

WEST WALKER WIRE

DECEMBER 2013

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West Walker Civic Association Needs a Treasurer

Thank you to Jack Prickos for serving as our Treasurer these last 2 years. Jack has moved on to concentrate on family and business, so the WWCA is in need of a Treasurer.

The Treasurer's key responsibilities are to keep track of WWCA membership dues, the WWCA membership list and manage the WWCA checking account, including any disbursements.

We really need your help. The Treasurer position should only take about 3 hours a month of your time. If you're interested, please contact Mike Webber at 773-539-8346 or webber.wwca@gmail.com.

Christmas Concert at Tapestry December 8th

The Tapestry Fellowship at Independence Park presents: *We Join Angels to Cry, 'Holy is He,'* a Christmas concert featuring The Austin Corinthian Baptist Church Senior Choir, with Dan Bartkowiak on lead guitar, Brandon Dodd on drums, Jaryl Pool on piano/keyboard, Johnny Williams on bass guitar and Deborah Thompson, Directress. **Admission is free!** There will be a complimentary reception with the performance. The concert will take place on Sunday, December 8th at 5:00 p.m. at the Tapestry Center on 3824 West Irving Park Road. For more information call Rev. Mark Johnson, Sr. Pastor at 773-931-8900. *You're always welcome at Tapestry!*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 8 • 5:00 p.m.

FREE Christmas Concert with Austin Corinthian Baptist Ch. Sen. Choir Tapestry, 3824 W. Irving Park Rd.

Tues., Dec. 10 • 6:30 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion Group Independence Library 3548 Irving Park Rd.

Thur., Dec. 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Property Tax Assess't Appeal Seminar Salvation Army Gym, 5040 N. Pulaski

Sat., Dec. 14 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Christmas Crafts & Cookie Decorating St. John's Episcopal Church 3857 N. Kostner.

Sun., Dec. 15 • 2:00 p.m.

IPFAC 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

Tues., Dec. 17 • 7 - 8 p.m.

Financial Aid 101 Seminar - FREE Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski RSVP 773-736-0218 or 773-736-5594.

Wed., Dec. 18 • 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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No matter how you say it, have a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Mike Webber
President Pro Tem, WCCA

WIRE PHOTO BOMB!

Photographs by
Liz Mills

Preparing for the Holidays!



Top: Jean Prikos with an arrangement from the Farmers Market Garden Center's winter container planting event in November.

Bottom: A Farmers Market staff person assists with a holiday urn.



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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The West Walker Wire is published monthly September through June by the West Walker Civic Association.

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.

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

Irving Park United Methodist Church is celebrating Advent in Action! We want to take action in ways that will serve our neighbors and honor God. We invite the whole neighborhood to join us as we are in active anticipation of the Christmas celebration!

Blue Christmas Services are a time to pause and acknowledge that the season is not all joy and light. For some of us, it is a time of profound sorrow and emotional struggle. December 8 at 7:00 p.m. we offer a community service that is multi-cultural and reflects a variety of religious traditions as we share in a quiet service.

Our youth will work at The Night Ministry on Saturday, December 14. If you would like to offer support or help with their efforts, please call us at 773-283-6262.

The Children's Christmas Program is Sunday, December 15 at 10 a.m. Family Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service is at 7:00 pm on December 24. Irving Park United Methodist Church is located at 3801 N. Keeler. For more information call 773-283-6262 or visit www.irvingparkumc.com.

News from Irving Park Lutheran Church

The Congregation is excited to welcome our new pastor, Reverend Erin Kathleen Bouman, who will begin leading worship at IPLC on Sunday, December 8th! Chapel Service begins at 9 a.m., followed by Coffee Hour at 10 a.m. Worship with Communion is at 10:30 a.m.

IPLC Midweek Worship celebrates with its annual Christmas potluck and sing-a-long on Thursday, December 12. Protein will be provided and you are encouraged to bring the trimmings! Pull out your Christmas book and join us with requests to hear your favorite Christmas songs, both sacred and secular. Potluck begins at 6 p.m., followed by worship at 7 p.m.

Other special dates: Sunday School Christmas Play is December 15th at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship is December 24th at 10:30 p.m. Christmas Day Worship is on December 25th at 10:30 a.m. ALL are welcome! Irving Park Lutheran Church is located at 3938 West Belle Plaine. For more information, call 773-267-1666 or visit www.iplc.org.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
Realtor®, MBA, ADPR

Sell your home during the winter months?!

Historically, it's more difficult to sell your home in the winter. Typically there are fewer buyers. People are busy during the holidays, and moving is less desirable in cold weather. Also, renters looking to buy may have a lease until spring.

However, there is an upside if you need to sell your home this winter. In Irving Park, and particularly our West Walker neighborhood, sales prices are stable to slightly increasing.

Sellers in our neighborhood may see more activity this winter. Buyer demand for our neighborhood is very high! There are fewer homes for sale, and buyers are looking to lock in today's low mortgage rates. Homes in our area are selling more quickly. The market time to sell a single family home is 32 days in November at press time, down from 69 days in October.

Here are some tips for selling your home this winter:

- Take your exterior listing photo on a sunny day, preferably with no snow in the picture.
- Give your home curb appeal. Put a winter wreath on the door. And set up timers so porch and inside lights are on throughout the day.
- Keep your sidewalks shoveled and free of ice.
- Show your home in the daytime. Open all curtains and blinds. And make sure your windows are clean!
- Declutter and clean every room including closets. Get rid of excess furniture and clean the carpets.
- Make your home warm and inviting. Turn up the heat. Turn on the gas fireplace. Lay a throw on the couch.
- Ask buyers to take off their shoes or put on paper booties. It shows your pride of ownership, and meticulous care of your home.
- If you have pictures of your garden in bloom, put them out in a photo album for viewing.

If you're looking to buy or thinking of selling your home, or know anyone who is, please contact me. Together we can create a strategic marketing plan to sell your home quickly and at a great price!



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Christmas Crafts and Cookie Decorating

Children of all ages are welcome to prepare for the season with a morning of Christmas crafts and cookie decorating. Give Santa some time to shop while you or your children decorate gingerbread houses and cookies, or make wrapping paper, cards and tags. Saturday, December 14 from 10 to 12 p.m. Cost is \$10 per child or adult or \$25 for a family of 4 or more. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 3857 N. Kostner. For more information email rector@stjohnschicago.com or call 773-725-9026.

Independence Library News

Pre-school Story Time is held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. for 2 to 5 year olds and their parents or caregivers. Babies Blocks and Books is on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. for babies up to 2 years olds and their parents or caregivers. Both programs will end for the year on Monday, December 16 and will resume on Monday, January 27, 2014. Our Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The discussion on December 10th will focus on Anita Diamant's latest novel, The Last Days of Dogtown. The library is located at 3548 Irving Park Rd.

Carolers Sought to Help the Homeless

Hands to Help Ministries, an agency that helps the homeless and others in crisis, seeks singers with good, bad or fun voices for our neighborhood caroling event. We invite any individuals or small groups who enjoy singing to join us at 6:30 p.m., Monday, December 16th, at St. Viator's Recreation Center on 3656 N. Kedvale. From there, we will break 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!

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 or visit www.handstohelpministries.org.

Join us as we are in action to help others this Advent!

CARE

Collect coats for homeless youth!

CELEBRATE

The birth of our Savior.
Children's pageant
December 15 at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve candlelight worship 7 p.m.

GIVE

Toy drive for Irving Park Community Food Pantry.

ENCOURAGE

Christmas Arts & Crafts Show

Alternative gift fair. Local artists.
December 7, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SERVE

The Night Ministry

Join the Night Ministry.
December 14

Carol with Hands to Help Ministries
December 16, 6:30 p.m.

REMEMBER

Blue Christmas

Blue Christmas service,
December 8, 7 p.m.

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39th Ward Report



If you have, or if you know of, a student who is about to apply to college, join us for the free Financial Aid 101 Seminar I'm sponsoring with State Representative John D'Amico and the Illinois Students Assistance Commission on Tuesday, December 17, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Salvation Army, Mayfair Community Chicago,

5040 N. Pulaski. Learn about the financial aid process, trusted sources of information for state and federal aid programs, how to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and gain insight on ways to maximize access to financial aid to pay for college. Please RSVP to Aileen in Rep. D'Amico's office at 773-736-0218 or Jonathan on my staff at 773-736-5594.

On Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m., Commissioner Michael Cabonargi and I will host a seminar on how to appeal your property tax assessment. Representatives from the Cook County Board of Review will help you appeal the assessment on your home, to keep your taxes as low as possible. The seminar will be held at the Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski, in the church gymnasium. Parking will be available.

Kicking off Chicago's winter season, the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink in Millennium Park opened November 15 and will remain open through March 9, 2014, weather permitting. For the last 12 years, the rink has drawn more than 100,000 skaters annually and is free and open to the public. The rink, located on Michigan Avenue between Washington and Madison Streets, will still offer skate rental for only \$10.

Daley Plaza has transformed into Christkindlmarket, a European holiday village filled with candy cane striped wooden huts and twinkling lights that harkens back to the traditional holiday market in Nuremberg, Germany. The market is open daily from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and until 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. On Tuesday, December 24, the market will close at 4 p.m. Admission is always free! For further information, please visit the official Christkindlmarket website at www.christkindlmarket.com.

Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season. My staff and I look forward to working together in the New Year.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

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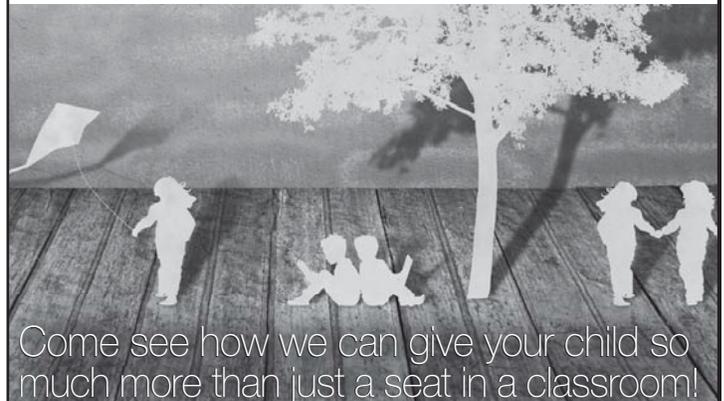
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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services

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

community with a variety of outreach efforts.

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



The post-concert reception provides a great opportunity for friends to gather.

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. The concert is free of charge, but a free-will offering may be made. A special holiday reception with the artists follows the concert.

VOX 3 Collective was 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. VOX 3 Collective's winter concert samples pieces from many genres, cultures, and eras. Included are art songs for piano and voice, describing the tree and hearth decked out in holiday best; rare duets for voice and organ; a lovely sacred Italian cantata with sprightly string accompaniment; and evocative choral odes depicting both winter chills and the joyous nativity. Featured composers include Monteverdi, Scarlatti, Cornelius and many more.

Other concerts in the Fine Arts series are French horn quartet Über on February 9th and two Dvorak chamber music quintets April 27th. All concerts are at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church. Programs and dates are subject to change.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series is in its 19th season of bringing high quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood. It receives funding from Carlson Community Services.

MAP Program Opening, High School Students Needed



High school senior Nora helps Merafe make a mask at the Magic After-School Place.

The Magic After-School Place has a few places remaining for 1st through 6th grade students from Murphy and Belding schools. MAP is an after-school program that focuses on homework completion, enrichment and fun! Students are walked by staff to the program, which is

located in a gym at 4057 N. Harding Ave. The program features a healthy snack, library, computer lab, a full-size gym, activity clubs and junior leadership program for older students. Tuition is \$30 per week, per child and tuition assistance is available. The program runs from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and follows the CPS calendar.

MAP has volunteer opportunities for high school students. Volunteers are needed to help with homework, art projects, games and free time. Volunteers say that working with the MAP kids is a rewarding experience and it's a bonus that they can earn service hours. Currently, students from Schurz High School and Northside College Prep volunteer regularly. Adult volunteers are welcome, too! For more information about the program or to volunteer, contact MAP Director Cara Murray at 312-805-7632 or mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Carlson Community Services is a 501c3 non-profit connecting the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766 or visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

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News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Pantry Holiday Distribution December 18th

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is still collecting food, toy and monetary donations for the annual Holiday Celebration for our clients, which will be held on December 18th. At this event each year, we provide our clients with the makings of a holiday dinner and allow those with children to select a gift for each of them. To provide these special provisions, 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 typically need toys for about 400 children (ages infant to 12). For some, it will be the only gift they receive. Your donations ensure clients' children can talk about their special gift with their friends who receive so much more. This year, we also are hoping to collect enough books to allow each teen-aged child to also have a book to read.

Unwrapped new toys, books 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, Sunday morning, and other times the church is running programs. Donations can be left at the base of the stairs inside the Grace Street entrance. Please call the church first at 773-283-6262, to make sure that someone will be there to let you in the building. Final deadline for donations is December 15th. To help with the toy distribution, contact Vicci Rodgers at viccirodgers@gmail.com or 773-316-9754.

After working out details with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to ensure deliveries could be made smoothly on Wednesday mornings, the Pantry has enrolled in GCFD's Food Rescue program, in which they deliver perishable food to us early Wednesday mornings. The deliveries consist of frozen meat, produce, pastries and other foods that have to go out immediately that week. The program has worked well since it began in November, allowing us to greatly enhance our weekly offerings. We also have had enough available to pass some along to the pantry at St. John's Lutheran Church, the dinner program at St. Viator and Hands to Help Ministries at St. John's Episcopal Church. Thanks to Operations Manager Jim Byrne and to all of the volunteers who help unload and distribute the food so quickly Wednesday mornings!



Operations Manager Jim Byrne looks over the boxes of perishable food delivered to the Pantry by the Greater Chicago Food Depository as part of its Food Rescue program that began in November. Photo by Craig Shutt

A banner has been installed on the grass in front of our home at the Irving Park United Methodist Church, funded by a portion of a Kraft Feeding Possibilities grant. It includes pantry details and has room for a short message. Currently, we intend to promote our night hours on the second Tuesday of the month. The Pantry next will be open to clients from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10th.

The Pantry's October coat distribution helped a large number of clients receive warm coats for the coming winter. A big swell of donations in the last week helped expand our inventory, allowing us to stay open one more week in November to give more clients a chance to receive a warm coat. In all, we gave out 260 coats, and they were very well received.

Special thanks to the parents and students at Disney II Elementary Magnet School for organizing a coat drive and participating in the distribution. Thanks to Sarah Marton for coordinating the Disney program and to her, husband Mike and Renee Linnemeyer for helping clients during operating hours.





Murphy School

Tours available! Come inside the walls of a great neighborhood school and experience the difference of a Fine & Performing Arts integrated program.

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St. Viator School

St. Viator's school mission is to instill a life-long love of learning, a respect for all people, and a commitment to Catholic social justice and peace. St. Viator understands the importance of giving back to our community and neighbors in need at the holidays and throughout the year.

Both school and parish families participated in the Baby Bottle Campaign, filling empty baby bottles with spare change to help the Women's Center of Chicago assist women in crisis pregnancies and their babies.

To celebrate Thanksgiving, the Student Council sponsored a food drive benefiting Irving Park Community Food Pantry and St. Viator's parish. Volunteers prepared complete Thanksgiving dinner food baskets for the less fortunate, while non-perishable food items were restocked by the food drive.

All students took time to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings in their lives. In tradition of the first Thanksgiving, the younger grades gathered together to enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast of their own. The 3rd - 8th graders joined students from Schurz High School in a day of service. The national organization, Build-On, whose mission is "to break the cycle of poverty, illiteracy and low expectations through service and education" coordinated the day of service. Working with the International Baccalaureate students from Schurz High School, the organization planned hands-on activities for our students benefiting those in need in the Chicago community. Activities included decorating bags used for Thanksgiving dinners for elders and making treats for Thanksgiving dinners, as well as fleece blankets, and holiday cards. St. Viator students prepared for this day by collecting health and hygiene items as well as fleece to use for the projects. The day also included ice breakers and reflection.

Mrs. Johnson, St. Viator's 6th grade teacher, said, "This was an opportunity for our students to share their time, talent, and treasure with others. We are grateful to Build-On and Schurz High School for including us in this worthwhile learning experience and to our St. Viator families for supporting the project."

CICS-IRVING PARK SCHOOL

Top ISAT Achievement For the third consecutive year, Chicago International Charter School's (CICS) Irving Park Campus received the highest overall ISAT scores among the city's 54 elementary charter schools.

Mathletes! CICS-IP students in grades 6 thru 8 have joined the Chicago Junior Math League through CPS! High performing math students are recommended by their teachers to participate in this rigorous math-based after school program. They compete in three citywide math competitions at UIC. We have 30 students participating under coaches Ms. Green and Ms. Gierthy.

"Power Hour" of Literacy This year, students have one "power hour" four days a week for personalized reading instruction. During this time, students are grouped by their instructional strengths to maximize their learning. Then, twice a month, our teachers meet to discuss how to better support the students' learning and to review personalized learning plans.

Open Books Workshop This December, our 3rd grade students will attend an exciting writing field trip to Open Books! Our students will develop their writing skills in meaningful and creative ways. This is a 2-hour writer's workshop on prose, poetry and slam poetry!

Hi-Tech Classrooms The CICS-IP PTO continues to raise funds to purchase iPads for students. They have purchased 30 iPads along with a storage cart for the school. Students and teachers are very excited to incorporate more technology into lessons and classrooms. We are looking to design a blended learning environment for our students where we assess time, talent and technology to support the instruction and meet the needs of every student.

St. Edward School

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, December 18th at 7 p.m. for our Christmas Program. The show features singing as well as performances by our Junior and Senior Orchestras. Held in Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell, it's a great way to get into the holiday spirit and celebrate with the St. Edward community.



Congratulations to our 6th grade girls' basketball team who made it to the semi-finals for the fall league. We are anxious to see all our 4th - 8th grade girls' and boys' basketball teams in action when the winter season kicks off in December.

Way to go Quiz Bowl Team! Our 7th and 8th grade team placed 1st at the Gordon Tech tournament.

St. Edward School prides itself on developing the leaders of tomorrow. We are proud of our students who have attended the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. and Chicago. This conference identifies students who have the potential and aspiration to develop leadership qualities that will benefit them in the future.

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Prudential RUBLOFF PROPERTIES

Central Bark Doggy Day Care hosts Pictures with Santa Claus

Central Bark Doggy Day Care will be hosting a Doggy pictures with Santa Claus event on Sunday, December 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is in its seventh year.

Every year, a portion of the proceeds has been donated to various animal or dog related causes. This year, a portion of the proceeds will benefit Red Door Shelter. Red Door Animal Shelter is a no-kill shelter committed to helping animals in need. Its primary focus is on the rescue, shelter and adoption of cats, dogs and rabbits—the three most popular pets in the United States.

A stocking stuffer workshop will also be held during the event. All participants will receive a free Christmas stocking of their choice to be filled with merchandise from the Christmas boutique. All items placed in the stocking will be eligible for 15% discount. Refreshments for people and dogs alike will be served.

This event is open to everyone. It is a fun time for the whole family. No registration is necessary. Pictures with Santa Claus are on a first come, first serve basis. Family members can join in the pictures, as well as the dogs. Pictures are \$20.00 each.

Central Bark Doggy Day Care is located on 3358 N. Pulaski. For more information, contact Owner Bonnie Lemperis at 773-736-3641 or visit CentralBarkUSA.com.

Angel Team is Back!

Our mission is to show the homeless that someone cares about them this holiday season and that hope is alive! This is our 14th year of spreading joy, and our goal is to serve at least 1000 people in need this Christmas with special gifts of love. Share the mission with your family and friends!

We will have two events in which you can wrap gifts: **Saturday December 7, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.** at Messiah Lutheran Church at 6201 W. Patterson in the basement of the church and **Saturday December 14th, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.** at Irving Park Lutheran Church gymnasium, 4057 N. Harding (corner of Belle Plaine and Harding).

Come when you can, leave when you must! Bring your wrapping paper, scissors and donations of gifts and wrap them for our homeless kids and adults. There will be a raffle, a silent auction and a potluck lunch at both events. Bring a dish to share if you like! All gifts and proceeds go to the homeless.

If you cannot attend the events and want to donate new items, please call Terri L. Santiago at 773-322-7723 or e-mail aliveandjoyful37@aol.com. To make a financial donation, make checks payable to Terri L. Santiago and write The Angel Team in the memo. If you need a receipt one can be provided by one of the shelters that we serve for tax purposes. Please R.S.V.P. at the above number.

We are asking everyone to purchase and donate as many new items of warmth, toiletries, fun items and toys for adults and children as possible! **Suggestions of donations for the homeless - Items of warmth:** gloves, hats, ear muffs, scarves, socks, underwear. **Toiletries:** liquid body soap, bar soap (only if you buy a plastic container for it), scented body spray for men and women, face or body lotion, foot powder, make-up, lip balm, nail polish, etc. **Toys:** all types for all ages infant to 18 years - please no toys of violence. A great place to get affordable toys is the 5 Below stores. **Fun items for adults:** playing cards, dominoes, crossword puzzles, jumble or find-a-word books, bibles, dollar-store reading glasses #150 or #175 strength, journals, diaries, etc. Hit the Dollar Stores, Target dollar section, Bee Sales on 4510 N. Clark Street or Advance Distributers at 4949 N. Pulaski.

As usual, be ready to be welcomed to the smell of fresh coffee, hear the sounds of cheerful Christmas music and joyful chatter!



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- 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. You can also pay your WWCA dues with either PayPal or a credit card at the West Walker website. Go to www.westwalker.org.

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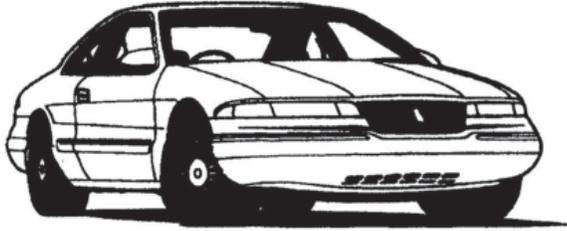
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