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Warmer Days = Farmers Markets!

Mark your calendars today for the Farmers Markets at Independence Park! Farmers Markets are always held on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Independence Park is located at Irving Park Road and Hamlin Avenue. The park is in walking distance from the Kennedy Expressway and the Irving Park station of the CTA Blue Line. Dates for the Independence Farmers Markets are: June 10 and 24, July 15 and 29, August 12 and 26, September 9 and 23, October 14 and 28.

Farmers Markets Seek Craft Teachers!

Kids like to have fun and keep busy while their parents shop at the Independence Farmers Market! We are currently seeking volunteers who can run one or two Children's Craft Classes during the markets: From 10 a.m. to noon. The craft can be simple and inexpensive. All interested inquiries please contact Pat Clark at pat.clark1973@yahoo.com or call 312-263-3754.

Pre-Mother's Day Fine Craft Fair

The Independence Park Advisory Council & The Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association proudly announce the **Pre-Mother's Day Fine Craft Fair** on Sunday, May 6th from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Independence Park Fieldhouse, located at 3945 N. Springfield (1 block East of Pulaski, South of Irving Park). Browse and purchase hand-made Jewelry, Glass, Ceramics, Textiles and other Handcrafted Items. Make your mama proud!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, April 14 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Marriage Tune-Ups

St. John's Episcopal Ch., 3857 N. Kostner

Tuesday, April 17 • 7:00 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting

Officer Nominations, Lawn & Garden

Hints by Jack Prikos

Latvian Community Ctr., 4146 N. Elston

Friday, April 20 • 7:30 p.m.

Film: *Traces of the Trade*

St. John's Episcopal Ch., 3857 N. Kostner

Sunday, April 22 • 3:00 p.m.

The Alan Gresik Swing Shift Orchestra

St. John's Episcopal Ch., 3857 N. Kostner

Sunday, April 29 • 2:00 p.m.

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents:

Cello & Piano Concert

Irving Park Lutheran Ch., 4100 N. Harding

Friday, May 4th • 10 a.m. to Noon

Saturday, May 5th • 9 a.m. to Noon

St. Edward's Flower Sale

Playlot, 4447 N. Lowell

Friday, May 4th • 7:00 p.m.

Carlson's Spring Trivia Night

IPLC Gym, 4057 N. Harding

Friday, May 4th • 7:30 p.m.

Hands to Help Ministries Trivia Night

Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee

Saturday, May 5th • 9 a.m. to Noon

St. Edward's Deals on Wheels Sale

Gym, 4447 N. Lowell

Sunday, May 6 • 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Pre-Mother's Day Fine Craft Fair

Independence Park Fieldhouse

3945 N. Springfield

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

Dear Neighbor,

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD: The WWCA is celebrating its 100th year as a civic organization in 2012. The needs and issues facing our Community have changed many times over the years. The WWCA would like to enter our second century as an effective voice for all members of the community. The WWCA has traditionally sponsored events, published the Wire, held general meetings with topical presentations, coordinated the annual garage sale, and so much more. Last year, we conducted a survey and are taking steps to be responsive to the needs reflected in those results.

Now that we have that information, we need the volunteers to keep supplying the support and activities people want. We would like to keep the WWCA viable, responsive and accessible to all of the community. To do that, we all need to pitch in, if we can. We will be asking for specific volunteers in the coming weeks. Think about what you can do and be ready for the call.

Finally, spring is officially here (or was that summer?) and permanent warm weather can't be far behind. Spring is always a time of increased activity. As you spend more time outside, cleaning, planting or just enjoying the outdoors, keep an eye on your neighborhood. We have had a increase in traffic issues (speeding, failing to stop at stop signs) and crime. Please, call 311, 911 or the Alderman's office to report any issue of concern. Attend a CAPS meeting if you can. We can all do a little bit to make the neighborhood safer for all.

Mike Webber
President, WWCA

A Moon for the Misbegotten

A Moon for the Misbegotten is the companion piece to Eugene O'Neill's autobiographical Long Day's Journey into Night and his final play. It is a tale of humor, vulnerability and passion in which two lonely souls find a window of happiness in the moonlight and approach the coming dawn with hope and apprehension. Directed by ensemble member Kevin Theis, the cast includes renowned Chicago actors and ensemble members Jeff Award-winning actor Brad Armacost, Carolyn Klein, and Steve Pickering, a veteran of Broadway who has performed in over 30 productions at the Goodman Theatre.

Don't put off seeing this play, thinking you will get around to it later because this amazing production will run for only six weeks. Do yourself a favor: Feed your soul. See this beautiful story. March 22 - April 29. For tickets call 866-811-4111 or order online by visiting www.seanachai.org.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

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

Celebrating 100 years of service to the West Walker Community

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Submit ideas and text to:

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

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



WWCA General Meeting Minutes

March 27th, 2012

Officers Present: Mike Webber, Davor Engel.

Current bank balance was reported by Mike Webber to be approximately \$3,800.00.

Davor Engel reported on his attendance at the recent Save Portage Theater meeting, which attracted more than 1000 attendees. The Chicago Tabernacle, an Albany Park

religious organization, has proposed to purchase the theater and convert it for church use. This would include removal of the marquee and substantial alteration of the interior. The conversion of the theater is opposed Alderman Arena; however, the church has applied to

the zoning board for the necessary zoning changes, which would be required prior to the church's purchase of the property. More information is available at www.portagepark.org and a facebook page has been established at www.facebook.com/SavePortageTheater.

Mike Webber reported on methods to create neighborhood watch and phone tree groups to help neighbors report concerns ranging from litter to crime.

Materials supplied by the Seventh District were distributed to meeting attendees. In addition, the

WWCA is investigating several new hyperlocal social networking platforms as possible recommendations to modernize traditional neighborhood watch and phone tree systems.

These social networks could be used for the entire West Walker area or sized down to specific blocks to suit the needs of a given block. More information regarding these networks will be provided in the future.



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CAPS Report

March 21, 2012 - Beat #1723

by Jane Nagle, CAPS Coordinator

Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker
neighborhood (February 15 to March 21):

Battery - Aggravated: Knife/Cutting Instrument - 1

Battery - Domestic Battery Simple - 1

Battery - Simple - 2

Burglary (forcible entry) - Theft of Bicycle - 1

Burglary (unlawful entry) - 1

Criminal damage - criminal defacement - 2

Criminal damage to property - 1

Criminal damage to vehicle - 3

Criminal trespass to vehicle - 1

Deceptive Practices - Illegal Use of Cash Card - 1

Financial ID Theft: Over \$300 - 1

Harassment by Telephone - 2

Other Weapons Violation - 1

Offense Involving Children - Child Abuse (Domestic) - 1

Public Peace Violation - Reckless Conduct - 1

Vehicle Title/Registration Offense - 1

As a reminder, for certain complaints (such as loud noise, panhandlers and aggressive people), the police often need to see an activity to make an arrest or take other action. In such cases, reporting the activity at a CAPS meeting or making a community concern report through ClearPath is not as helpful in resolving the issue as calling 911. So, in addition to registering such a complaint at a CAPS meeting or through a community concern report, a person seeing and wishing to report such activity should call 911 at the time the activity is occurring, so the police can respond, see the activity and take appropriate action.

CAPS meetings for our beat are currently held monthly at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month and typically last one hour. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

Have a CAPS Issue?

You can submit concerns to CAPS online at <https://portal.chicagopolice.org/portal/page/portal/ClearPath>. Then on the left-hand side, click "Report a concern about an issue affecting your neighborhood."



39th Ward Report



The Department of Water Management will install a new sewer main in Monticello, from Berteau Avenue to Belle Plaine Avenue, and in Belle Plaine, from Monticello to Elston, to replace the existing 106 year old pipes. Installation of the new sewer will begin shortly, with completion anticipated for May

2012, depending on weather.

During the last part of construction (approximately early May), Elston Avenue will be closed to "through traffic" between Hamlin and Ridgeway. Traffic will be detoured along Pulaski and Irving Park. "Local Traffic Only" will be allowed between Pulaski and Hamlin, and Irving Park and Ridgeway. Restoration of the damaged streets and parkways will follow this project. The Department of Water Management will soon be contacting residents who will be immediately affected by the construction. This is a major construction project that will no doubt cause some disruption, but it will benefit the community with improved drainage and a reduced risk of flooding.

Join us for our annual Clean and Green on April 21. It's a great opportunity to welcome spring, meet with your neighbors and freshen up your community. If you would like to participate, and if you need any supplies or bags, please contact Jonathan in my office at 773-736-5594.

With milder weather here, the Department of Streets and Sanitation has begun their Street Sweeping program. Street sweeping occurs between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays. Watch for the brightly colored "No Parking" signs posted on light poles and parkway trees. Failure to comply with parking restrictions for street sweeping will result in a costly ticket.

The Chicago Park District has a variety of programs for children and adults. Online registration for Summer 2012 programs begins on Monday, April 9th, and walk-in registration begins on Saturday, April 14th. Please contact Independence Park (3945 N. Springfield - 773-478-3538) or the Chicago Park District website (www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) for further information.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my public service office at (773) 736-5594 or email us at ward39@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

Save the Portage Theater!

A multi-community effort is underway to save the Portage Theater from being purchased by a religious organization against the wishes of all the surrounding community and business associations. For more information and details on how you can help, please visit www.facebook.com/SaveThePortageTheater or contact the office of Alderman Arena at 773-286-4545. This theater is a tremendous historic treasure and an economic focal point for the growth of Six Corners and the surrounding area. Please take a moment to help.



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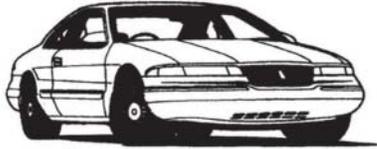
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WWCA Members

Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA!

Welcome to our neighbor who joined or renewed as of April 1st: **Elizabeth Cisneros**

It's Membership Renewal Time!

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

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

Bring your 2011-2012 dues to our next WWCA meeting on April 17th! Or you can mail in the application below.

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

Events at St. John's Episcopal

Two marriage counselors from Cathedral Counseling will give tips on marriage tune-ups on April 14 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. John's. Gay and straight couples who have been together at least one year are welcome. The session is based on current professional knowledge and will not take a particular religious view. Couples with serious marital problems should not attend, but can call the church for other resources. Cost is \$25 per couple, scholarships are available. Please call Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer at 773-725-9026 to reserve your spot.

Come see the film *Traces of the Trade* on Friday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. This film was chosen to be shown at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival. Filmmaker Katrina Brown and nine of her cousins trace the journey into the dark past of the slave trade, which enriched their white New England family. This provocative story will be followed by discussion. Free and open to the public.



The Alan Gresik Swing Shift Orchestra

On Sunday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m., The Alan Gresik Swing Shift Orchestra will perform a free concert as part of the Suellen J. Miller Memorial Concert Series. AGSSO has performed at the Green Mill Lounge, and has appeared in the film, "Return To Me." When it comes to 1930s swing music, AGSSO is musically superior and a stylistically accurate swing era repertoire band. Also, save the date: May 20th for John Elmquist's HardArt jazz group.

All events take place at St. John's Episcopal Church, on 3857 N. Kostner. For more information, call 773-725-9025 or visit www.stjohnschicago.com

Hands to Help Ministries

Once again neighbors are battling it out over trivia to raise money for their homeless neighbors! Join us for the **2nd Annual Hands to Help Ministries Trivia Night** on Friday, May 4th at the Portage Theater (4050 N. Milwaukee) at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$30 each or \$200 for a table of 8. Ticket price includes food with drinks extra. Free parking in the Sears lot. Order tickets at www.handstohelpministries.org or call Pr. Vickie Hadaway 773-283-6262.

Volunteer Opportunities Available!

OFFICE HELP Volunteers are needed to help in the office on Wednesdays from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. HTH is ideally looking for 4 people: One volunteer to work 1 week per month. **Volunteer training for Hands to Help receptionist volunteers on Wed. April 18 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.** **ERRAND RUNNER** If you have a car, and bits of free time each week, this might be perfect for you. Runners will purchase items (CTA card, toiletries, etc.) as needed, and will be reimbursed by HTH. Valid drivers' license required. *For those interested in Office Help or Errand Runner jobs, please contact Lee Stein at 312-608-1465 or leesstein@gmail.com.*

TUESDAY NIGHT OUTREACH Groups of 4 volunteers visit one of two designated areas to pass out lunches to those in need, and offer information about HTH. We seek a core of 12 people for this program. Outreach volunteers attend a 1.5-hour training for this exciting job! **LUNCHES for TUES. NIGHT OUTREACH** Groups needed to make simple lunches for our outreach volunteers to give to clients on Tuesday nights. This is a great opportunity for churches, scouting troops, high school students, or any other group of people who want to earn service hours, do special service projects, or simply help their community! *For those interested in Lunch-making or Tuesday Night Outreach, please contact Rev. Kara at 773-960-1889 or rector@stjohnschicago.com*

Hands to Help Ministries provides assistance to the homeless and those in crisis on the Northwest Side. HTH cooperates with area churches, NPOs, and the Six Corners Association. HTH is located at 3857 N. Kostner. Find us on Facebook! Visit www.handstohelpministries.org.

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News and Events from Carlson Community Services



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

community with a variety of outreach efforts.



Cellist Dorothy Deen and pianist Roger L. Bingaman will perform on Sunday, April 29

IPFAC Presents Cello & Piano Concert

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is pleased to announce its fifth and final performance of the 2011-2012 Performing

Arts Series. Cellist Dorothy Deen and pianist Roger L. Bingaman will perform on Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Avenue in Chicago.

A working musician for over 25 years, Dorothy Deen has performed with numerous area groups including the Chicago Jazz Orchestra, Kenosha Symphony, and Northwest Indiana Symphony. Currently, Dorothy performs with New Philharmonic and is the principal cellist for Light Opera Works in Evanston. She has been a member of the Seraphim Trio for the past five years.

Recently, she premiered two new duet works for cello and saxophone and cello and flute at the Sherwood Conservatory of Music in Chicago. IPFAC audiences will remember Dorothy's 2011 performance with the Naperville Chamber Players in their concert celebrating composer Alan Hovhaness.

Roger Bingaman, (better known as Bing), serves as the Director of Music at the Irving Park Lutheran Church, and is the Director of Apprentice Program and Chorus Master for the Sarasota Opera in Sarasota, Florida. Bing is also the Music Director and principal conductor of Light Opera Works, and has worked with Lyric Opera of Chicago,

Bowen Park Opera, and Chicago Opera Theatre among many other fine arts organizations. For his support and promotion of community artists, Bing was presented with the 2002 Friend of the Arts Award.

Concert admission is free of charge, with a free will offering. A reception with the performers follows.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Series, now in its 18th season, was begun by Bingaman. The intent of the series is to bring high quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood. The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee receives funding from Carlson Community Services.

Chili Supper to Benefit Three Brothers Garden a Success!

A power outage couldn't deter over 200 diners from enjoying the Chili Supper to benefit Three Brothers Garden. \$2,000 was raised for the garden, which provides the Irving Park Food Pantry's clients with fresh vegetables. Thanks to the volunteers, diners, and food and raffle prize donors who helped make the event a success!

Carlson's Spring Trivia Night - Friday, May 4th

Dust off your thinking caps and save the date for the next edition of Carlson's Trivia Night! Friends and neighbors will match intellects on Friday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$160 for a team table of 8. Bring your own snacks! Beer, wine and soda will be available for sale.

All proceeds will benefit the Magic After-School Place (MAP), which provides area families with affordable after-school care. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Helen Lira at helen@chilira.com or call 773-406-9821. This event is open to adults 21 and over. To learn more about Carlson, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt



Owner Michael Barrett (left) and Marketing Director Dan Harkensee of Liberty Tax Service with Pantry Executive Director John Psiharis. Photo by Craig Shutt

Hunger Walk Coming June 23rd

The 27th Annual Hunger Walk, sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, will step off at Soldier Field. Supporters can help the Irving Park Community Food Pantry in a number of ways: by donating, walking or organizing a team of your own. More details to come next month.

Food Drives Thanks to Liberty Tax Service (4900 W. Irving Park Rd), which provided a 50% discount to anyone bringing in food donations for IPCFP in March. The Irving Park United Methodist Church is holding a food drive for the Pantry during the month of May. Thanks to all in the congregation who help!

Executive Director John Psiharis spoke about the Pantry's Homebound Delivery program on a panel discussion at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, met with Representative Deborah Mell (and Client Services Coordinator Belma Torres and others from GCFD) to discuss food security and spoke during the Minute for Mission at Carter Westminster United Presbyterian Church.

Grants Writer Gloria Price attended a grants meeting with Congressman Mike Quigley, while Belma Torres participated in the GCFD annual Springfield Lobby Day. On April 1, Pantry President Kate Roche spoke at the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church about our efforts. Thanks to all these groups for allowing us to spread our message!

The Alan Shawn Feinstein, who divides \$1 million annually among hunger-fighting agencies nationwide, will again be supplementing donations to IPCFP. These funds are based on the total donations of food and money received during the month.

Men's Socks Needed Any donations of new men's, white, crew-length athletic socks can be left with food donations at the base of the stairs through the Grace Street entrance during business hours at Irving Park United Methodist Church (3801 N. Keeler). Thank you to the generous anonymous donor who recently sent us 14 pairs!

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Disney II Magnet School

Fundraising News

Our annual ABC Auction was a huge success due to the amazing efforts of the entire Disney II

community! Special thanks to our host for the evening, Homaro Cantu, owner of Moto and Ing. Together we raised more than \$35,000 towards the Extreme Gym Makeover. Funds raised thus far have enabled us to install score boards, new stage curtains, and sound proofing material for the walls.

What's that you say? This spring the Disney II Educational Foundation will be raffling off a family trip to Disney World. Stop by during the month of April to purchase a \$10.00 raffle ticket. The drawing will be held on May 24th, but you need not be present to win.

Science News Thanks to an IBM grant, the science lab will be updated with 16 cordless microscopes, 8 stereo microscopes, 3 digital microscopes, and many more materials to spark the curiosity of our young scientists.

The Battle is On Disney II has been selected to host the citywide finals of the Battle of the Books competition on April 28, 10-12 a.m. Stop by to witness the children's love for reading, get inspired, and cheer for the finalists.

Park View Lutheran School

March was the Park View Science Fair. The Preschool class showed their perspectives on positive and negative magnetic forces. The 7th and 8th Grade class tested female and male intelligence through a mouse maze, and many more interesting experiments.

The last week of March, the upper grade classes spent 3 days at WalCamp. They learned about Native American tribes of Illinois and studied the clouds and constellations, performed archery and cooked over a campfire. The beautiful weather allowed for many hikes as well.

All are welcome to join us on Easter Sunday. Easter Breakfast will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Scrambled eggs, french toast, sausage, etc. will be served. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The Festive Eucharist will be at 11:00, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Please come visit the Park View Open House on Sunday, April 22, 12:00-1:30 p.m. You can also get information about our Summer Camp: *We Go Everywhere!* Park View is located at 3919 N. Monticello. Call us at 773-267-0072.

CICS-Irving Park

Academic Achievements In our first graduating class, 30% of our students have been accepted into Selective Enrollment high schools! 7th grader Anthony Wagner won the 2012 Team Leader Award at the local Math Counts competition! On April 27th, our 8th grade will participate in the Global Classroom conference at IIT with other Chicago area schools. Global Classroom prepares students for leadership positions and encourages them to develop civic awareness and informed perspectives on issues affecting all nations.

Catch a Rising Pollock! On May 10th from 5 to 6 p.m. in the gym, please stop by and view our student artwork on display.

Thanks Neighbors! CICS-IP is very grateful to the following businesses which recently held events to help us raise funds for our "Classroom of the 21st Century" initiative: Abbey Pub (3420 W. Grace), La Villa Restaurant (3638 N. Pulaski) and Leona's (3877 N. Elston).

Won't You Join Us? This is the first year of our newly-formed Puma PTO organization, established as a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity. We've just published "The Puma Voice," our first newsletter. Our neighbors are invited to join us at our May 8th meeting at 6 p.m. See what's happening at school and share your thoughts!

St. Edward's School

We are accepting applications for the 2012-13 school year. For more information or to schedule a shadow day or tour, please call the School at 773-736-9133. Visit www.StEdwardSchool.com.

St. Ed's will celebrate "Earth Week" beginning Monday, April 16th. Each day has a different color theme and Friday will be our Earth Day celebration. Each day will have activities for the kids focused on the theme.

Girls on the Run is off! Our 3rd through 5th graders are participating on Girls on the Run. We are excited to offer Girls on the Track for our 6th, 7th and 8th grade



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girls. This national program teaches girls about nutrition, self-esteem and fitness. The culminating event is a 5k run beginning at Soldier Field on June 9th.

Come join St. Ed's for t-ball at Mayfair Park (4550 W. Sunnyside). The league is open to girls and boys 3 to 6 years old. Games and practices run mid-June through July. This is an Instructional League and the goal is to have FUN! Fee is \$20. Email RSVP@StEdwardSchool.com for registration form and additional information.

Thanks to all who attended our Big Red Auction as well as those who purchased Big Red Raffle tickets. Both were hugely successful and we are grateful to the West Walker community for its continued support of our school.

In partnership with the Farmers Market Garden Center, St. Ed's is pleased to announce the return of the Flower Sale, benefitting our Dominican Sisters. The sale will be held on Friday, May 4th from 10 a.m. to noon and Saturday, May 5th 9 a.m. to noon in the playlot at 4447 N. Lowell.

Looking for a gently used stroller or bike? Come to our Deals on Wheels Sale on Saturday, May 5th from 9 a.m. to noon. Consider donating your used stroller or bike. We'd love to sell it! Donations will be accepted May 2nd and 3rd from 7:45 to 9 a.m. and 2:45 to 4 p.m. and on May 4th from 7:45 to 9 a.m. in the Club Room (north side of the gym, 4447 N. Lowell).

St. Viator School

Science Fair Winners St. Viator was well-represented on March 10th at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science (IJAS) Region 2 Science Fair. Eight of our junior high students presented projects: Jean Ang, Tommy Brannick, Natalia Brzezinski, Brian Melgoza, Halle Noone, Felize Odisho, Dana Randall and Tiani Salgado. Each student received a Gold Award Certificate. In addition, Natalia Brzezinski and Tiani Salgado were selected to participate in the IJAS State Science Fair at the University of Illinois in Champaign on May 5th. The entire St. Viator community is proud of you -- good luck to Natalia and Tiani at State!

Enrichment Clubs Students in grades 3-8 were invited to participate in Spring After School Enrichment Clubs, which enrich the mind, body and soul. These free clubs, run by faculty, staff and approved outside sources include: Chess, yoga, science, business, brain sportz and book club.

Open House Our open house is Wednesday, April 18th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The entire school will be available to view. For a personal tour, call Marge Tiritilli at 773-545-2173 or email mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org. Visit our website at stviatorchicago.org.

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West Walker Civic Association

27th Annual Neighborhood Garage and Yard Sale Saturday, May 19, 2012, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - rain or shine

All West Walker residents are invited to participate in our
27th Annual Garage and Yard Sale

Cost to participate is \$5 for WWCA members and \$10 for non-members.
Your \$5 or \$10 helps pay the cost of advertising and printing.

The sale is advertised in the following newspapers and online sites:
Chicago Tribune • Red Eye • Hoy • Reader • Reader On-Line • Craigslist

Signs are posted on the main perimeter streets.

3,000 maps indicating the location of each participating garage or yard
are distributed the week of the sale.

Under **current city ordinance**, every home having a garage or yard 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. **Your permit will be delivered
to your address the Friday before the sale. (There will be NO confirmation
given before that.)**

Return the form below to have your address listed as a participant in the sale,
along with your application fee by May 8, 2012.

Or sign up on the WWCA website at <http://www.westwalker.org>.

For further information call Bob Crowley at 773.267.1921.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION GARAGE AND YARD SALE

Saturday, May 19, 2012

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

- I am a member of the West Walker Civic Association. Enclosed is my **\$5** participation fee.
- I am **not now a member** of the West Walker Civic Association but want to join. Enclosed is my **\$20** participation fee. Please credit \$15 toward my WWCA dues for 2011-2012.
- I am **not** a member of the West Walker Civic Association. Enclosed is my **\$10** participation fee.

Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Mail or drop off your form and payment to: Bob Crowley, 4125 N. Harding Ave, Chicago, IL 60618