



WEST WALKER WIRE

FEBRUARY 2019

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Free Concert at St. John's Episcopal Church February 24

Join us for a Jazz Trio on Sunday, February 24 at 3 p.m., featuring Steve Schneck, flugelhorn, Scott Mason, bass, and Neal Alger, guitar. This one-hour concert is free and open to the public.



The St. John's concert series is made possible by a memorial gift of long-time parishioner Juanita Raman and her family. This gift honors the mission of St. John's Church and the life of Maya Raman by offering a rich variety of musical experiences. Maya died on February 14, 2017, and music of many genres was a mainstay of her life.

For more about Steve Schneck Music go to www.steveschneckmusic.com. For more information about St. John's, visit our website at www.stjohnschicago.com. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 3857 N. Kostner Avenue.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tues., Feb 5 • 7-9 pm
Chicago Communities Mayoral Forum
Roosevelt H.S. Auditorium
3436 W. Wilson

Thur., Feb 7 • 6-7:30 pm
Reading with Ald. Rosa
Independence Branch Library
4024 N. Elston

Sat., Feb 9 • 6:30-9:30 pm
St. Ed's Chili Cook-Off & Brew Fest
St. Edward's Church, Unity Hall
4350 W. Sunnyside

Sun., Feb. 10 • 5-7 pm
Soup & Bread for Carlson
IPLC Gym, 4057 N. Harding

Sun., Feb. 17 • 2:00 pm
Irving Park Fine Arts Concert
Mary Jo Neher & Joseph Burgio
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding

Wed., Feb. 20 • 7:00 pm
Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting
Community Room, 4650 N. Pulaski

Fri., Feb. 22 • 5:30 pm
Schurz Family Movie Night
Inside Out (Rated PG)
3601 N. Milwaukee

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: **Sat., Feb 23 • 7-10 pm**
: **West Walker Winter Social**
: The Cabin at Old Irving
: 4104 N. Pulaski
: RSVP by Feb. 18 - **See back page!**
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Tues., Mar. 5 • 5-7:30 pm
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
IPLC Gymnasium, 4057 N. Harding

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

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Dear Neighbor,

I HOPE EVERYBODY HAS SURVIVED the latest Arctic blast from the north. This one did not seem as bad or long as the 1984 - 85 season, but it was still something to behold.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, was a monumental day for the neighborhood. The new Independence Branch library opened to a capacity crowd of neighbors from neighborhoods all around West Walker. If you've not already done so, you should visit this new jewel in the heart of our neighborhood. From preschool to adult, it is a resource we can all be proud to host. Please take advantage of this marvelous resource, 130 years in the making.

ALSO, ON FEBRUARY 23, we are heading to the border, just a few feet west Of West Walker, to enjoy the camaraderie of our neighbors at the 13th annual West Walker Winter Social. Please join us at The Cabin at Old Irving for an evening of elbow rubbing with your West Walker neighbors, hosted by The Cabin, which will also be providing light snacks. The Winter Social always means that spring is around the corner. Come out, enjoy the evening, reconnect with your neighbors, and look forward to another spring.

Mike Webber
WWCA President, Pro Tem



The opening of the new Independence Branch Library was celebrated with a ribbon cutting attended by West Walker resident Roberta Bole, president of Friends of Independence Library. Pictured with Roberta (left) are Linda Johnson Rice, president of the board of the Chicago Public Library, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Alderman Margaret Laurino (39th), Alderman John Arena (45th), Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa (35th), State Representative Jaime Andrade (40th District) and Alderman Deb Mell (33rd). Thanks to the persistence of Roberta and many others in the community, after more than 100 years of operating out of rented storefronts, the Independence Branch finally has a permanent home!

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

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

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

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45th Ward Report



Voting Information for the Upcoming Municipal Election

The February 26 municipal election is around the corner. Beginning February 11 through February 25, you may vote early at any early voting location. The 16th District Police Station, 5151 N. Milwaukee, is the early voting location in the

45th Ward. Other early voting locations close to West Walker include Kilbourn Park, 3501 N. Kilbourn, and NEIU El Centro, 3390 N. Avondale. A list of all voting locations and hours throughout the city are available on the Chicago Board of Election's website at bit.ly/ChiEarlyVoting.

Those interested in voting by mail may request a ballot on the Chicago Board of Election's website at bit.ly/ChiVoteByMail. The deadline to apply for a vote by mail ballot is 5 pm on February 21. When you receive the vote by mail ballot, make sure to follow all the enclosed instructions and vote in secret. A mail ballot must be postmarked (or, in the absence of a postmark, certified by the voter) on or before Election Day, February 26, in order to be counted. In addition, the Board of Elections must receive the ballot by March 12 for the ballot to be counted. You may return the vote by ballot through the U.S. Postal Service, by personal delivery to the Election Board (either by the voter or an immediate relative), or through a state-licensed motor carrier (such as FedEx, UPS, or DHL). Once a mail ballot has been returned to the Board of Elections, it cannot be retrieved or withdrawn. The same voter cannot vote in person at a polling place on Election Day unless they bring the mail ballot (or a portion of it) to the election judges or completes an affidavit stating the mail ballot was never received by the voter or that it was received and lost.

On February 26, you are required to vote at your polling place. You can find your polling place by entering your address on the voter's information page on the Chicago Board of Election's, bit.ly/ChiVoterInfo. Polls close at 7 pm on Election Day.

You may register to vote at ANY early voting location or at your polling place on February 6. You will need two forms of identification, one which must show a current address, to register to vote at a polling place. A list of acceptable forms of ID are available to view on the Chicago Board of Election's website at bit.ly/ChiVoterRegistration.

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Your Neighborhood Realtor!

Real Estate Trends for 2018 – Take 2

Hi Neighbors. I hope your 2018 is off to a good start! Our real estate market is still going strong. Here's what we can expect in 2018.

- 1. Continued shortage of homes on the market** – It's still a seller's market. However the number of homes for sale should grow by Fall, 2018.
- 2. Rising Prices** – Chicago area volume of sales could increase 10% and prices could increase up to 4%.
- 3. Higher Mortgage Rates** – The interest rate for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage, currently 4.125%, could rise to 5% toward the end of 2018.
- 4. Millennials & Baby Boomers** – will drive the housing market & home design. Both want wider hallways (for wheel chairs or strollers). Boomers want extra support behind shower walls for potential grab bars. Millennials will make up 43% of homebuyers.
- 5. New Construction Up** – Forecasters predict a 7% increase in new construction homes with a focus on more affordable entry level homes.

Sources: NAR, Realtor.com, Zillow, Crains

If you are thinking of selling in the next 24 months, and want to get the highest sale price, please call me for a free home consultation.

**Call Dorie, Your Neighborhood Realtor
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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723 Meeting January 16, 2019

Thank you to Dorie Westmeyer for attending the January meeting and taking notes.

Attendees: 5 Police Officers, 18 neighbors

Old News Car thefts - In winter there is an uptick in car thefts because people leave their car running (to keep it warm). Police arrested a regular car thief, juvenile, who lives in the district. If police see a car running they will issue a citation. Also said majority of car thefts are in the afternoon & early evening. Last year there were 49 car thefts at this time. This year there are 25.

Neighbor Issues There was an assault in the 4500 block of Bernard. Neighbor brought in footage from their camera. Desk officer said they did not want it and to call the detective. He called the detective who said he did not want it and to call his alderman. CAPS apologized for this and advised contacting CAPS with this information. If it's a small file, email to caps.017district@chicagopoice.org.

They also suggested that if you are not satisfied when you call in or come in to the station, ask for a supervisor.

New Police Initiatives Commander Pontecore wants more traffic/stops and engagement. Increased traffic stops have resulted in recovery of a large amount of drugs, recovery of weapons. The 17th District has two cars that read license plates (about 6500 per shift), which helps police identify stolen vehicles and suspended licenses. The 17th is budgeted to get two more cars. The bottom line is we are seeing more arrests related to quality of life issues.

The 17th District has a Strategic Decision Support Center (SDSC Room). Soon all districts will. The room holds a series of screens tied to cameras throughout the district. When 911 calls come in, then can look to see if there is a camera in the area and quickly send info to police car. They can also work with neighboring districts. And info is shared between shift changes. Police are noticing patterns. For example there are more catalytic converter thefts when it is raining out. The loud noise of the rain masks the noise of the theft. District will be getting 26 new cameras.

Police are engaging with teens (13-18 years old) in several ways: the Youth Committee council meets every

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West Walker Homes SOLD!



4034 N. Harding



4249 N. Hamlin



4239 N. Ridgeway



4017 N. Harding



4137 N. Pulaski

"I cannot speak highly enough of Dorie. She was with me through the whole process of selling my current home and buying a new one. She took the initiative to do extensive research on both neighborhoods, post ads for both the sale and my search for a new house, and provide critical guidance on the process & price negotiations. She sold my house within a week of listing and at the price I wanted. Her knowledge of the neighborhoods was invaluable and she constantly went above and beyond to make the process easier for me." — Jake Gerstein

**I love our neighborhood & have lived here for over 20 years.
If you're thinking of selling in the next 24 months, and want to get
the highest sale price, please call me for a free home consultation.**



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News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

Feast Today! Fast Tomorrow! Join us for our Annual Pancake Supper and Bake Sale on Tuesday, March 5th,

from 5 - 7:30 pm in the gymnasium (corner of Harding and Belle Plaine). There will be Swedish pancakes, regular pancakes, sausage, lingonberries, apples, and orange juice for all! Then treat yourself to the bake sale table after dinner! Admission is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 12 and under. Feast and fellowship before Lent's time of prayer and reflection.



David Hall gets the grill ready for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

Celebrating African American Heritage in Worship In February, Black History Month, in worship at Irving Park Lutheran Church we'll have a focus on racial justice and celebrate African American Heritage with special prayers, music, and other elements of worship. Thanks to Praise Coordinate Dee Kimpel for all she does to coordinate this. We give thanks to God for brothers and sisters in faith of African American heritage, and continue to work to be the church for all races and nations, following the call of Jesus.

Holy Lands – Special Presentations by Seminarian

Bristol Reading In January at Irving Park Lutheran Church, our seminarian, Bristol Reading, went on a 2-week learning pilgrimage to the Holy Lands with a group of students, teachers, and alumni from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. They visited dozens of holy sites, met with local pastors and NGOs, and spent time experiencing the many layers of history in the land where Jesus once lived. Don't miss these upcoming opportunities to hear more about her experiences, Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15 am in the Chapel. Coming up: Sunday, Feb 17: Walking where Jesus Walked Sunday, Mar 3: Holy Lands, Holy Water.

Ash Wednesday & Wednesdays in Lent Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 6th. Join us for worship at 7:30 pm. The service includes imposition of ashes and holy communion. Then, join us on five subsequent Wednesdays (March 13-April 10) for an easy weeknight dinner (6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall) and family-friendly worship (7:30-8:00 pm) that is filled with prayer, scripture, contemplative songs and a children's sermon.

Volunteer Opportunity at Hands To Help

Hands To Help, a small neighborhood organization that helps those who are struggling with homelessness. The organization is comprised of an all-volunteer board, a paid part time Service Manager and Outreach Worker.

In order to grow the organization and help more people, Hands to Help Ministries is always looking for additional board members and volunteers. Currently, we are looking for people with skills in the following areas:

- Financial (payroll, funding requests, monthly reporting, budgeting, data input)
- Social work (education, statistics, evaluations, health, HMIS or All Chicago knowledge)
- Event Planning
- Fundraising
- Grant / Report Writing
- Community Relations
- Organizational Development
- Human Resources (forms, processes, procedure, training, on/off boarding)

If you are interested or know someone who may be contact Roberta Bole 773-505-2595 or Deann Sherlock at 773-430-3120 to be connected with the group.

Chili Cook-Off & Brew Fest at St. Edward's Church February 9

Join the fun at St. Edward's Chili Cook-Off and Brew Fest on Saturday, February 9 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in Unity Hall. This is a family friendly event! Admission is Adults/\$10 each, Kids 12 and under/\$5 each. Kid ticket includes open gym at 7 pm!

Sample each chili and then cast your ballot. After all the ballots are counted, enjoy a bowl of chili or a hot dog with all the trimmings! There will be music, split-the-pot raffles, hot dogs, nachos, cash bar, desserts by the St. Edwards Youth Ministry, and prizes for the top three winning chilis! St. Edward Church is located at 4350 W. Sunnyside Avenue. Visit www.stedparish.org or call 773-545-6496 for more information.

News and Events from Carlson Community Services



Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit connecting

the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

Warm Up with Carlson's Soup & Bread, 2/10



Soup & Bread for Carlson will be held on February 10th. Dorie Westmeyer and Michael Sanders serve up soup at the 2018 event.

Carlson Community Services' annual winter warm up will be held on Sunday, February 10th from 5 to 7 pm. Modeled after a popular event at The Hideout Bar, Soup & Bread for Carlson will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave. Up to 10

satisfying soups from local restaurants and neighborhood cooks will be served, plus bread. So far, participating restaurants include Hearth & Crust, Tre Kronor and Bourgeois Pig Café. Featured neighborhood cooks are Chef Ed Gardner and Sarah Steedman.

Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and teens, \$5 for kids 3-12. Kids under 3 eat free! New this year, for just \$5 more you can choose a one-of-a-kind, handmade bowl, donated by potter Sheila Gidley and Terra InCognito Studio. In addition to unlimited servings of soup and bread, we'll have music from the Indy Jam Band, a raffle, kids craft room and more!

All proceeds benefit Carlson Community Services, whose programs include the Magic After-School Place, Three Brothers Community Garden and the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series. To volunteer at the event, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org/events or call Liz Mills at 773-398-6766.



The Kongsbruck family enjoys Soup & Bread in 2018. Perfect for families!

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Horn and Organ Recital, 2/17

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present a free concert featuring Mary Jo Neher, horn and Joseph Burgio, organ on Sunday, February 17th at 2:00 pm. In a unique pairing of horn and organ, Neher and Burgio's program will include the Corelli Sonata in G Minor, Saint Saens' Adagio and Andante as well as music for solo organ and unaccompanied horn.

Mary Jo Neher is a second generation Alaskan born and raised. Since moving to Chicago in 1999 she has been an active freelance and chamber musician. She is a regular member of the Millar Brass Ensemble and has toured with The Phantom of the Opera and the North American Tour of Star Wars in Concert. She has performed for Fine Arts audiences as part of Uber Horn Quartet and the Polykrome Brass Ensemble.

Joseph Burgio is a native of Rochester, NY. Joseph has served Roman Catholic and Lutheran congregations in New York, Virginia, and Illinois, most recently at St. Bernardine in Forest Park. He is a free-lance organist and music tutor and instructor at Harold Washington College.

The concert will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. Admission to the concert is free of charge, although donations are gladly welcomed. A reception with the artists follows the concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee. The concerts are relaxed and casual, lasting about one hour. Perfect for families.

The final concert of the 2018/2019 season will be held on Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 pm and will feature John Ling and his mariachi orchestra. The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is a committee of Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 non-profit. Its mission is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through culture, education and service. To learn more, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766.



Mary Jo Neher, horn and Joseph Burgio, organ will perform a free program on Sunday, February 17th at Irving Park Lutheran Church.

News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



Tatas Tacos owner Marci Berner stopped by the Pantry in December to deliver the proceeds from her collection among customers and her contribution. Executive Director John Psiharis and Office Manager Sandra Schwarzbeck accepted the donation. Tatas will donate 10% of sales to the Pantry on Wednesday, February 13th.

Tatas Tacos Event Benefits Pantry 2/13

Come out on Wednesday, February 13th, to eat a delicious Mexican meal at Tatas Tacos (4929 W. Irving Park Rd.), and help your neighbors in need at the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. The restaurant will donate 10% of all sales to the Pantry on that day. Just mention that you want to support the Pantry when you order.

Thank you to Cindy Paredes, branch manager at TCF Bank (4660 W. Irving Park Rd.), and her associate, Jose Arguello, who dropped off a donation for the Pantry during our holiday program in December. We appreciate their support and participation in our special event!

Thank you to the folks at Concordia Place (3300 N. Whipple St.) who made up dozens of packages of their own soaps and lip balm and delivered them to the Pantry before our holiday program in December. We gave out many to our 1- and 2-person households at the program and in January. To learn more about Concordia Place's work, visit www.concordiaplace.org.

The Pantry is looking to sign up volunteers for Mondays and Wednesdays for different activities. Members of the delivery crew who unload and organize deliveries are needed for Monday mornings 9 a.m. to noon (although it's often a shorter time). On Wednesdays, people are needed for the setup crew from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., and additional volunteers are needed to work during Wednesday distribution hours from 9 a.m. to noon. If you can help

at any of these times, even if it's not every week, please contact Volunteer Manager Leslie Frazier at volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org.

The Pantry is in need of nonfood contributions to help clients. These include toiletries (especially shampoo, deodorant, soap and toothpaste) and men's crew-length white socks. These products are always in high demand and we frequently run low. Any donations of these at any time during the year are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who shops at Amazon and uses the Amazon Smile program to designate donations to the Pantry! The Pantry gets 0.5% of each purchase, which adds up. We receive quarterly checks from Amazon, so please sign up so we receive your donation (at no cost to you).

Work at Six Corners

Community Tavern is looking for a full time garde manger cook for evenings. Email Brenna Beato at brennabeato.communitytavern@gmail.com for more details.

Culver's is constantly looking to hire individuals who strive to serve others and do so with great personality and contagious positive attitudes.

Fishman's Public House and Bottle Shop, 4054-4060 North Milwaukee Ave., accepting applications for servers and barbacks from qualified candidates with friendly personalities and a great work ethic! Resumes can be emailed to work@fishmanliquors.com.

Elite Bartending School is looking for cleaning staff to clean hotel rooms in Rosemont, IL. Shifts are 8am-4pm on any day an individual is looking to work. The pay is \$13/hour, weekly pay. They are also looking for banquet servers for catered, corporate, and home events in varied locations at \$14.00/hour. Email Angela Torres at aprowaitstaffservices@yahoo.com if interested!

Irving Park Periodontics is looking for a Dental Hygienist in their Northwest side Periodontal office. Full Time or Part Time available. Please call 773-794-1332 for more information.



St. Edward School

Registration is open! We invite any family interested in Pre-K 3 - 8th grade for the 2019-2020 to register. Come see how we give

your child so much more than just a seat in a classroom.

We invite all prospective families to our Welcome Wednesday Tour on February 13. Registration is at 8:30am in the main school building, 4343 W. Sunnyside. Registrations for next school year will also be accepted.

The annual McNulty/Kelly Corned Beef Scholarship Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 3 from 12-5 pm in the gym, located at 4447 N. Lowell. If you have never attended, it is a fantastic way to kick off the St. Patrick's Day festivities with the best corned beef in the city! All profits benefit St. Edward 8th graders attending Catholic high schools.

Our 8th graders are starting to hear from high schools and the results are awesome! We look forward to the decisions they have from the many acceptances being received.

St. Edward School is a 2017 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon and is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside Avenue and serves students in grades PK3 - 8th grade. For more information, please visit the website at www.stedwardschool.com.

Special Teen Discount at Arts Events Through TAP

Teen Arts Pass (TAP) is a new initiative by Urban Gateways that gives young people ages 13-19 access to \$5 tickets to see professional dance, music, and theater performances in and around Chicago. With your free TAP membership, all you have to do is present your card at a participating venue on the day of the show, and as long as it's not sold out, you can purchase a ticket for \$5 cash. It's that easy! With the Teen Arts Pass, teens can experience live arts performances all around Chicago for only \$5. Signing up is totally FREE. For more information, <http://teenartspass.urbangateways.org>.

Schurz Showcase



From The Principal's Desk

Happy New Year to All!

I am happy to have this opportunity to introduce myself and speak to you about all of the

great things happening at Schurz.

I am going on my second year as principal at Schurz, but my career here began in 2010 as assistant principal. I have been with CPS since 2002 as a teacher, instructional coach, and resident principal at Lafayette Elementary School in Humboldt Park. I'm the proud father of two energetic boys who attend Belding Elementary School and am a life-long Northsider. Schurz is my neighborhood high school and it's where I'll be sending my oldest in just under two years.

I would like to encourage everyone to be on the lookout for the community events we have lined up for the spring and attend whenever you can, especially our **monthly family movie nights!** I always say that you can't have a neighborhood high school without a neighborhood, so I thank the Old Irving Park community for its continued support of our school.

Finally, feel free to say hi if you spot me at one of the many fantastic establishments in the neighborhood!

Anthony Rodriguez

Upcoming Schurz Events

Friday, February 22nd - Family Movie Night hosted by the Schurz Gay Straight Alliance. At 5:30 pm, help us build our positive message wall and make buttons! The screening of **"Inside Out"** (rated PG) begins at 6:30 pm.

Popcorn, candy, and pizza will be available for purchase! Hope to see you there! Movie Nights will always be the last Friday of every month unless otherwise noted.

To keep up on the latest happenings at Carl Schurz HS visit us at www.schurzhs.org, or follow us on Twitter and Facebook @CarlSchurzHS. Questions or concerns? Kudos and compliments? Contact Dee Barrett at dibarrett@cps.edu.

Chicago Communities Mayoral Forum February 5

Please attend the Chicago Communities Mayoral Forum on Tuesday, February 5 from 7 to 9 pm, at Roosevelt High School, 3436 West Wilson Ave., in the auditorium. This event is moderated by Eric Zorn of the Chicago Tribune.

Chicagoans will be electing their next mayor this February. Join community partners and civic organizations in Albany Park for a mayoral candidates forum, focusing on Chicago communities and topics such as economic development, housing, education, public health and social services, public safety, arts & culture, and the environment.

Doors open for an optional Candidate Reception at 6 pm. The program begins promptly at 7 pm and ends at 9 pm. RSVP at [nwwmayorforum.eventbrite.com](https://www.nwmayorforum.eventbrite.com).

Confirmed candidates include: Amara Enyia, Bob Fioretti, La Shawn K. Ford, Jerry Joyce, John Kozlar, Lori Lightfoot, Garry McCarthy, Susana A. Mendoza, Paul Vallas and Willie Wilson.

You can submit a question to the candidates and identify top issue area: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NWmayorforum>.

Free parking available in the northside lot of Roosevelt High School. Also, convenient transit options include the Kimball bus, Montrose bus, Lawrence bus, and Kimball Brown line station. There will be Spanish translations via headsets. Questions? Email events@northrivercommission.org to reach the mayoral forum planning committee. Want to volunteer? Email events@northrivercommission.org for more information.

This event is hosted by North River Commission, Albany Park Chamber of Commerce, American Indian Center in Chicago, Aspire, Lawrence Hall, Northeastern Illinois University, 33rd Ward Youth Council and Lawrence Avenue Development Corporation (LADCOR).

Reading with Alderman Rosa Thursday, February 7

Families, seniors, and children of all ages are invited to Reading With Alderman Rosa, on Thursday, February 7 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. We're so excited to host the first public event at the new Independence Branch Library, where we'll be promoting bilingual literacy! The first 20 families will receive a FREE bilingual English-Spanish children's book. Nonprofit Literacy Chicago will provide information on digital literacy for seniors, and ESL resources for families. We hope to see you there! The new Independence Branch Library is located at 4024 N. Elston.

News for Senior Citizens

Update on The Point, 4747 W. Irving Park Rd.

The senior living component at the Point at Six Corners development proposal has changed since the community meeting this past summer. Based on community feedback and guidance from Alderman Arena, Ryan Companies reduced the total number of units and modified the unit mix to include more independent living units and less assisted living units. The total project size will decrease from 265 units to 248 units, and the affordable housing will increase by two units. The evolution of the unit mix has been in response to community concerns about economic impact, and they believe this final unit mix addresses those concerns.

The grocer-anchored retail component remains unchanged, and Clark Street Real Estate is finalizing plans with Aldi, consistent with the design and site configuration presenting to the community this past summer.

In addition, Ryan continues to have conversations with several key community stakeholders including Six Corners Association's Design Committee to gain input to public spaces, amenities, bike and pedestrian safety, public art and place-making as well as the Northwest Portage Walking Museum and the Chicago Public Art Group to consider opportunities for collaboration. Ryan and Clark Street have filed their Planned Development amendment application with the city and expect to be on the January 24th meeting of the Plan Commission.

You can stay informed on the latest progress by visiting: www.pointatsixcorners.com.

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Applications for the senior housing above the Independence Branch Library is now open!

Eligible applicants must be 62 or older and earn less than 60% of the Area Median Income. Rents for units with 1-bedroom will start at \$850, and \$1,000 for 2-bedroom units. Leasing will be handled directly through Evergreen Real Estate Group. Beginning on January 3, 2019, Evergreen will begin the leasing process. Applications will be accepted via mail or online at <https://www.evergreenreg.com/communities>. Applications will be processed on a first come-first served basis.

Additional units will be available with rental assistance from the Chicago Housing Authority, with the leasing process for those units will be administered by them via their website, <http://www.thecha.org/>. Applications for the CHA rental assistance units are now open. To apply for a CHA senior housing:

- 1) Click "Apply for Housing-Public Housing & PBV Applicants Only!"
- 2) This screen will default to public housing
- 3) Choose PBV to find the correct list of properties
- 4) Choose Independence Apartments/Northtown

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Windy City Playhouse News

Noises Off! at Windy City Playhouse

The Story: With just hours until opening night of NOTHING ON, this amateur theater troupe has plenty of work to do. Between mistaken props, forgotten lines, inner-cast discord, and a torrent of awful acting, one wonders... Will these eager thespians successfully stage their sex farce script, or will they end up running around with their pants (quite literally) at their ankles?

Presented in three acts, NOISES OFF typically features a revolving stage that rotates to show audiences the front and back of a theater. For our production, to bring our guests closer to the humor onstage (and off), we'll be inviting the audience to move. Returning to the Playhouse to create this experience is the duo behind the uniquely intimate setup of 2017's BECKY SHAW: Director Scott Weinstein and Scenic Designer Jeffrey D. Kmiec.

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For tickets, group rates, and questions, visit www.windycityplayhouse.com or email info@windycityplayhouse.com. Windy City Playhouse's Flagship location is at 3014 W Irving Park Rd.

Filament Theater News

FORTS! Build Your Own Adventure at Filament

Back for another exciting year of adventure! Enter a world of play and creation as Filament Theatre transforms into a play-space for children and parents to build new worlds. Using cardboard boxes, sheets, clotheslines, and more, you will build adventures of your own devising. With theatrical design elements working together to support creative play, your family is sure to be swept away in the adventure! Snacks and drinks will be available. The experience lasts about one hour.

Sensory Friendly: We will be holding a sensory friendly performance of FORTS on February 23 at 11am. Tickets can be purchased at .

Birthday Parties: We love celebrating special days with young people! Birthday parties can be booked via the ticket link above. If the date you would like is inactive, please email to inquire as to availability.

Adult Nights: We will have Grown-Ups nights on February 9 and March 9 at 8 pm. BYOB!

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Kate DiCamillo's beloved book is brought to life in an intimate style, with dynamic characters and live music. Edward Tulane will take your whole family on a miraculous journey you are sure not to forget. In the story, Edward Tulane has everything a toy rabbit could want, but the arrogant rabbit loves nothing but himself. Swept away on an unexpected journey that takes him from the bottom of the ocean to the top of a garbage heap, on steamships and boxcars, Edward discovers the power of a heart that can love, break, heal and love...

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Questions? Want to bring a group? Email boxoffice@filamenttheatre.org. Filament Theater is located on 4041 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

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3rd Saturday of the month at 11 am. They want to hear from teens and host events for them. Last Thursday of the month at 5:30, Police meet with teens interested in law enforcement. For Beat 1723, the third Saturday of the month at 9 am there is a mock teen court with teen jury. Teens issue the offender their sentence, such as an apology to the victim or a paper to write.

New Issues In December, around 9 pm, by the Blue Line station, two offenders approached an individual, displayed a handgun and stole \$50.

Police encourage the use of video doorbells, as sending images of offenders helps. They arrested an individual responsible for three package thefts. There is also a Ring app you can use, even if you don't have the Ring doorbell. It will tell you incidents based on your current location.

Call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide detailed descriptions of the individuals and vehicles involved in any incident. 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 are held monthly on the third Wednesday, at the 17th District Police Station on 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. Meetings typically last one hour.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. If you or a neighbor have been the victim of a crime and you would like to share that information with your neighbors, e-mail the details to westwalkercrimealerts@gmail.com. The exact address of the crime and name of the victim will be kept anonymous.

*Liz Mills
CAPS Coordinator*

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Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! Here's a list of neighbors who have joined or renewed as of February:

- Gettings Family**
- Arlene Klimara**
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It's Membership Renewal Time!

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