

# WEST WALKER WIRE

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## Your Green Thumb Questions Answered - Garden Guy to Speak at April Meeting

Blue skies, sunshine, and spring will soon be making their full appearance in Chicago. Have you been itching to get out and get that garden started or wondering how to get that grass to finally grow? Well it's time to bring all your green-thumb related questions to the WWCA general meeting this month! Jack Prikos, our local "garden guy" and one of the owners of the Farmer's Market Garden Center will be our guest speaker, and available to answer your numerous questions and dispense his expert advice on getting your garden and landscaping shaped up this season. We hope to see you at the Latvian Community Center, 4146 N. Elston Ave., on April 21st at 7:30.

## Irving Park Carlson Ministries to Plant Three Brothers Garden

Irving Park Carlson Ministries is just weeks away from breaking ground on Three Brothers Garden, an organic community vegetable garden. In a unique partnership with Irving Park Lutheran Church and the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, the goal of the garden is to provide clients of the food pantry with fresh fruits and vegetables.

The garden is named for Helge, Carl and George Carlson, lifelong members of Irving Park Lutheran Church, which established Carlson Ministries with a bequest from the brothers. The garden will be built on a vacant lot at 4107 N. Pulaski Rd., owned by Irving Park Lutheran Church. The church congregation is allowing use of the land for the garden for a minimum of three years.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### April 15 • 7:00 p.m.

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting  
17th District Police Station  
Community Room - 4650 N. Pulaski

### April 17 • 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

West Walker Fun Time - open swim,  
basketball, Maze and Zumba Class  
Irving Park YMCA, 4251 W Irving Park Rd

### April 20

Chicago Park District  
Online registration begins for Summer  
Programs and Day Camps

### April 20 • 7:00 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion, "The House on  
Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros  
Independence Library - 3548 W. Irving Pk Rd

### April 21 • 7:30 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting  
Latvian Community Center  
4146 N. Elston Ave.

### April 24 • 6:00 p.m. to Midnight

Scrapbooking in the Hood  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
3857 N. Kostner

### April 25

Chicago Park District  
In-person registration begins for Summer  
Programs and Day Camps

### April 26 • 2:00 p.m.

Free Classical Music Concert  
Irving Park Lutheran Church  
4100 N. Harding (more on page 4)

### May 11 • 7:00 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion, "The Woman in the  
Dunes" by Kobo Abe  
Independence Library - 3548 W. Irving Pk Rd

### Every Monday 10 a.m.

Storytime for children 2 – 5 years old  
Independence Library - 3548 W. Irving Pk Rd

### Every Monday 11 a.m.

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6 months to 2 years old  
Independence Library - 3548 W. Irving Pk Rd

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# Dear Neighbor:

Hard to believe we are already four months into 2009... seems with every year the time passes faster and faster. Before you know it we'll be well into the summer months and spending time outside enjoying the green grass, the shade from our beautiful trees, and the flowers we have so desperately missed during our cold winter here in the frozen tundra of Chicago.

I myself really enjoy all the work so many of our neighbors here in West Walker put into their gardens and landscaping, but have to admit I have a black thumb. I can't grow anything... so I'm a bit "green" with envy of all of you who have the gift for gardening and dedicate so much time on beautifying your flower beds and yards every year. Know that all the hard work is truly appreciated – especially by those of us with zero skill (or in my case not even much of a yard since I live in a condo)! Be sure to join us for this month's WWCA general meeting. Jack Prikos of the Farmer's Market Garden Center will be back for his annual tip-giving talk and Question and Answer session. Come ready with your questions – Jack said he has a blast doing this every year!

While on the subject of beautiful lawns and gardens, the one thing the end of the snow has brought with it are piles of garbage which have been buried under snow drifts and leaves that were left uncollected at the end of the fall. Now that we are able to see everything, it's a good idea to help chip in and clean up the neighborhood. If we all make a small effort at picking up the few pieces of trash we see as we are out and about, imagine how much more beautiful West Walker will look as we head into spring. Those who have the time and can put forth a little more effort – please help clean up the leaves that have been sitting in the street for months and months.

I mention the leaf and garbage issues for one big reason – street flooding. If we can take a little time to get all that extra debris picked up and off the streets and lawns, when the April showers arrive (and continue some of the downpours we saw in March), we will see a lot less water collecting in the streets, atop the sewers and at the bases of crosswalks. The rainwater just pushes all that trash and leaf waste down the street to block the sewers which we need clear in order for water to drain. I know it's a dirty job, but if we can all help out just a little, it's not such a bad job. In the end, our streets and yards will look better for it; walkers will appreciate being able to continue to cross at the walks versus having to dodge the lakes that form at the street corners; and car owners who must park in the street will be pleased that they don't have worry if they will come out to a flooded car.

Take this opportunity with the start of spring to chip in toward a cleaner and greener neighborhood – when we all chip in, we all benefit from a beautiful and safer community.

Happy Spring Everyone – I look forward to seeing your gardens!

Beth Tigie  
Wire Editor

## WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### **West Walker Mission Statement**

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# WWCA Members

Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! A list of those neighbors who have joined or renewed since our March issue is included below. If you still need to join or renew, visit our website at [www.westwalker.org](http://www.westwalker.org) to download an application.

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## Carlson Ministries to Plant Three Brothers Garden *continued from page 1*

A variety of vegetables will be grown in raised beds in the garden. Produce harvested will be donated to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, which serves people living in the 60641 zip code, and a portion of 60618 west of the north branch of the Chicago River. Garden volunteers will also share in the harvest.

In addition to raised growing beds, the garden will also feature a community gathering space located at the west end of the garden, facing Pulaski Road. The area will be landscaped with colorful shrubs and perennials and will include a seating area. Classes on organic gardening, sustainable living, and cooking with garden produce will be conducted in the gathering space.

Sarah Steedman, a Master Gardener with extensive community gardening experience, designed the garden, with the help of April Bayne, a local garden designer.

A chili supper fundraiser was held in March to raise funds for the garden. Two hundred people enjoyed a delicious meal while raising \$2,300 for the garden construction. Remaining funds will be raised through grants, donations and additional fundraisers.

For more information, or to volunteer for the garden, contact Liz Mills at [lizmills@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lizmills@sbcglobal.net) or 773.398.6766.

# Blue Cart Recycling Update

*by Michelle Kaicener*

It's really exciting to finally see Blue Carts coming to West Walker, and the 39th Ward!

By the time you read this article, you will have received a door tag describing the service, when collections will take place, and what items are recyclable. Hopefully, also, you will have received your Blue Cart, and actually had one pickup!



I hope it has gone well for you.

Some questions that often get asked include the following:

1. "I have an item not on the preprinted list – how can I find out if it is recyclable?" – you can go to <http://www.earth911.org> for all kinds of recycling information, or <http://www.bluecartschicago.org>
2. "People are throwing trash in my bin. What can I do?" – you can keep your blue bin in the yard or garage until collection week, and the turn the cart so it opens towards the fence side rather than the alley side, while your black cart opens towards the alley. Passers by will find it easier to use the regular black cart for things like doggy bags.
3. "Help – I have more bins than I need" – the city will pick up black bins you no longer need
4. "Who can I call if I have a question or a problem?" - you can call 311. Also a network of Block Captains is being established – folks in the neighborhood who are there to help their neighbors solve recycling problems, remind them about collections, and to answer questions.

If you would like to become a Recycling Block Captain, you can call and leave a voice message at 312-744-5702, or fill out the form at <http://www.bluecartschicago.org>.

I have also had a number of requests for Rain Barrels and Composters. If you missed out last year, and would like a Rain Barrel or Composter, please let me know and I'll try and set up a date with the City.

Thanks!  
Michelle  
[greenwestwalker@gmail.com](mailto:greenwestwalker@gmail.com)  
Website of the Month : <http://www.earth911.org>

## Free Classical Music Concert Sunday, April 26, 2009

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's fourth and final concert of its 2008-2009 season will feature The Apollo Trio on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding. The Apollo Trio features Scott Metlika, flute, Karl Rzasa, bassoon, and Matthew Coley, marimba and percussion. Admission to the concert is free of charge, though a free-will offering may be made. An informal reception with the performers follows the concert.

The Apollo Trio is one of the Chicago metropolitan area's premiere chamber music ensembles. It was founded in 1995 as a woodwind ensemble, and over the years has incorporated harp, piano, strings and percussion. Members perform regularly with the Elgin Symphony, Grant Park Symphony, Chicago Opera Theater, Illinois Philharmonic, Metropolis Symphony, and Light Opera Works of Evanston.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Series, now in its 15th season, was begun by Roger L. Bingaman, Director of Music at Irving Park Lutheran Church. The intent of the series is to bring high quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood. For more information, contact Roger Bingaman at 773.267.1666, or [www.irvingparkfinearts.org](http://www.irvingparkfinearts.org).

## Scrapbooking in the Hood

St. John's Episcopal Church is hosting a scrapbooking group to work on scrapbooking projects in the Parish Hall at St. John's on the fourth Friday of the month from 6 P.M. until midnight. The next evening will be Friday, April 24th. Cost is \$8 which includes pizza, snacks and soda. Bring your own supplies. To sign-up, email Sarah Flanagan ([sarah\\_webster2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah_webster2000@yahoo.com)) or Katie Kozisek ([katiekozisek@comcast.net](mailto:katiekozisek@comcast.net)). Walk-ins are also welcome! St. John's is located at 3857 N. Kostner.

## Third Annual Fine Craft Fair Set for May 3rd

GIPNA and IPAC will host their third Fine Craft Fair at the Independence Park Field House on Sunday, May 3, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Fine Craft Fair will feature items such as jewelry, weaving, glass, ceramics, quilts, felted items, basketry, baby goods, home goods, origami, miniature rustic twig furniture, and tie-dyed T-shirts. All work is original and handmade by the artisans. For more information e-mail [GIPNA@sbcglobal.net](mailto:GIPNA@sbcglobal.net) or call Pat Clark at 312-263-3754.

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## West walker Civic Association General Meeting Minutes March 17, 2009

Mike Webber opened the meeting at 7:35. Also present were Carol Barry and Mark Pascale.

Natalie Boyette from the Chicago Weaving School spoke and told the audience about her classes. Some classes are project based and run until your project is complete. Others can last only a few hours. Natalie has portable looms and can bring them to you for a class in your home, school or work.

Next, Lara Pacelt, Senior Program Director at Irving Park YMCA, spoke about the Y's offerings. Lara reported that our Irving Park Y has a full array of programming for people of all ages – from 6 month olds to Silver Sneakers for Seniors. The Y will also be starting a Triathlon training course. Recently, Lara helped secure a grant to address childhood obesity directed at 6 to 11 year olds. Currently, there are 35 kids in program and they meet daily, focusing on healthy lifestyle choices. A special Y Fun DAY will be coming up soon for the West Walker Community on April 17th, from 4 to 6 pm and will include open swim, basketball, Maze and Zumba Class.

Thank you to our very generous raffle sponsors – Natalie Boyette owner of the Chicago Weaving School, Lara Pacelt of the YMCA, Pivot Point, and Yoga in the 'Hood. Beautiful hand-woven coasters, work out equipment/DVDs, a Day of Beauty and a free yoga session were donated.

Chris Suave from the Department of Streets and Sanitation announced that the Blue Cart recycling program will start the week of 3/30. The first pickup date will be April 13th and every other week thereafter. Check [www.bluecartschicago.org](http://www.bluecartschicago.org) for the schedule. Carts will be delivered to the front of the house and people will need to bring it to the alley. The street number will be labeled on the carts. The new single stream is the upcoming trend in recycling so all items can be commingled.

No minutes were read as they were already sent out in the wire in January. Mike Webber reported that people are responding very well and are renewing their memberships. Please keep them coming! Please support the Independence Park Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on March 28.

#### Other announcements:

- Art in my BackYard will host its next event in June with the theme "Buy Land." Details to follow.
- New carriers or subs always needed for the Wire – feel free to volunteer.
- Many received notice of the TIF district and are interested in knowing how the money will be used.
- Christine Zelenka is the new principal at Murphy serving Preschool – Grade 6.

#### New Questions Raised:

- 4169 N Elston – Why is it allowed to do used cars sales?
- Also 4170 N Elston – the space between the Strip Joint and Twisted Tatoo was gutted and appears that there is a business operated in there. Alderman Laurino's office is supposedly checking into it but no real answers. To report odor nuisance call the Dept of Environment, Kevin Schnoes, at 312-744-4034.

Mark Pascale – Motion to adjourn and Nancy Walker seconded.

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## CAPS Report

by Margaret McIntyre

The CAPS meeting on March 18th was heavily attended. This was due to residents of the 17th district soliciting other residents to attend. The majority of the CAPS meeting focused on the shootings that occurred outside the West Walker area and the increasing issue of graffiti. There has been an explosion of graffiti incidents in the last month. Not just in our district, but citywide.

### HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- If you see anyone illegally creating graffiti please call 911.
- If you observe graffiti:
  1. Take a picture (camera phones photos are acceptable).
  2. Note the address, date and time
  3. E-mail the information and photos to caps.017district@chicagopolice.org or drop off to the 17th District at 4650 North Pulaski Road, CAPS officer.
  4. Call 311 to have graffiti removed. Please have the following information handy when reporting graffiti for removal:
    - Is the graffiti on the front, rear, side on the building or garage?
    - Is the graffiti on wood, brick, painted brick or unknown?
    - Is the graffiti over 6 feet up (yes/no)?



### AND HERE IS THE BENEFIT:

The 17th district is developing a Graffiti Database. Including photos, and time/place of incidents. When someone actually is caught doing graffiti, they put the symbols/design into the database. All incidents of those symbols/designs come up. The person then will be charged with all incidents in the database, not just the one time they were caught.

Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker neighborhood February 19-March 16, 2009:

Battery (simple).....	5
Vandalism (vehicle).....	4
Larceny theft.....	4
Theft under \$300 .....	4
Drug Possession: Cannabis .....	3
Motor Vehicle Theft (automobile).....	3
Burglary (forcible entry) .....	1
Burglary (unlawful entry).....	1
Disorderly conduct.....	1
Robbery .....	1
Aggravated assault.....	1

CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) meetings for our beat are held at the 17th District in the Community Room, 4650 N. Pulaski. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. monthly on the 3rd Wednesday and typically last one hour. The next meeting is April 15. More information about CAPS is available at [www.cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org). Join the CAPS team of police officers, residents and City Departments working together for a safer Chicago.

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# 39th Ward Report



The **Irving Park/Elston TIF** is closer to becoming reality, passing the city's community Development Commission on March 10. Many thanks to Roberta Bole and Davor Engel for taking the time to attend the CDC meeting in support of the TIF.

Next steps for the TIF are being formally introduced at the April City Council meeting. It will then be referred to the Finance Committee for public comments, then return to the City Council for a full vote. We anticipate that the City Council vote will happen at the May meeting.

There are many opinions about TIFs and how the funding is used. While it will take a while to accumulate funds into the Irving Park/Elston TIF, I plan on working closely with the West Walker Civic Association and the Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association as we move forward. As I have with all of the TIFs in the 39th Ward, I rely on the local community organizations for guidance and advice.

Speaking of TIFs, you might be familiar with the "Sunshine Ordinance" that came before my City Council Committee recently. This ordinance will require the city to post all information pertaining to TIFs in one, easily accessible website. The ordinance was held at the last Committee hearing because there were still a number of questions that needed to be addressed, including the funding, staffing and web hosting. I am fully supportive of this ordinance and expect it to pass the entire City Council in April.

The Chicago Department of Water Management is now making a special offer to homeowners in the 39th Ward. The idea is to take all the fear out of acquiring a water meter for your home. Under the **MeterSave program**, you can volunteer for a water meter. Many households will actually save money on their water bills, since the formula for "assessed" (non-metered) accounts may assume more water usage than is actually the case.

And here is the guarantee: If you are in the first 20,000 volunteers, you will be billed for just what you use-but never more than you would be billed as an assessed account. This guarantee will be in force for 7 years from the date of installation.

This offer is restricted to four defined sections of the City of Chicago, including the 39th Ward. In these challenging economic times, it only makes sense to save wherever you can. Meter installation will not cost you a dime, and may save you lots of money in both the near and long terms. For more information, log on to [www.MeterSave.org](http://www.MeterSave.org) or call 3-1-1.

As always, contact my 39th Ward Office at 773-736-5594 or [Ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward39@cityofchicago.org) with any questions or concerns.

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


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## Disney II Magnet School News

### Disney II PTA Presents the ABCs: A is for Auction, B is for Benefit, C is for Community.

The spring auction and community night will be held May 30th, at Garden Terrace, 6330 Irving Park Road. It is an opportunity to mingle with Disney II staff and families, see the student art showcase, enjoy the open bar and appetizers which are included in the \$45 price of admission (now through April 30th, \$50 starting May 1). Contact Stacey Nyman, scstnyman@sbcglobal.net, to purchase tickets. Volunteers and auction items are always needed. If you'd like to donate, please contact Brenda Deane, Brenda.deane@sbcglobal.net, or Margaret McIntyre, m.mcintyre99@yahoo.com.

**Calling all bibliophiles!** Disney II PTA is still collecting gently used books, DVDs, VHS and CDs to sell at a community sale at the school on Saturday, May 16th. Clean out those shelves and ask your friends and neighbors to do the same – our goal for this project is 2,000 items. You can drop your items in the box at the north entrance of the school, or contact Ami Martin at amizimka@yahoo.com to arrange alternate drop-off/pick-up.

The next Disney II General PTA meeting will be Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Community members are encouraged to attend.

## A Penny Makes a Difference!

Belding is one of only six Chicago Public Schools participating in the Penny Harvest charity project. For one month in late October to just past Thanksgiving, Belding students collected pennies. From raiding their own piggy banks to asking family and friends to donate their spare pennies, the students collected over 750 pounds of pennies! Because of this success, the Penny Harvest organization is giving Belding \$2000 to donate to selected local charities chosen by the students.

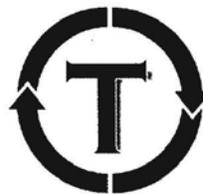
Currently, there are two "Board of Directors" groups made up of Belding students who submitted applications to be selected to these prestigious groups. Over 100 students applied! The first group is made up of Kindergarten through 4th grade students and the second group is made up of 5th through 8th grade students. Each separate group will meet twice a week to research local charities over the next two to three months. A special emphasis will be placed on charities that service the Old Irving Park community. By May, the charities will be chosen and checks presented on behalf of all Belding students. This experience has truly shown the students the "Power of a Penny!"

*Note: Penny Harvest is a charitable organization started by a 4 year old girl in New York City in 1991. It has grown to be a national organization working strictly with school-age children ages 4 to 14 to teach them that a single penny can change the lives of many less fortunate people. This student and her foundation were the inspiration behind Oprah Winfrey's "Angel Network".*



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## Irving Park Community Food Pantry News

### Pantry Statistics

February 2009: 529 families representing 1,486 individuals

February 2008: 373 households representing 1,020 individuals

The Pantry was able to serve every client. With the state of the economy, we are seeing a trend of more new clients every month. Thank you to all who continue to support your neighbors in need.

### Upcoming Events

#### *Feinstein Foundation Grant*

A percentage of monetary donations made to the food pantry during the months of March and April will be matched by the Feinstein Foundation. Contact the pantry to donate.

#### *Food Drives*

Irving Park Lutheran Church (April, 2009)  
3938 W. Belle Plaine Ave., Chicago, IL 60618  
(773) 267-1666

Irving Park United Methodist Church (April 2009)  
3801 N. Keeler Ave., Chicago, IL 60641  
(773) 283-6262

#### *Hunger Walk*

The Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk will take place on Saturday, June 20, 2009. Money raised by our walkers and sponsors goes directly to our Depository account. That money is used to buy food for our clients. If you would like to walk for our pantry or sponsor a walker, please contact the pantry.

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## Park View Lutheran Church and School News

Park View Lutheran Church is hosting Vacation Bible School (VBS) from June 15-19 for children ages 4 yrs old to 8th grade. There will be songs, art, skits, and service projects, and the program is free, but children need to bring a lunch. VBS will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a nominal fee for before and after care, which is available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Following VBS, starts the Summer Camp Program which will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., with before and after care from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.. The theme this year is "Classroom Experience of Chicago." The program will explore Chicago's diversity, visit cultural museums, prepare and taste ethnic dishes. The cost is \$125 per week for the basic program, and \$165 per week with before and after care. For more information, contact Church Office at 773-267-0072.

Park View Lutheran School is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. Open Houses will be held on April 26 and May 17 from 12 – 2 p.m. All are welcome to come and meet the teachers and visit the school. Preschool class is open to 3 and 4 year olds and new students are welcome, pending class availability.

For more information, visit [www.parkviewlutheran.org](http://www.parkviewlutheran.org).

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## St. Edward School and Parish News

### Plant Sale

Just in time for the warmer weather to arrive, the St. Edward Parent Organization will host a plant sale at the school on Friday, May 15 from 3-5 p.m. Plants of a wide variety will be available for purchase in the school gym at 4343 W. Sunnyside Avenue.

### School News

St. Edward's senior orchestra and chorus are set to participate in the All Star Concert at Guerin Prep High School. The event will take place on April 25, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

### Pancake Breakfast

St. Edward will host a Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast on April 5, 2009. The annual breakfast event will be held in the school gym.

The March school board meeting will be held Monday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower church. All school parents and parishioners are welcome. For more information, call the school at 773-736-9133.

## Happenings at St. Viator Elementary School

### Open House – Fine Art Show & Curriculum Fair

All are invited to visit St. Viator (4140 West Addison) on Sunday, May 3, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as we showcase the fine art projects created by our students during their Art Zone sessions and view a sampling of the curriculum at St. Viator.

### Registration for 2009-10

Registration is currently underway for grades preK-3 to 8th. Please be aware that there are a limited number of Preschool and Kindergarten seats available. Please visit or call the School Office 773-545-2173 to schedule a private tour. Registration forms are available at [www.stviatorchicago.org](http://www.stviatorchicago.org). Reservations are available until May 27, 2009 with \$100 deposit.

### Theater at St. Viator - Late Nite Catechism

This interactive, Off-Broadway show is a one-woman play featuring an outlandish nun who is guaranteed to have you laughing out loud in no time. Hold onto your song books and join in the fun! The performance will be Saturday, April 25, 2009 in the Recreation Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. (appetizers and cash bar) and the performance begins promptly at 7 p.m. and is open to those age 21 and older. Pricing and VIP seating information can be found on the web at [www.stviatorchicago.org](http://www.stviatorchicago.org).

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Garage and Yard Sale

Saturday May 16, 2009, 9am to 4pm - Rain or Shine

All West Walker residents are invited to participate in our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Garage and Yard Sale.

The sale will be advertised in the Chicago Tribune and local newspapers. Signs will be posted on the main perimeter streets. **3,000 MAPS INDICATING THE LOCATION OF EACH REGISTERED ADDRESS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THE WEEK OF THE SALE.**

Under current city ordinance, every home having a garage sale ***MUST DISPLAY*** a Garage Sale Permit, which must be acquired from the Alderman's office. The Garage and Yard Sale Committee will file the applications and obtain the permits for all paid participants. To accomplish this, we must have your paid application to participate by ***May 11, 2009.***

Return the form below to have your address listed as a participant in the sale, along with your application fee. For further information call Bob Crowley at (773) 267-1921.

Cost to participate is \$5.00 for WWCA members and \$10.00 for non-members. Fees cover:

- Purchasing ads in newspapers
- Printed flyers, posters and signage prior to and during the sale
- Distribution of maps throughout the area
- Processing of garage sale application and delivery of maps and the permit to your home

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### WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION GARAGE AND YARD SALE

Saturday, May 16, 2009

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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