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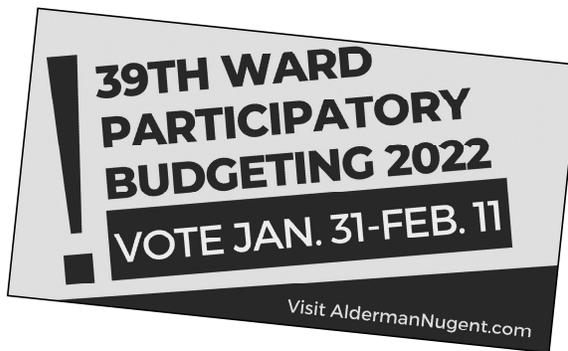
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39th Ward Participatory Budget Voting Begins January 31

Voting for Participatory Budgeting in the 39th Ward will begin on Monday, Jan. 31 and run through Friday, Feb. 11. Alderman Samantha Nugent is excited to share the list of projects that will appear on this year's ballot.

When Alderman Nugent was elected in 2019, she brought the first PB cycle to the ward. Now in its 3rd year, 40 community members are on the PB Committee. The PB Committee proposes, evaluates, and selects projects that are voted on by residents of the 39th Ward. See the projects on this year's ballot by checking the Alderman's Facebook page and AldermanNugent.com.

You can vote online or by paper ballot at the ward office during regular business hours. 39th Ward Residents, age 14 years and older, vote on the community ballot. The infrastructure projects that receive the most votes, which add up to \$500,000, will be funded. You can vote online here (<https://www.participatepbchicago.org/processes/PB39>) starting Monday, Jan. 31 through Friday, Feb. 11.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, Feb. 13 • 2:00 pm

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents: Beatriz Helguera-Snow, piano
Andrew Snow, cello
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding Ave. **Free!**
Proof of vaccination and masks required.

Wed., Feb. 16 • 6:30 pm

Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting
In-Person and Zoom
4650 N. Pulaski, Community Room
Email: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org for an invitation.

Sat, April 2 • 7:00 pm

St. Edward School Fundraiser
Big Red Auction & Comedy Night Doors open at 5:30 pm.
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You can also visit our
Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

Dear Neighbor,

LET'S BRING BACK THE ANNUAL WWCA GARAGE AND YARD SALE. We have a date. For you students of history, the garage has traditionally fallen on the Saturday after Mother's Day. Not wanting to break tradition, that puts the garage sale date on **May 14, 2022**. More information on registration will appear in future Wires and on the weekly email Blast.

In January, we began to recognize some of the businesses that call West Walker home. Please send me your stories of businesses that continue to serve and thrive in the neighborhood as we would like to highlight them throughout the year. Email me at webber.wwca@gmail.com with businesses you think should be recognized.

Here two more businesses West Walker you should visit. We will highlight many more in future Wires.

Hearth & Crust

3608 Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60618

<http://www.hearthandcrust.com>

Highlight: Dine-in and carry-out Northern Italian food

Proper Bonkers

4003 N Elston Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

<https://www.properbonkers.com>

Highlight: Unique, curated antiques and home goods

Stay Safe and Well.

Mike Webber

WWCA President, Pro Tem

Feeling Down This Winter?

Here are some tips to help you ward off the winter blues:

- Get 7 to 9 hours of sleep every night
- Go to sleep and wake up at the same time every night/day
- Eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables daily (1 serving = 1 cup).
- Each day, get 30 minutes of aerobic exercise.
- Walk to your destination (when possible), even on cold and cloudy days.
- Spend time with friends and family regularly. Maintaining social connections is important!
- Sit in sunny spots to maximize your exposure to natural light. Consider purchasing a light therapy box.

Source: *Healthy Penn State*

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."

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Windy City Playhouse Opens with Sons of Hollywood

As of January 26th, Windy City Playhouse returns to Irving Park!

Windy City Playhouse presents: Sons of Hollywood. Tickets are on sale now! Experience the drama up close and personal at Windy City Playhouse's flagship location at 3014 W Irving Park Rd. Sons of Hollywood will run through April 16th.

Based on the true story of two gay silent film stars, Ramon Novarro and William Haines, Sons of Hollywood by Barry Ball and Carl Menninger is the dramatic story of how these two men fell back to Earth after being stripped of their stardom by the Motion Picture Production Code of 1934.

To order tickets, visit windycityplayhouse.com or call the Box Office at 773-891-8985. The WCP flagship performance space is located at 3014 W. Irving Park Road.

Independence Parka

by erica dreisbach

THE NEAR FUTURE (PROBABLY)



REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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How's the Market?

Hi Neighbors,
The real estate market in our West Walker neighborhood is going strong. Even though its cold out, there are serious winter buyers who are out looking and ready to buy. It continues to be a sellers' market due to a shortage of homes for sale. Sellers are getting 96% to 98% of their asking price depending on whether you are selling a multi-family (96%), a condo (98%), or a single-family home (98%). Here are a few other West Walker statistics:

Single Family Homes – median sale price is \$500,000 and time to contract is 14 days.

Condos/Townhomes – median sale price for a 2 bedroom is \$220,000 and time to contract is 27 days.

2 to 4 flats – median sale price is \$455,000 and time to contract is 27 days.

Keep in mind, these are averages. Each home is unique with its own special features. Your sale price will also depend on the size of your home and your lot, what improvements you have made, age of your roof, furnace, water heater. Properly preparing your home for sale and having a good marketing & pricing strategy is key. If you're interested in knowing your home's value and how to prepare for selling, please give me a call.

Source: MRED

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

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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723

January 19, 2022 Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Community Organizer John Campos, CAPS Officer Jerry Zanders, Capt. Kaup, Ald. Samantha Nugent, (39th), Erika Wozniak from Ald. Nugent's Office, Jessica from Ald. Rosa's office (35th), Vicko Alvarez from Rosanna Rodriguez's office (33rd)

Note: On January 18th, Captain Edwin Kaup was named Acting Commander for the 17th District following the promotion of Commander Pontecore.

Officer Zanders kicked off the meeting with New Year's greetings. Alderman Nugent (39th) announced that participatory budgeting voting is underway. Projects to be voted on by 39th Ward residents are grouped into three categories: Community & Culture, Safety, and Parks & Recreation. The ward office hours are now: M-F, 9 to 7; TWTH 9 to 5; F 9 to 3. Over 20,000 KN95 masks have been distributed by the 39th ward to residents, schools, nursing homes and community partners.

Jessica from Alderman Rosa's office (35th) stated that the Ward's participatory budgeting has just wrapped up. Projects will be announced shortly. 800 residents voted. The 35th Ward also distributed KN95 masks. A police camera is going up in the 35th Ward near the highway to combat carjackings.

Officer Zanders highlighted numerous incidents in Beat 1723, which covers all of West Walker.

- On 12/20 at 3:30 p.m. a person who had been shot four times was found lying in an alley in the 4700 block of Monticello.
- On 12/1 at 9:30 a.m. a person was shot in the 3600 block of W. Montrose. The offender was shooting from a car.
- On 12/11 at 10:37 p.m. a homicide occurred in the 3600 block of W. Belle Plaine. A small black SUV was the offending vehicle. Shell casings were recovered.
- On 12/21 at 5:24 a.m. there was a homicide in the 4600 block of N. Central Park. There were multiple calls of shots fired from a grey Crossover SUV. Weapons were recovered.

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Is Now a Good Time to Sell Your Home?



SOLD
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News from Irving Park Lutheran Church

Celebrating Black History

In February in worship we'll have a focus on racial justice and celebrate African American Heritage with special prayers, music, and other elements of worship. 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.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner 2022 – Possibly

We're holding off on our final decision until the middle of February, but if we do have a Fat Tuesday pancake supper this year it will be on Tuesday March 1, from 5 - 7:30 pm in the IPLC Gym, with our traditional menu of Swedish pancakes, regular pancakes, sausage, lingonberries, apples, and orange juice for all. Admission will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 12 and under. "To go" options might also be offered.

Ash Wednesday & Wednesdays in Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on March 2nd. Join us that evening at 7:00 pm for a service that includes imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Then join us on five subsequent Wednesdays (March 9-April 6) also at 7 pm for a thirty minute Lenten service of song, scripture, poetry and silence. If conditions allow, we will also offer a meal before the service, in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7 pm.

Scout Program Expanding

The partnership between Irving Park Lutheran Church and Boy Scouts of America (now known as BSA as it has become gender inclusive) is more than one hundred years old. The Troop at IPLC, which meets in the gym Monday nights and recently added a Cub Scout pack for younger members, helps young people build character, become good citizens, and develop personal fitness. For more information and to be connected to leaders of either age group, contact the church office at 773-267-1666 or office@iplc.org

Souper Bowl of Caring

The day before the Super Bowl, Saturday, February 12, all the high schoolers of IPLC are invited to mask up and make soup in the IPLC kitchen from noon - 2 pm. Then, on Sunday, February 13—after the 10:30 am worship service—everyone is invited to stop by the Fellowship Hall to pick up pints or quarts of soups to enjoy at home, and to make a donation (the amount is up to you!) to fight hunger. Funds raised will be donated to organizations tackling hunger.



St. Edward School

Save the date to attend St. Edward School's biggest annual fundraiser, **Big Red Auction & Comedy Night: Saturday, April 2, 2022.** Doors open at 5:30 pm and the show begins at 7 pm. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. This year's event will feature an online auction and an in-person stand-up comedy show, which will be broadcast live on our YouTube channel. Proceeds from the Big Red Auction & Comedy Night event support educational resources, school improvements and tuition assistance. There are several ways you can support our efforts that including donating an item to the auction, becoming a sponsor and buying a raffle ticket or ticket to the event. For more information or to buy tickets, visit <https://stedwardchicago.org/big-red-auction.html> or email auction@stedwardschool.com.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Community Events that benefit St. Ed's and give you a night off from cooking! Thank you for your support!

Moretti's, Wednesday, February 9, all day
6727 N. Olmstead Ave., Chicago
Mention St. Edward School when placing your order!

BRGRBELLY, Tuesday, February 22
5739 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago
Mention St. Edward School when placing your order!

St. Edward School celebrates 112 years of providing a Catholic education to children in grades PK3 – 8th grade. You can contact office@stedwardschool.com to schedule an in-person tour or individual Zoom tour with our principal. St. Edward School is a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. For more information, please visit our website at www.stedwardschool.com or call the office at 773-736-9133 to learn more about our outstanding academic programs and extended care.

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



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Free Concert February 13th

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present Beatriz Helguera-Snow, piano and Andrew Snow, cello in the third concert of its 2021-2022 season on Sunday, February 13th at 2:00 p.m. The concert will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. The concert is free, but donations to support future programming are always welcome!

The concert will feature music for piano and cello from Mexico, Spain, Argentina and Brazil. Composers include Manuel Ponce, Manuel de Falla, Astor Piazzolla, Marlos Nobre and Gaspar Cassado.

Proof of vaccination, a photo ID and a mask are required. Vaccinated children five and older are welcome. The date of the concert is subject to change depending on current Covid-19 conditions. Check our web site and Facebook page for status updates.

A native of Mexico City, Beatriz Helguera-Snow is an active recitalist, chamber musician and collaborative pianist. She is a member of the Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players and holds a Master's Degree in piano performance from Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University. She has played solo and chamber music recitals in all major recital halls of México City. Ms. Helguera-Snow has taught hundreds of young pianists over the past 25 years as part of Betty Haag Suzuki Academy and DePaul University Music Community Division as well as in her private piano studio.

Born in Chicago, Andrew Snow is Co-founder of Chicago Panamerican Ensemble, member of Chicago Sinfonietta,



Pianist Beatriz Helguera-Snow and cellist Andrew Snow will perform music from Mexico, Spain, Argentina and Brazil February 13th at Irving Park Lutheran Church. The concert is the third in the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's free concert series.

Chicago Philharmonic and Lake Forest Symphony, and the chamber group Chicago Ensemble. Mr. Snow has performed in many of the major concert halls throughout Europe and Mexico City. He has played with the Milwaukee Symphony, Joffrey Ballet, Ravinia Festival, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chicago String Ensemble, Fulcrum Point, American Ballet Theatre and many more. He holds a Bachelor's of Music from Northern Illinois University, and a Master's in cello performance from Southern Methodist University. He is a prestigious cello instructor and judge for young cellist competitions. He has taught hundreds of young cellists over the last 30 years.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee, now in its 28th season, was created by Roger Bingaman, Director of Music at Irving Park Lutheran Church. The intent of the series is to bring high quality, professional music and theatrical events to the northwest side of Chicago. The series is a program of Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, visit our web site at carlsoncommunityservices.org. Sign up for our newsletters or follow us on Facebook if you'd like to stay informed about all that is happening!

Space available at MAP!

The Magic After-School Place (MAP) is in its 15th year of providing high quality, affordable after-school care for children attending Murphy and Belding Schools. We welcomed students back to MAP this past fall for in-person programming and have a few additional spaces available.

With a fully vaccinated staff, strict attention to masking and distancing, and additional cleaning protocols, MAP is a great destination for neighborhood kids after school. Our income-based tuition structure makes MAP a valuable partner for working families who need a safe place for their children after school. Equally important, children receive homework help and tutoring, play group games and enjoy social time with friends. Program space is generously donated by Irving Park Lutheran Church, helping us do this important work in our community. MAP meets from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. every day CPS is in session at the IPLC gym located at Harding and Belle Plaine. For more information and to enroll your child, contact Rebecca Haneberg at mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org or visit carlsoncommunityservices.org.



Making snow cream at the Magic After-School Place (MAP).

News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Pantry Easter-Basket Program Starts



The Pantry is collecting items for Easter baskets to be given out to clients' children in March and April.

The Pantry will give out Easter baskets to clients' children up to 10 years old from March 23rd to April 13th (prior to Easter on April 17th). We are looking for donations of filled plastic eggs, small games and puzzles, 24-count boxes of crayons,

small plush animals, party-favor-sized toys and wrapped candies. Please do not donate Easter baskets, we are looking only for items for the baskets.

Donations can be taken to Big Helpers (4184 N. Elston Ave.) on Monday through Friday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or the drop box on the enclosed front porch at 3833 N. Tripp Ave. (any time). Contact-free registries are available at Amazon, Walmart and Target. Please see our Facebook page for links. Items can be purchased from those or they can be used as ideas for in-store purchases.

We also encourage organizations to do their own collections or assemble baskets (using only dollar-store bucket-type baskets, please). Contact Special Events Coordinator Craig Shutt at craigshutt@gmail.com for details or to arrange a delivery.

The Pantry also is still collecting toiletries for its Choice table, allowing clients to select from a menu of personal-care items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, razors and shaving cream, baby wipes, dishwashing liquid and others. If you would like to donate to that program, the items can be taken to the same dropoff locations as mentioned above or you can donate via PayPal at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org or by check to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago IL 60618.

Thank you to the members of the Sts. Viator & Wenceslaus Church's Girl Scout troop, who put together dozens of birthday-party kits for our clients! The kits include cake mix, frosting, candles, candies, plates and napkins in a festive gift bag. We appreciate the Scouts' support and their creative approach to thinking about our clients' needs.

Thank you to Aldermen Carlos Ramirez-Rosa and Jim Gardiner, both of whom donated 500 N95 masks to the Pantry. The masks are being given out to clients and volunteers to help keep everyone safe and healthy through the pandemic surge.

We appreciate everyone's support as we continue our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Gayle Christensen shows off some of the N95 masks donated to the Pantry by Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa.



Birthday kits consisting of cake mix, frosting, candles, little candies, and paper plates and napkins were donated to the Pantry by the Girl Scout Troop at Sts. Viator & Wenceslaus Church.



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Filament Theatre Names Reji Simon Associate Artistic Director



Filament Theatre, Chicago's innovative theatre for young audiences since 2007, is proud to announce the addition of longtime collaborator Reji Simon (he/him) as associate artistic director. Simon will join Filament's three staff members:

Founder and Artistic Director Julie Ritchey, Managing Director Krissi McEachern, and Education Director and Resident Artist Molly Bunder. A Resident Artist at Filament since 2017, Simon has performed in the theatre's beloved productions of "The Van Gogh Cafe" and "The Snow Queen." But his impact goes far beyond the stage.

"At Filament, Reji has been an actor, a casting director, served on board committees, and everything in between," Ritchey said. "He is a deeply generous leader and collaborator who enriches every space he's in."

Simon will play a vital role in advancing Filament's long-term goal to decentralize artistic leadership through centering the perspectives of young people. "Reji's commitment to elevating youth voices and stories makes him a crucial partner to Filament's vision of becoming a truly youth-led theatre." Ritchey

continued. "It's impossible to imagine a future at Filament without him at the helm." Despite the pandemic, Filament has continued its commitment to supporting artists. The theatre provided income to more than 40 independent artists in 2021 through its virtual and outdoor workshops and performances. And as the theatre looks toward reopening to the public in March, Simon's role will focus

on making Filament a vibrant, equitable and collaborative artistic home for professional artists and young people to work together.

In addition to his work with Filament, Simon has also worked with the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health and Cleveland Playhouse. Simon, a graduate of the Theatre School at DePaul University, is committed to developing artists through community building and deconstructing the barriers meant to keep people from making art.

Filament Theatre, on Chicago's Northwest Side, has been creating innovative theater for young audiences since 2007. Filament's mission is to create a more equitable society by celebrating and amplifying the perspectives and experiences of young people through the performing arts. Filament is located at 4041 N. Milwaukee. Contact us at 773-270-1660 or visit us at filamenttheatre.org.

Do you like desktop publishing?

Do you like volunteering? West Walker Wire seeks a volunteer editor to publish the Wire Newsletter. This is an easy job, and can be done from home. The Wire is published monthly from September to June (3 months off). Contact Lee at west_walker_wire@yahoo.com for more information. Requirements: Needs access to Adobe InDesign.



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- On 1/7/22 at 9:33 p.m. there was a carjacking at 4200 N. Pulaski. The victim was parking when three masked offenders got out of a white Nissan Rogue and demanded the car. An hour later, the stolen car was spotted in the 3100 block of W. Foster and 3 people were taken into custody. They were charged with misdemeanors.

- On 1/13 there was a report of shots fired at 5:00 p.m. in the 3400 block of W. Cullom. The victim was in a car trying to park. Shell casings were recovered.

Officer Zanders reported several arrests, unrelated to the crimes above, where firearms were recovered.

Officer Zanders reported that other than motor vehicle thefts, crime is down in the 17th district. Capt. Kaup urged residents not to leave their keys in the car or cars running. That is the major source of motor vehicle theft. He stressed that it's illegal to leave keys in the car and to leave a car running, unattended.

In response to a resident question (in the Zoom chat) regarding how crime is being addressed, Capt. Kaup stated that overall crime is down for shootings, homicides and robberies for 2021 while crime across the city has increased the last couple of years. Staffing shortages across the country have affected police departments. Due to most of the violence being in vehicles, 17 is focusing on vehicle stops and they are deploying internal and external resources to specific locations with gang conflicts and highest levels of crime. He also stated that gang conflicts ebb and flow in the district. 17 is a district with one of the lowest crimes and calls for service. Residents can help by reporting crimes and providing information.

Vicko Alvarez from Ald. Rodriguez's office (33rd) reported that the ward office hours are currently by appointment only. They have exhausted their supply of KN95 masks.

Chicago Police Department is offering cash rewards for tips leading to charges and convictions. \$5,000 for tips leading to gun trafficking charges and convictions and up to \$15,000 for tips leading to homicide charges and convictions. Callers are 100% anonymous. The number to call to leave a tip is 833-408-0069.

Anyone interested in becoming a police officer is invited to a Bowl with a Cop event on Feb. 22 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Diversey River Bowl.

Call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide detailed descriptions of the individuals and vehicles involved in any incident.

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WWCA Members

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Pulaski Cleaners

Susan Pyne

Jim Scagnelli

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The West Walker Wire welcomes ads and articles from all of you! The deadline is always seven days prior to the first of the month. November issue's deadline will be January 25. Please keep contributions down to about 1/2 page of news (or approximately 400 words). Submit to: Lee Samsami Stein, Wire Editor, west_walker_wire@yahoo.com. If you're interested in placing an ad, contact Shannan Bunting at WWWire@solsticepr.com.

Please note: If you're sending articles or information about an event, please make sure it's in a Word or Google document or the text is directly in the body of the email. Unless your contribution is a Wire paid advertisement, it should not be in pdf format.

You can also post your events on our online community calendar at: westwalker.org/calendar.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lee at west_walker_wire@yahoo.com.

It's Membership Renewal Time!

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

Ten issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge

The annual community garage sale

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