



# WEST WALKER WIRE

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## Windy City Playhouse Presents "End Days"

"End Days" Runs through April 26th! It's the end of the world! Maybe. At least some members of the Stein family think so, and in this time of existential need each member turns to his own spiritual counselor. But with Jesus, Rabbi Baumbach, and Stephen Hawking amidst, might the Steins also find comfort in one other? WCP is located at 3014 W. Irving Park Rd. For dates and times, call 312-374-3196 or visit [www.windycityplayhouse.com](http://www.windycityplayhouse.com).



*A scene from End Days.  
Photo by Justin Barbin.*

## Trivia Night for the Homeless

Join us again for one of our most important annual fundraising events—Trivia Night! Trivia Night for the Homeless will be on **Friday, May 8th, from 7-11 p.m.**, in the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gymnasium at 4057 N. Harding Avenue. There will be great food, cash bar, DJ, and raffle prizes (including two VIP tickets to the 2015 Pitchfork Music Festival)! Prices are \$50 per Master Trivia ticket, \$40 per general ticket, and a Table of 8 is \$300, which includes a bottle of wine. Teams, small groups and individuals are welcome! All proceeds help our neighbors in need to obtain and maintain housing. You can purchase tickets at [www.handstohelpministries.org](http://www.handstohelpministries.org) today!

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Tues., Apr. 14 • 6:30 p.m.**

Adult Book Discussion Group  
Independence Branch Library  
3548 W. Irving Park Rd.

**Wed., Apr. 15 • 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

CAPS Meeting Beats 1722, 1723, 1724  
4650 N Pulaski, Community Room

**Sat., Apr. 18 • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

St. John's Rummage Sale  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
4939 West Montrose

**Sat., Apr. 18 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Bungalow & Vintage Home Expo  
McFetridge Field House  
3843 N. California

**Sun., Apr. 19 • 10 a.m. - noon**

Friends of Portage Park  
Winter Market  
4050 N. Milwaukee

**Tues., Apr. 21 • 7:00 p.m.**

WWCA General Meeting  
Latvian Community Center  
4146 N. Elston

**Sat., Apr. 25 • 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

GIPNA Annual Alley Cleanup  
GIPNA Table, Corner Byron & Lawndale

**Sat., Apr. 25 • 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

IPAC Spaghetti Dinner  
Independence Park Fieldhouse

**Fri., May 8 • 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.**

Hands to Help Ministries Trivia Night  
IPLC Gymnasium  
4057 N. Harding

**Sat., May 9 • Noon - 4 p.m.**

GIPNA Fine Craft Fair  
Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace

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

# Dear Neighbor,

Even though spring is taking its time to arrive, there is one sure sign that it is around the corner, and that's the annual West Walker Civic Association Garage Sale. In its 30th year, the sale is planned for Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's one of my favorite events, whether I'm manning my own sale or shopping everyone else's. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors who've been hibernating all winter and meet others who have recently moved in. Plus, garage sales are now in vogue as a green way to shop. Someone else's trash may very well be your treasure!

Thanks to Bob and Kevin Crowley and Melanie Reschke for their work on the sale. It all seems to happen so effortlessly, thanks to them. The City of Chicago requires a garage sale permit for every home participating. We'll take care of getting the permit for you and list your address on our map and in our advertising – just complete the application in the Wire and turn it in by May 10 or sign up by May 10 on the WWCA website at [www.westwalker.org](http://www.westwalker.org).

*Mike Webber*  
President, pro tem, WWCA

## Friends of Portage Park Winter Market

The next market is on Sunday, April 19th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Portage Theater, located at 4050 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

## Independence Park Farmers Markets Coming!

Spring is here – which means GIPNA's Independence Park Farmers Markets aren't far behind! Markets occur two Sundays per month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The dates are: June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23, September 13 & 27, and October 11 & 25.

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# WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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## News from Irving Park Lutheran Church

by Lee Stein



*Holy Smokes performed with three other bands on March 14, to kick off IPLC's Step Up Now campaign to raise money for the gym on 4057 N. Harding. Photo by Nik Krimm.*

### Local Bands Rock the Gym

People from far and wide came to the gym at 4057 N. Harding to enjoy good music for a good cause! Thank you to **FAITHCHICAGO**, **Glass Half Empty**, **Pin Drop Theater**, and **Holy Smokes!** Thanks to Aaron & Carl DaCorte of Iron Horse, for providing fantastic sound and

making the gym a concert-worthy venue!

This concert was meant to be a kick-off event to usher in Irving Park Lutheran Church's capital campaign for the gym, which is to raise \$125,000. Our gym serves so many, including those who play basketball, volleyball, those in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Jazzercise, Carlson Community Services' Magic After-School Program and many West Walker Events like Fall Fest and the Annual Halloween Party. Several other community fundraisers are held here (Carlson, Hands to Help Ministries), in addition to private anniversary parties and events. So the fate of the gym affects many. The concert brought not only awareness, but a nice jump to the campaign. Due to admissions, drink and pizza sales, and subsequent donations, we're off to a good start with about \$10,000 raised!

Big thanks go to the following businesses for their support: Lagunitas Brewery Chicago, Sam Khoury at Irving Park Liquors (3976 N. Elston), Six Corners Jewel, La Villa Restaurant (3632 N Pulaski) and Patty Wetli DNAinfo.com Chicago for the nice online article. Thanks to all of the individuals who volunteered to decorate and clean up the gym, the door people, bartenders and pizza servers. Finally, thank you to everyone in West Walker and beyond who came out to see the show. We had such a great time, and the fact that you were there made it all the more fun! Now, we embark on our journey to meet our goal of \$125K from the community.

Be sure to visit our home page at [www.iplc.org](http://www.iplc.org) to make a pledge to our **Step Up Now** campaign, and help us meet our goal. Thank you!



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## REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer  
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### Which Home Improvements Provide the Best Return?

It's Spring and maybe you have a little extra cash from your income tax refund. If you're wondering which project to do, according to Remodeling Magazine 2015 Cost vs. Value Report, these improvements give Chicago homeowners the greatest return when it's time to sell:

- Replace your garage door – 114% return.
- Change to a steel entry door – 100% return.
- Add a wood deck – 93% return.
- Put a bedroom in the attic – 88% return.
- Get new vinyl windows – 85% return.
- Do a minor kitchen remodel – 80% return.
- Vinyl side your home – 79% return.
- Remodel your bath – 71% return.

### Here are some remodeling trends for 2015

- Color – grey continues to be the new beige.
- Kitchens – darker cabinets, single bowl sinks, charcoal/white colors.
- Copper – in lighting, sinks and countertops.
- Walls – textured and faux finishes.
- Floors – engineered hardwood & statement making bath tiles.

If you're looking to buy or thinking of selling your home, or know anyone who is, please contact me. I've lived here for 19 years and I love our neighborhood!

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— *Dane & Dawn Johnson*

**If you're thinking of buying or selling, please give me a call!**



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## GIPNA Fine Craft Fair at Abbey Pub May 9

You know the panic when time is running short and you still don't have the perfect gift? Well, your worries are over. This year the GIPNA Fine Craft Fair will be held on the Saturday before Mother's Day. The popular event, which features the work of local artisans, will be held at the **Abbey Pub, on Saturday, May 9, from noon to 4 p.m.** The Fine Craft Fair will feature original handmade craft items such as jewelry, textiles, glass, ceramics, decorator pillows, crocheted baby clothes and toys, birdhouses, handmade cards, and so much more! Abbey Pub is located at 3420 W. Grace.

## Spruce Up for Spring at the Annual Alley Cleanup

It happens every year: When we get double-digit snowfalls we have nowhere to put it all, and when it finally melts we see the accumulated debris and garbage that builds up over the winter.

In Independence Park we celebrate Earth Day by gathering neighbors for our annual GIPNA Alley Cleanup. This year's cleanup will be on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Cleaners should report to the GIPNA table located at the corner of Byron and Lawndale. We'll have shovels, rakes, and brooms for your use, along with garbage bags, courtesy of the 45th Ward. Enjoy a free cup of coffee, then grab your tools and begin the cleanup.

Each neighbor should at least clean behind their own house; task can be handled by a single family, it goes by quickly, and the whole neighborhood benefits. When everyone chips in, the residents of each block can work together to clean up their alley in just a couple of hours.

If you have school-age children, this is an opportunity for them to fulfill their community service requirements. For information, please call Alison at 313-720-5268 or contact [gipnamail@gmail.com](mailto:gipnamail@gmail.com) for further details. We'd be glad to have the students be a part of our cleanup crew.

## Spaghetti Dinner April 25th

Independence Park Advisory Council (IPAC) will host the 25th Spaghetti Dinner at the Independence Park Fieldhouse on Saturday, April 25th from 5 to 8 pm. Check out [www.independencenparkchicago.com](http://www.independencenparkchicago.com) for more details and advance ticket options.

# 39th Ward Report



Spring is here and it's time to "Break Out" and enjoy the outdoors. On Thursday, April 9, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. families and youths are invited to come out and spread their wings at LaBagh Woods (5400 North Cicero Avenue). Activities are open to everyone and include archery, nature hikes, scavenger

hunt, outdoor skills and much, much more. For more information please call 708-386-4042 ext. 22.

On Saturday, April 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski, is hosting an afternoon of chamber music featuring string quartet musicians of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's training ensemble for emerging professional musicians. The performers will speak out about the personal and historical significance of the works to be performed, and invite the audience to ask questions and engage with the musicians. Admission to this event is free, no tickets or reservations are required.

The Department of Streets and Sanitation began their Street Sweeping program on April 1. Street sweeping occurs between 9 a.m. and 3 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 City of Chicago's annual Clean and Green will be on Saturday, April 18. It's a great opportunity to welcome spring and spruce up your community. The City will have some supplies and tools available for volunteers. To organize a group or find an existing group to join, call Jonathan at my office at 773-736-5594.

The Chicago Park District will open Online Registration for Summer 2015 programs on Monday, April 13. In-Person, Walk-In Registration will begin on Saturday, April 18. Please contact Independence Park (3945 N. Springfield – 773-478-3538) or the Chicago Park District website ([www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://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](mailto:ward39@cityofchicago.org).

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

## News From Irving Park United Methodist Church

Thanks to our congregation, neighbors and community for your help raising matching funds for our North Wall repair! Your contributions activated \$49,271 of the available matching fund, and the "Save the Wall" effort is now more than halfway to our needed total!

**CPS Safe Haven Spring Break April 6-10** Money Management, art and music is the theme of the week. The time is 10 am-2 pm each day, lunch is provided. Call the church office register your children and leave a message at 773-283-6262. Partial week of attendance is possible. **Parents:** If you want to improve your money management skills, we are offering Financial Peace University classes in mid-April. FREE preview classes will be offered on Thursday, April 9 at 7 pm and Saturday, April 11 at 3 pm. Child care available upon request. There is no cost for Financial Peace University except for the materials which you order yourselves online. To register, call us at 773-283-6262.

**Broadway Spring Concerts April 17-18** Our 4th Broadway show progresses, and the theme is SPRING! Music includes "Colors of the Wind," from Pocohontas, "The Circle of Life," from The Lion King, "Alone in the Universe" from Seussical: The Musical and more! Come and enjoy the talents of our neighborhood children on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 pm. Proceeds benefit the Irving Park Food Pantry and the Neighborhood Arts Initiative of IPUMC. If your children want to participate, or be contacted for future arts events, email us at [irvingparkumc@comcast.net](mailto:irvingparkumc@comcast.net) or call the office at 773-283-6262.

**Benefit Concert on Thursday, May 14** Bobby Jo Valentine performs on Thursday, May 14 at 7 pm to raise funds for the North Wall! Using acoustic guitar and ukulele, Valentine sings captivating songs of honest emotion in a style described as "hopeful folk/pop." Childcare provided for this wonderful concert!

**Film Screening, May 1** The documentary, "I Never Said I Wasn't Happy," by Chicago visual artist Sara Peak Convery is a serious inquiry into the nature of relationships, the family dynamic, marriage, hopes, joys and disappointments. Shown at several film festivals, it received favorable reviews. Sara will be available for a Q&A session after the screening. Target audience is adults, young, middle and old, who are exploring changing family relationships. See the trailer at [www.ineversaidiwasnthappy.com](http://www.ineversaidiwasnthappy.com). Childcare with special activities will be provided. Screening is Friday, May 1st at 7 p.m.

# 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.

## Three Brothers Garden Welcomes Spring



Three Brothers Garden is preparing for the 2015 growing season and we're looking for help! The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski, behind the Irving Park Lutheran Church. The garden was founded in 2009 as a pantry garden for the Irving Park

Community Food Pantry. That means that everything grown in the garden is distributed to food pantry clients at their Wednesday morning distribution. Since 2009, over 5,000 lbs. of vegetables have been donated to the pantry.

Volunteer gardeners are needed for garden clean up, planting, weeding and harvesting. Starting in mid-to-late June, regular harvests take place on Tuesday nights from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Work days to tackle larger projects like spring clean-up, adding soil to the raised beds and other tasks are usually done on Saturdays. If you'd like to be added to our e-mail list to stay informed about work days and harvests, contact Liz Mills at [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org) or 773.398.6766. No prior gardening experience is necessary. We love to introduce novices to the joys of gardening! Kids welcome, too!

Three Brothers Garden is a program of Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 non-profit. The mission of Carlson is to connect the Irving Park Community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

## Scenes from Soup & Bread

Here are some highlights from Soup & Bread for Carlson held March 1st. Photos by Amy Sobin.



Even the neighborhood kids got in the game, volunteering to sell drinks and bake sale goodies.



Charlotte, Chris and Isabel at the drink cart.



Left: Carlson staffers Cara and Rachel help out in the kitchen. Right: Laurie Gardner and Kirsten Gettings man their soup station.

# News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

## Pantry Hires New Client Resources Coordinator



*Elvia Esparza, the Pantry's new Client Resources Coordinator, will be providing clients with assistance and referrals to local organizations and programs. Photo: Craig Shutt*

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is pleased to say that Elvia Esparza has joined us as our new Client Resources Coordinator. Elvia is a social worker with nine years of experience working with clients in need, including high-risk pregnant women as a Care Coordinator; crime victims as a Bi-lingual Public Safety Social Service Worker and children as a Child Welfare Specialist. Elvia is a neighborhood resident who lives just a few blocks from the Pantry and speaks

fluent Spanish. She began working at the Pantry on March 4th.

She will be providing our clients with assistance and referrals to organizations and programs that can help improve their situations. Her aid includes help with employment and rental information, assistance in receiving benefits and health care and helping homeless clients obtain shelter. Our thanks go to the FDC Foundation for their annual grant that allows us to fund her part-time position.

Pantry Volunteer Rafal Glaz, owner of the SaveMax Depot, an office-products supplier, is offering a program in which new and existing clients can align their accounts so their purchases of toner provide us with donations. From March 15 to May 31, SaveMax Depot will set aside 15% of profit generated from Premium Compatible toner purchases and 10% of profit generated from brand-name toner purchases. They will verify their sales totals with the Pantry and make the donation in June. For more information, visit [www.savemaxdepot.com](http://www.savemaxdepot.com).

The Pantry has achieved the Bronze level of participation at GuideStar Exchange, which documents charities' transparency and record-keeping and provides up-to-date details about each nonprofit group involved. The Exchange is used by a variety of businesses and

philanthropic organizations as a credible reference when they are allotting charitable contributions.

For more information on the program, visit [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org).

Thank you to

volunteer Gloria Price, who detailed all of the information required by GuideStar so we could achieve this rating.

Thank you to St. Viator's Student Council, which organized a drive for hygiene products for the Pantry earlier this year. The donations filled three large boxes and were very much appreciated by our clients. We are always in need of hygiene products, including razors, lotion, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers and women's hygiene products. Travel sizes work fine (so save them from your hotel visits). We also are always in need of men's white crew socks for our clients.

Thank you to everyone who donated goodies and money to help with our distribution of Easter baskets to our clients for their children in March. Special thanks to Irving Park Lutheran Church, Irving Park United Methodist Church, St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church and Disney II Junior

Girl Scout Troop for their donations of completed baskets for our distribution. Thanks also to volunteers Ashley Abboushi and Judy Allen, who organized and created more baskets mid-month, as well as AIM Consulting in Chicago—A Technology Consulting and



*Volunteer Ashley Abboushi (second from right) worked with staffers at AIM Consulting in Chicago to put together Easter baskets midmonth using donations from the consulting firm and additional donations. Photo: Patrick Chew*



*Sarah Ayala of the Student Council Executive Committee at St. Viator Elementary School, gathers some of the hygiene products that the Student Council collected during its drive earlier this year. She is helped by Student Council Advisor Mary Kay Shutt (left) and Principal Colleen Brewer. Photo: Craig Shutt*

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## Schurz High School

Schurz High School, the Urban School Foundation, and local maker Christina Peireturn will host the **Chicago Northside Mini-**

**Maker Faire** on Saturday, May 2, celebrating teaching and learning for all ages of makers, new and old! For those of you who are new to Maker Faire, it is the largest celebration of DIY (Do-It-Yourself) in the world. Maker Faire is a venue for inventors, technophiles, artists, crafters, mad scientists, hackers, musicians, and anyone who makes cool things and want to show others how it's done.

We need a bigger team to welcome our many friends, families and makers! We are welcoming volunteers at every level - from makers to event day volunteers! For more information, contact: [ChicagoNorthsideMF@gmail.com](mailto:ChicagoNorthsideMF@gmail.com). Free parking is available in the lot directly adjacent to the Schurz "Big Lawn" on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue. For more information, visit [www.makerfairechicagonorthside.com](http://www.makerfairechicagonorthside.com).

## St. Viator School

St. Viator School is participating in an exciting recycling program that gives schools a chance to earn rewards and compete for contest prizes. The Rally encourages participants to make the planet a cleaner, greener place, while providing post-9/11 disabled U.S. veterans with job training resources. Please help St. Viator by bringing your non-alcoholic aluminum cans and clear plastic bottles (marked with #1 PETE on the bottom--no milk gallons) to the west of St. Viator school on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Drop-off is located off the parking lot between the school and playground, 4140 W. Addison. St. Viator seeks the support of individual donors as well as business owners. If you have a business and would like to donate your non-alcoholic plastic and aluminum beverage recyclables, we can arrange a pick-up. To find out more about how you can help us reach our goal, please contact Cindy Santos at 773-833-4871 or Heather Santillan 312-593-4189.

## St. Edward School

Join us on Wednesday, April 22 at the Olive Garden on 3555 W. Addison. That evening, a significant amount of the evening's sales will go directly to St. Edward School. Take a night off from cooking to support St. Ed's. Please mention our school -- thanks for your support!

In partnership with the Farmers Market Garden Center, St. Edward Parent Organization (SEPO) will hold the **Annual Flower Sale** on Friday, May 1, Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3 from 9 a.m.-noon in the playlot, 4447 N. Lowell. Proceeds benefit the Dominican Sisters of St. Edward Convent. Purchase annuals, gorgeous hanging baskets and herbs!

Looking for a gently used bike, stroller, wagon, or sports and other outside play equipment? Our **Deals on Wheels** sale will be on Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. - noon in the school gym, 4447 N. Lowell. We are accepting donations! Drop-off for Deals on Wheels will be Thursday, April 30 from 2:45-3:15 p.m. in the Club Room (north side of gym, 4447 N. Lowell) and Friday, May 1 from 7:45-8:00 a.m. We are accepting wheels of any kind, gently used sports equipment (soccer cleats, t-ball gloves, etc.) and outdoor play equipment (water tables, play houses, etc.). Thank you in advance!

Our next Open House is 9-11 a.m. on Thursday, April 23. Or call to schedule a tour. Email [events@stedwardschool.com](mailto:events@stedwardschool.com) for more information. St. Edward's School is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. Call 773-736-9133 or visit [www.stedwardschool.com](http://www.stedwardschool.com).

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### CICS-IRVING PARK SCHOOL

**5-Below Fundraiser** CICS-IP wishes to thank the Five Below store at 3302 W. Belmont for sponsoring a fundraiser that donated 10% of our March purchases back to our school. You've made a difference!

**3 Cheers for the Champs!** Our 5th/6th Grade Cheerleading Team was recently crowned Chicago Public School City Champions! Great job, Lady Pumas!

**PUMA Prowl Walk-A-Thon** We are looking for sponsors for our annual walk-a-thon to be held on May 13th. Proceeds raised will help our students by purchasing leading-edge technology, as well as supporting teachers and staff through training and support. For more information, please contact Susie Clark at susclark1@yahoo.com.

**Used Book Sale** The Green Parents Group is sponsoring a Used Book, Uniform and Halloween costume sale. All are welcome to attend on April 21st thru 24th. Select your next mystery, biography, children's or "how to" book from a wide variety of used offerings that will be on display in the gymnasium. All proceeds benefit our successful recycling and composting initiatives, which teach our students about sustainability! Contact Ann Kauth at annkauth@mac.com.

## ALDERMAN JOHN ARENA

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Chicago Public Schools has added two additional days to this year's academic calendar.  
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John 12:24

*Christ is that grain of Wheat*

## Summer Opportunities for High School Students

### Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps

The Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps program (CCLC) is a six-week conservation service-learning experience. The crew will consist of 10-12 high school participants and two adult leaders. The first week of the program is spent in training and workshops. As a team, the crew will perform ecological restoration and trail maintenance projects in the Forest Preserves of Cook County for remaining five weeks. Each Friday, students will participate in field days learning about the local ecology and the environment at various sites throughout the region. Participants are compensated for their work at a starting hourly rate of \$8.25\* (\*pay will be reduced for missed work and taxes are deducted from the total pay).

The 2015 Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps program runs from Monday, June 29 to Friday, August 7.

You can visit [www.fotfp.org/internships/cclc/](http://www.fotfp.org/internships/cclc/) and fill out the online application or print the PDF version and drop off, mail, or scan and email it to Friends of the Forest Preserves, CCLC Program, 542 S. Dearborn St. Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60605. Applications must be submitted by email or postmarked by April 24th!

### Crew Leaders Needed!

Are you interested in leading a group of high school students completing hands-on conservation projects in the Forest Preserves? Apply to be a crew leader for the Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps! Applicants must be 21 or older. Visit [www.fotfp.org/internships/cclc/](http://www.fotfp.org/internships/cclc/) to download an application.

## Free Bungalow and Vintage Home Expo

One of the best ways to learn how to maintain and adapt your bungalow is to attend the Chicago Bungalow & Vintage Home Expo 2015. With more than 50 exhibitors offering goods and services, energy saving products, programs and grants, and workshops and special presentations to inspire you, the Expo is a great opportunity for you and your bungalow. American Institute of Architects (AIA) Chicago is sponsoring "Ask an Architect" sessions. Join us on Saturday, April 18th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Expo will take place at the McFetridge Field House, located at 3843 N. California Avenue. For more information, or to r.s.v.p., visit [www.chicagobungalow.org](http://www.chicagobungalow.org).

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## Magic Mushroom Registration is Open!



*Magic Mushroom students enjoy the outdoors.*

Register now for the 2015 Magic Mushroom Summer Program at Irving Park Lutheran Church, now in its 40th year! Call the church office at 773-267-1666 or visit [www.iplc.org](http://www.iplc.org) to download a brochure and enrollment form. You can also pay your tuition

online! The 2015 program dates are July 6th through July 31st, and will meet five days per week from 9 a.m. to noon. We are very excited for this summer and we hope your children can join us for learning, fun and friendships, new and old!

**Girl Scouts Feed Shelter Guests** Girl Scout Troop 279 is preparing sack lunches for guests at Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Help them by donating: lunch bags, ziploc bags, juice boxes/water, single-sized bags of chips, fruit/veggies, snacks, or gift cards to Aldi or other grocery stores. For more information, contact Scout Leaders Jonna Brodersen at 773-777-0698 or Deb Wojtkiewicz at 773-842-2313.

## Library News

**Teacher in the Library** provides free homework help to students Monday through Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. **Pre-school Story Time** will be held Mondays at 10:30 a.m. This program is for babies and children up to 5 years old, accompanied by parents or caregivers. Please note the last Story Time for this season will be April 27. Story Time will resume again in late September.

**The Adult Book Discussion Group** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. On April 14th we will talk about *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland.

**Money Smart Week** is April 18 - 25. We will host a Money Smart Program entitled *Retirement Has Changed: What's Your Next Move?* presented by Martin Perdoux, financial advisor for Edward Jones, on Tuesday, April 21. This presentation will cover organization of financial assets, setting retirement goals, staying on track and reaching them.

All Chicago Public Libraries will be **closed on Tuesday, May 5th**, for All Staff Institute Day, and will reopen at their normal times on Wednesday, May 6th. Independence Branch Library is located at 3548 W. Irving Park Road. Call 312-744-0900 for more information.

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Solutions Firm, which donated funds to the program and helped put together baskets mid-month.

Thanks also to President Mike Barrett and Manager Mike McNichols of Liberty Tax Services on West Irving Park Road, who partnered with the Pantry once again this year to generate donations during tax time. The company donated \$5 to the Pantry for every paid tax return completed between January 2 and February 15, and then offered a 50% discount on tax-preparation fees to anyone making a \$20 donation to the Pantry through March 31st. The initial part of the promotion raised \$560 for the Pantry!

Save the date for The Greater Chicago Food Depository's annual Hunger Walk on Saturday, June 20th at Soldier Field. More details to come!

Apologies to Vicci Rodgers, who didn't receive credit in the March OIPA newsletter for her excellent photo of the Pantry's Belma Torres and Sandra Schwarzbeck, who spoke at the "Save the Wall" program at the Irving Park United Methodist Church in January. The two also participated in the booth program during the get-together afterward to discuss the Pantry's operation.

Thank you to everyone for your time, money and overall support. With your help, we will continue to be "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

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## Filament Presents EARTH FEST



*Golden Horse Ranch Band will perform at Filament April 17.*

Filament Theatre Ensemble invites the community to the first EARTH FEST – a one weekend festival celebrating sustainability, community development and the one and only Earth we have. Festival

events run from April 17th through April 22nd (Earth Day) at Filament Theatre!

The festival begins on April 17th at 7:30 p.m. with the Filament Barn Dance featuring the **Golden Horse Ranch Band**. The Golden Horse Ranch Band plays polkas, waltzes, contra, swing and square dances in the tradition of old time barn dances. Third-generation caller Annie Coleman will teach you how to swing like thunder and dip the oyster in no time! The Ranch Band returns to the Six Corners after presenting their 9th Annual Barn Dance Apocalypse at Filament Theatre in 2013. Come dance the night away! Tickets are \$8 for young adults (13-18) and \$12 for adults.



*Filament players, actors and directors will create and perform for Sustain-36 on April 19.*

The weekend also features **Sustain 36**, a zero-waste, 36-hour community-supported play festival. Thirty-six hours from showtime a title will be selected (from community submissions) and a group of actors, directors and playwrights will collaboratively create an entirely new play. All props, services, or support needed to create the show will be requested from community members via social media. Then, at 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 19th, Filament will perform this brand new show. It's like a potluck for playmaking! Follow Filament on Facebook and Twitter using **#sustain36** starting at 8 a.m. on April 18th to take part in this community-supported project. Any community member who has loaned an item or participated in the creation of the project can attend the show for free (tickets can also be purchased for \$20)!

Other festival events include a **Six Corners Spring Clean-up** lead by the Six Corners Association, a workshop on improving pedestrian and bike safety that features the Active Transportation Alliance and lead by the Six Corners Association, and a meet-up for local theater people to brainstorm sustainable solutions to Chicago store-front theatre production.

To learn more about Filament's mission toward visionary theatre, a vibrant neighborhood, and a verdant earth, visit our website, where tickets for Earth Fest are now available – at [www.filamenttheatre.org](http://www.filamenttheatre.org). Filament is located at 4041 N Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago. You can also call the office at 773-270-1660.

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**You can now pay your WWCA dues with either PayPal or a credit card at the West Walker website ([www.westwalker.org](http://www.westwalker.org))!**



## Rummage Sale at St. John's Lutheran Church

One man's trash is another man's treasure at our annual Rummage Sale, which will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Early bird shopping from 8-9 a.m. for \$5 per person entrance fee. After 9 a.m., entrance fee is 50¢ per person or 1 can food item per person for our food pantry. \$5 bag sale at 2 pm. Cleaning out your closets, the basement, the attic? We would love your donations! Please save your gently used items for the rummage sale. Donations can be dropped off from Sunday, April 12th through Friday, April 17th. Drop off times: April 12-14th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and April 15-17th from 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Please note that electronics that required special disposal/handling cannot be accepted. St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 4939 West Montrose Avenue.

## Attend Your CAPS Meetings

Get to know the police in our area. Tell them about crime problems on your block. We can work together with the police to improve our neighborhoods and the entire community. Meetings last about 45 minutes. See specific dates in the Community Calendar on the front page.



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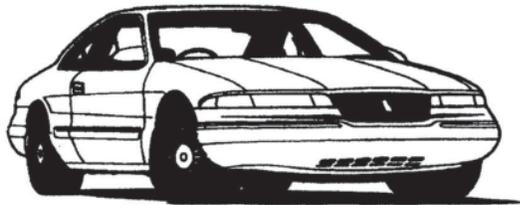
The West Walker Wire welcomes ads and articles from all of you! Keep contributions down to 1/2 page of news (approx. 400 words). Submit to: Lee Samsami Stein, Wire editor, at west\_walker\_wire@yahoo.com. To place an ad, contact Shannan Bunting at WWWire@solsticepr.com (see ad rates on page 14 of this newsletter). Remember also that you can post events on our online community calendar at: westwalker.org/calendar.html.

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Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA!  
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Kevin & Carol Barry  
Sarah Brown & Ashley Brandt  
Jim & Carol Bruton  
Cheryl Clark  
Laurie & Ed Gardner  
Kirsten Gettings  
Sue Gregoire & Jim Medd  
Glenn & Miiri Kotche  
Jane Nagle & Rich McDermott  
Patrick & Ellyn Nugent  
Anne Marie O'Kelley  
Joel Reese  
Beth & Lachlan Tidmarsh  
Karin Turnquist  
Michael & Jessica Vahey  
Maureen & Paul White  
Jim & Kris Wylder  
Irving Park Lutheran Church

## WEST WALKER WIRE AD RATES

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<b>1/2-page ad</b> (7.5" wide x 5" high)	\$60 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$165 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$330 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$520 <input type="checkbox"/>
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- The Wire is published 10 times a year (September through June).
- ALL AD ARTWORK is due on the 20th of the month prior. High-resolution pdfs, tiffs, and jpgs (black-and-white) are preferred. Microsoft Word files and camera-ready "hard copy" versions also are acceptable.
- WE PREFER that ad artwork be submitted as a file attachment and sent in an e-mail to: [WWWire@solsticepr.com](mailto:WWWire@solsticepr.com).

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## 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 & businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.
- E-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime.
- Area non-profit groups like Irving Park Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.
- Free special events, like the Halloween Party and Fall Festival and 4th of July celebration at Independence Park.

Bring your 2015-2016 dues to our next WWCA meeting on April 21st! Or you can mail in the application below.

## WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yearly Membership Dues: Effective May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016

Check one:            FAMILY \$15             BUSINESS \$20             SENIOR \$5

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print. Write your name as you would like it to appear in the *West Walker Wire*.)

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

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note your e-mail address if you would like to receive e-mail updates:

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to: WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
Mail or drop off your application and dues to: Sue Gregoire, 4106 N Springfield, Chicago, IL 60618



# West Walker Civic Association

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

### Saturday, May 16, 2015, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - rain or shine

All West Walker residents are invited to participate in our  
30th 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 10, 2015.

**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 16, 2015

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 2015-2016.
- I am **not** a member of the West Walker Civic Association. Enclosed is my **\$10** participation fee.

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And to those who have not had a chance to stop by yet,  
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