October 16, 2013

by Jane Nagle, CAPS Coordinator

Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood (September 18 to October 16):

Assault - Simple - 1
Battery - Aggravated - Other Dangerous Weapon - 1
Battery - Domestic Battery Simple - 3
Battery - Simple - 1
Burglary - Forcible Entry - 1
Burglary - Unlawful Entry - 1
Criminal Damage - Criminal Defacement - 2
Criminal damage to vehicle - 2
Deceptive Practices - Credit Card Fraud - 1
Deceptive Practices - Counterfeiting Document - 1
Harassment by Telephone - 2
Motor Vehicle Theft - 3
Theft from Auto - Under \$500 - 3; Over \$500 - 3
Theft - Other - Under \$500 - 3; Over \$500 - 1

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, November 20, 2013.

New Aircraft Traffic Patterns at O'Hare

Hi Neighbors,

I'm sure everyone watched the news last week about the opening of the new runway at O'Hare, and how it will reduce delays and, presumably, airport and airline costs.

One can't help being aware, though, of the dramatically increased traffic over our neighborhood, along with a tremendous increase in noise, at all hours, but particularly at night. For those of us who used to enjoy a quiet cup of coffee on the porch on a Sunday morning, and a quiet evening stroll with the dog, I have to say the quality of those events has been severely curtailed.

I have been measuring aircraft sound regularly of between 75 and 85 decibels from landing aircraft, well over the 65 decibel parameters for sound insulation. There are even cell phone apps one can use. I think we need to make our voices heard about this, and find a way to get the traffic and noise over the neighborhood reduced, particularly at night. One group facilitating this is The "Fair Allocation in Runways" Coalition (www.fairchicago.org). They also have a link to 311 where one can register noise complaints, and a list of contacts you can write to. I will keep folks posted on any upcoming meetings they may have.

Thanks All.

Michelle Kaicener, West Walker Sustainability Group
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Independence Branch Library Happenings

Parents or Care-givers are invited to have some library fun with their children! **Pre-School Story Time** is held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and is appropriate for 2- to 5-year olds. **Babies Blocks and Books** is perfect for infants up to 2 years old and meets Mondays at 11:30 a.m.

Our **Adult Book Discussion Group** will be held on November 12 at 6:30 p.m. This month's title of focus is *In the Garden of the Beasts: Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson. Joins us for Adult Book Discussion on the 2nd Tuesday of every month!

Art Synthesis '13 will be on display through November 30. This exhibit is sponsored annually by the Friends of Independence Branch Artists' Council and showcases work by artists in our community.



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39th Ward Report



Autumn is here and that means leaves are falling. If leaves fall on the parkway in front of your home or on your property, you are responsible for their removal (burning is not permitted). Please rake and bag the leaves. Do not rake the leaves into the street, it results in clogged water drains and street sweeper trucks.

When drain gates are blocked rain water, melting ice and snow cannot be drained from the street

In development news, we just broke ground on the new First Chicago Bank at 4343 North Elston. After this new bank is built, First Chicago will turn their attention to new retail on Elston and Pulaski. To make sure the community has input in the design of the building and the type of retail that will move there, I introduced an ordinance to downzone the site. This was introduced as a planning tool for this location, to allow the community more input into what will locate on this corner. I will be working closely with West Walker once proposals for this site cross my desk.

On Sunday, December 1, 2013, Chicago reactivates its Winter Overnight Parking Ban for the most critical arterial streets. Signs for this seasonal restriction are permanently posted. Cars parked on arterial streets with a posted seasonal overnight restriction will be ticketed and towed between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., whether or not there is snow on the ground. This restriction is in effect until April 1.

In City Council news, Mayor Emanuel released his 2014 city budget, a budget that does not include any property tax increases. For the past several weeks, I have been attending City Council budget hearings. At these hearings, my goal always is to identify new resources and to bring as many as possible to the 39th Ward. I anticipate the Mayor's budget will pass the entire City Council at the end of November.

Best wishes to you and yours for a Happy Thanksgiving and Hanukkah. 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

Free Holiday Container Seminar at Farmers Market Garden Center!

Join us on Sunday, November 10 at 11 a.m. at Farmers Market Garden Center. Create your own Winter/Holiday arrangement using a combination of the conventional and unexpected. Design with boughs, greens, preserved accents and interesting ornamental touches. Examples will be provided, experienced staff will help spark your imagination, and refreshments will be served. This free event has **limited space, so pre-registration is required** at farmers.market@hotmail.com. Farmers Market Garden Center is located at 4110 N. Elston Avenue in Chicago. For more information, call 773-539-1200.



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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.

Carlson Community Services Big Winner at Trivia Night



Top: The Gipsters pose with their \$150 prize money. The Trivia Night champs generously donated \$100 back to Carlson Community Services.

Thanks to the 18 teams that came out for a fun and competitive Trivia Night on October 11th. Proceeds benefited Carlson Community Services programs. Carlson helps at-risk kids succeed with The Magic After-School Place (MAP), reduces hunger and beautifies our neighborhood with Three Brothers Community Garden and makes fine arts affordable and accessible through the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series.

The winners of the 10-round contest were The Gipsters, a team comprised of GIPNA board members. A movie trivia run-off was held when the Gipsters tied with The Lip Readers in the final round.

Thanks to the following Round Sponsors for their support: Alderman Margaret Laurino, Clarity Partners, LLC, Prudential Rubloff Realty, First Chicago Bank & Trust and Paddy Mac's Pub. Raffle donors were NBC5 Chicago, Red Door Spa, Capone's Liquor & Food, Gale Street Inn and Feldco Windows, Siding and Doors.

Thanks to Helen Lira for chairing the event and volunteers Melanie Zech, Meg Buchanan, Sandra Stumme, Phil & Roberta Bole, Ruth Olech, Holly VanEssen, Loretta Aylward and Rebecca Haneberg. Over \$6,500 was raised to support Carlson programs!

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents VOX 3 Collective December 15th at 2:00 p.m.



VOX 3 Collective will perform December 15th at Irving Park Lutheran Church

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present VOX 3 Collective in a program titled "Half Spent Was the Night" on December

15th at 2:00 p.m. The choral concert will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. The concert is free of charge, but a free-will offering may be made. A reception with the artist follows the concert.

VOX 3 Collective formed in 2007 and quickly instituted one of Chicago's only regular art song recital series. Its members are graduates of some of the country's finest conservatory programs. VOX 3 Collective educates both performers and audiences through varied performances of vocal music. Their program will include festive and meditative music for winter and Christmas and will feature the works of Scarlatti, Sibelius, Elgar and more.

Carlson Community Services is a 501c3 non-profit connecting the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

Three Brothers Garden Celebrates 5th Season



Volunteers gather for the weekly harvest at Three Brothers Garden.

Three Brothers Garden closed the 2013 growing season with a whopping yield of 815 lbs. of vegetables. Now in its fifth year of operation, the garden is a partnership between Carlson Community Services and Irving Park

Lutheran Church. Vegetables from Three Brothers Garden are distributed to clients of the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. This past season we grew radishes, lettuces, greens, carrots, squash, peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, beets, herbs and green beans. In planning what to grow, the volunteer garden committee considers nutritional value and ease of preparation for food pantry clients.

Volunteers began working in the garden in mid-April and gardened through late October. Nearly 350 volunteer hours were logged, including harvesting, planting, clean-up and watering. Between 8 and 12 volunteers

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News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



Students in two second-grade classes at the Disney II Magnet School learned about the Food Pantry's programs that help our neighbors, thanks to a talk given by our board member and volunteer Sandra Schwarzbeck. Photo by Catherine Rollings.

Help Make Holidays Bright for Pantry Clients

Our annual Holiday Celebration will be held on December 18th. We will provide our clients with the makings of a holiday dinner. We also help clients select a gift for each of their children. To provide these special holiday programs, we need help from our neighbors in the form of monetary, food and toy donations. We are especially in need of juice, stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned yams and vegetables, instant potatoes, cake mixes, Jell-O and pumpkin-pie filling.

We are also collecting **new, unwrapped toys** (for infant to 12 years). For some, it will be the only gift they receive. Toys and food donations can be brought to the Pantry at the Irving Park United Methodist Church (3801 N. Keeler) from 9 a.m to 2 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday, and Sunday mornings. Donations can be left at the base of the stairs inside the Grace St. entrance. Call the church to check when it's open at 773-283-6262.

We need volunteers to help sort toys, set up the toy room, and help distribute toys on December 18. Contact Vicci Rodgers at viccirodgers@gmail.com or 773-316-9754.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our October Winter Coat Distribution, especially Disney II Magnet School and Park Ridge Presbyterian Church.

A producer from Al Jazeera TV network visited us recently to gather information for a documentary series about underemployment and the need for supplementary food.

The following businesses are holding a number of food drives on our behalf: Community Savings Bank (4801 W.

Belmont), Kid Watch (3901 N. Ridgeway), Mount Olive Church (3850 N. Tripp) and Weight Watchers (4122 N. Milwaukee). Thank you!

The Pantry will be open to clients from **6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12th** to help those who aren't available on Wednesday mornings. Each month, the number of clients grows, with a handful of new clients included. We are hopeful to serve more of our neighbors.



State Representative Jaime Andrade and his legislative aide, Shelby Bremer, stopped by the Pantry in October to learn about activities. They talked with Executive Director John Psiharis about our various programs and ways that he might be able to help. Photo by Craig Shutt.

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St. Viator School

The seventh and eighth grade students and teachers of St. Viator Elementary school are proudly partnering with

the Office of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Chicago and the Catholic Diocese of Nsukka, Nigeria to connect with students in Nigeria. They communicate with Nigerian students through SKYPE technology and blog posts on www.nsukkaschools.blogspot.com. Sharing information about Chicago and St. Viator enriches their learning and lives beyond the classroom. It incorporates technology into learning and builds on our Peace Builders philosophy.

St. Viator implemented the PeaceBuilders® curriculum for all grade levels, PreK 3 through eighth grade. Peace Builders is a science and research-based program that encourages a cooperative, positive learning environment through principles that are taught and modeled by all students, faculty and staff. Students participate in Peace Builder rallies throughout the year to reinforce the values they learn each day. Even the youngest students are learning the importance of peace with the help of the Peace Builders song and pledge to build peace at home, school and in the community.

St. Viator has been educating in the Old Irving Park community for 110 years. In celebration of this accomplishment, the principal recruited Rosemary Morrissey-Herzberg, Pam Jones, Maribeth Schwind and Roseann Seablom to form a mosaic committee. These creative parents asked students to illustrate what St. Viator means to them. A compilation of those ideas and images were transformed into a 20'x3' mosaic mural that adorns the East side of the school building. Students, staff and community volunteers worked together to create this masterpiece. All students in PreK 3 through eighth grade worked in the Art Zone room strategically placing colored tiles on a template, while staff and volunteers helped

organize and facilitate the process. Once completed and installed, it was blessed at a dedication ceremony and is on display for the whole community to enjoy. Come and visit the mural and see all the wonderful things happening at St. Viator at our next Open House, Wednesday November 20 from 9-10:30 a.m. Please contact Marge Tiritilli in the admissions office at MTiritilli@stviatorchicago.org or call 773-545-2173 for more information.



CICS-Irving Park School

All You Need is Love

CICS-IP welcomes one and all to enjoy a night of great music at the Abbey Pub, 3420

W. Grace St., for a fundraising event featuring the Beatles tribute band American English on November 27th. The proceeds from our \$10 ticket sales will go towards improving technology in our school. Doors open at 8PM. For info and to purchase tickets, please contact Ami Martin at amizimka@yahoo.com or call 773-771-0581.

Bullying Prevention October was National Bullying Prevention Month, and CICS-IP provided a variety of lessons and activities to help students prevent, avoid, and deal with bullying behaviors at school and beyond.

Chicago Run At CICS-IP, several of our K-5 classrooms have committed to participate in the Chicago Run program. This is a non-profit organization that facilitates running programs for Chicago students by focusing on healthy habits, building friendships, achievement, and strengthening bodies!

High School Fair In October, over 200 eighth grade students from our schools attended the 3rd annual Distinctive Schools High School Fair. Students and families learned about more than 45 high school options and heard from dynamic speakers about HS and beyond.

Murphy Elementary School

Murphy School hosts **Murphy Family Music** on Friday, November 8 from 12:15-1:00 p.m. This event is appropriate for children aged 6 months to 4 years old, and their parents or caregivers.

To find out more about Murphy, come visit us on one of our scheduled school tours on Friday, November 8th from 8 to 9 a.m. and 12 to 1 p.m. or Friday, November 22nd from 8 to 9:30 a.m. You may also tour by appointment by calling 773-534-9892. Murphy is located on 3539 W. Grace Street.

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St. Edward School

Calling all Pre-K and Kindergarten Parents! On Thursday, November 21st from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., we will hold our annual Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House. Held in Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell, parents and children are invited to come meet current parents, teachers and our principal and learn more about St. Ed's early childhood education program. For more information, please email rsvp@stedwardschool.com.

In alignment with the common core standards, the Superkids Reading Program is a core reading program designed for Kindergarten through Grade 2. The series has a cast of characters that our kids love! This series is based on research and is a comprehensive reading and language arts program, based on phonics. Ask our early childhood teachers why they love the program so much!

Come check out the best All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner on the Northwest side! Sponsored by our Boy Scout Troop 904, the dinner is on Saturday, November 23rd from 4-8 p.m. in Buckley Hall, 4443 N. Lowell. The money raised is used for the boys to attend camp during the summer. Thank you for your support!

Little Red Tot Spot is a free playgroup (no charge) for infants to 3 years. The group gathers on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall. Come meet other families in our Parish and in the neighborhood!

For over 100 years, St. Edward School has provided a quality, Catholic education to children from three-year old pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. St. Edward students enjoy an average student-teacher ratio of 18:1, and the school features 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. The School is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. For more information on the School call 773-736-9133, or by visiting www.StEdwardSchool.com. Come see how we can give your child so much more than just a seat in the classroom.

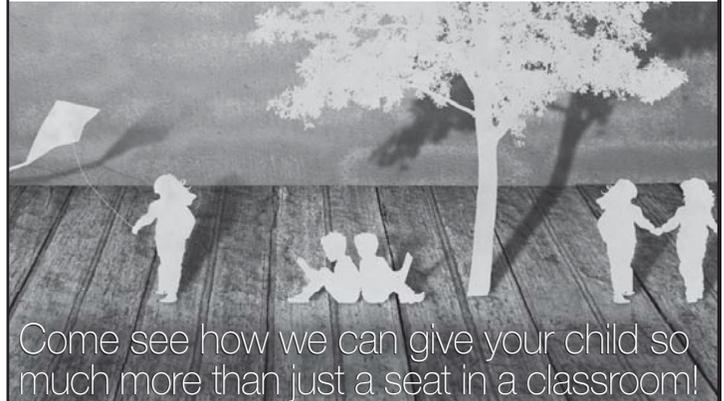
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participated each week in the Tuesday night harvests. Regular volunteers included Lynette Schroeter, Sarah Steedman, Melanie Reschke, Martha Sanders, Judy Madsen, Dorene and Mike Jordan, Rebecca and Elmer Haneberg, Ellen and Ron Olech, Ruth Olech and Ben Zorn. Volunteers were led by college intern Kate Jordan. Kate oversaw the weekly harvests, delivered vegetables to the food pantry and tracked the number of hours volunteers worked and pounds of vegetables grown.

“One of the most rewarding parts of my job was bringing the vegetables to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry every Wednesday morning,” said Kate. “While there I would hear back from the volunteers about the clients’ enjoyment of the produce. They told me that it all is taken and the families that come to the food pantry would love more each week,” she said.

In July, Ruth Olech and Rebecca Haneberg took over leadership of the volunteer committee as co-chairs from Lynette Schroeter who moved out-of-state. The garden is fortunate to have such talented and dedicated garden leaders and volunteers! We are grateful to the many people who believe that everyone should have access to delicious organic vegetables. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Dinners

On Thursday, November 28th at 1:00 p.m., **St. John's Episcopal Church** is hosting a free, home-cooked Thanksgiving Dinner, served family style with all the trimmings. No Reservations needed! St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 3857 N. Kostner (corner of Kostner & Byron).

Also on Thursday, November 28th from 1 to 4 p.m., **St. John's Lutheran Church** welcomes all to a free Thanksgiving Dinner. St. John's Lutheran is located at 4939 West Montrose.

Pastor Bouman is passionate about worship and preaching, and values that all of our gifts are from God. She enjoys the city's diversity, and is excited about the ministries that are happening at our church. She brings many gifts to IPLC, and we invite you to visit us during one of our worship services so you can experience her warmth and caring nature.

The congregation also bids a fond farewell to vacating Interim Pastor Bill Hutchison. We are very grateful to Pastor Bill for his wonderful sermons, expert leadership and thoughtful guidance during our year of transition, and we give our best wishes to him in his journey!

Irving Park Lutheran Church is located at 3938 West Belle Plaine. For more information, call us at 773-267-1667 or visit us at www.iplc.org.



New Pastor at IPLC!

Irving Park Lutheran Church is pleased to welcome new pastor, Erin Bouman, on December ____, just in time for our church's

110th anniversary! Pastor Bouman was ordained in 2010 and is a graduate of Concordia College in Minnesota. She received her Master of Divinity Degree from the Divinity School, The University of Chicago, and her Certificate in Theology from The Lutheran School of Theology, at Chicago.

She has served, along with her husband, Tim, as a teaching missionary in Tanzania for four years, which is where their two children were born. She has also served as the Administrative Director for Trinity's Services and Food for the Homeless in New York, as well as the Communication Assistant for Lutheran World Relief in New York.

Hands to Help Ministries Seeks Carolers to Help the Homeless

A local social service agency that helps the homeless and others in crisis seeks singers of all skill levels for a neighborhood caroling event on December 16th.

Hands To Help Ministries invites any individuals or small groups who enjoy singing to join us at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16, at St. Viator's Recreation Center on 3656 N. Kedvale. From there, we will break up into small teams to carol door to door.

We are especially asking church choirs, youth groups and scout troops to come out to help make this event a success. Please pass this information along if you have any contacts among those groups.

Carolers generally stay out for about two hours of warming people's hearts through song. After caroling, everyone will regroup at St. Viator's for cookies, cake and hot chocolate. Song sheets will be provided but it's a good idea to bring a flashlight.

Through the support of community donations, Hands To Help, an interfaith group of local congregations, provides emergency funding to help people get off the street or remain housed. The caroling event is in its fourth year.

For more information, contact Cynthia Brick at 773-386-0880 or cynthiabrick@sbcglobal.net. More information about Hands To Help is available at www.handstohelpministries.org.

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WWCA Members

Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! A list of those neighbors who have joined or renewed as of November appears below.

- Park View Lutheran Church and School
- Irving Park Community Food Pantry

It's Membership Renewal Time!

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

- Ten issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.
- Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.
- Free e-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime.
- Free special events, like the Halloween Party and Fall Festival and 4th of July celebration at Independence Park.
- The Art In My Back Yard artistic series.

Bring your 2013-2014 dues to our next WWCA meeting on December 17th! Or you can mail in the application below.

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

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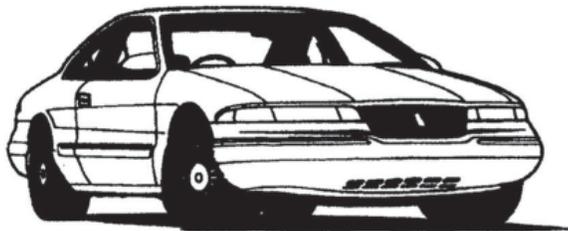
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