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**OCTOBER 2012** 

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#### Halloween at West Walker!

by Kirsten Gettings

Join us Halloween weekend for some spooky and silly neighborhood fun! Mark your calendar for the West Walker Civic Association's Halloween Party and Fall Festival! This free event will take place Saturday, October 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m., at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym on the corner of Harding and Belle Plaine.



The party will kick-off with crafts, games, music and refreshments in the gym. At 11:15 we'll draw for great prizes and wrap-up with a costume parade for all ages! A drawing for exciting prizes will be held – tickets are \$1 each. Prizes include: Halloween Gift Basket courtesy of Dorie Westmeyer, Realtor,

Charles Rutenberg Realty; a fun kids basket donated by Amy & Rick Sobin; and gift certificates.



A donation of canned food for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry would be appreciated. Join your neighbors as we celebrate fall in Chicago! Questions or want to help out? Contact Kirsten Gettings @kpgettings@comcast.net. Hope to see you Saturday morning, October 27th!



**Don't Forget!** The First WWCA General Meeting is Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Latvian Community Center on 4146 N. Elston.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sundays, Oct. 14 & 28 ● 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Farmers Market at Independence Park

Tues., Oct. 16 ● 7:00 p.m.

WWCA General Meeting

Latvian Community Ctr., 4146 N. Elston

Wed., Oct. 17 • 7:00 p.m. Beat 1723 CAPS Mtg, 4650 N. Pulaski

Fri., Oct. 19 • 7 - 10 p.m. Carlson's Fall Trivia Night Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym 4057 N. Harding

Sat., Oct. 20 ● 10:30 am. IPLC Blessing of the Pets 4111 N. Pulaski, Back ard

Sun., Oct. 21 ● 3:00 p.m. Concert w/ Pianist, Bryan Shilander St. John's Episcopal Church 3857 N. Kostner

Sat., Oct. 27 ● 10:00 a.m. WWCA Halloween/Fall Festival, Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym 4057 N. Harding

Sun., Oct. 28 • 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 a.m. Remembering Loved Ones Services St. John's Episcopal Church 3857 N. Kostner

Sun., Nov. 4 • 12 - 3 p.m. Central Bark Howl-A-Ween Party 3358 N. Pulaski

Sat., Nov. 3 • 5 - 8 p.m.
Fine Wine & Cheese Benefit
For the Independence Park Bungalow
Independence Park Auditorium
3945 N. Springfield

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

### WESTWALKER

## West Walker Open Recap

by Davor Engel, WWCA Vice-President



West Walker Open organizer Kevin Barry presents the 2012 trophy to Steve Mills. Congratulations!

ONLY POSSIBLY ECLIPSED by the recent mess at Medinah, the West Walker Cup this year was in rare form. Under perfect fall skies it was a pitched battle between all participants, but in the end Harding Avenue maintains its iron-fisted grip on the coveted cup with Steve Mills shooting a sizzling 78. Steve has subsequently been contacted by the 2014 U.S. Ryder cup team in quest of performance improvements. All participants enjoyed a 19th hole refreshment in the clubhouse

and commiserated about the round. Special thanks go out to Kevin Barry for his diligence in organizing this event again this year. It's a thankless job trying to accommodate schedules and coordinate locations, and Kevin does it with a smile. The real winner is West Walker with neighbors like Kevin. See you next year!

#### **Attend Your CAPS Meeting!**

Beat 1723's CAPS Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month, at the 17th District Police Station, located at 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. There is free parking in the lot on the east side of the street at Pulaski & Leland. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and last about an hour. Next meeting is October 17th!

Please make every effort to attend these meetings. They are very important for the upkeep and improvement of our neighborhood! Come on out, meet your neighbors and some of the officers that work in our area! Together we can make a difference!



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# 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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The West Walker Wire is published monthly September through June by the West Walker Civic Association.

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## WESTWALKER

## 39th Ward Report



EARLY VOTING for the 2012 November 6th General Election starts Monday, October 22 and continues through Saturday, November 3, Monday – Saturday, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. North Park Village, 5801 North Pulaski, will be the early voting location in the 39th Ward.

As a result of new boundaries and polling place consolidations, some polling place locations will change. The Chicago Board of Elections will be sending out cards to registered voters with information about polling places and early voting locations. You may also check your voter status and polling place location at the Board of Elections website, www.chicagoelections.com.

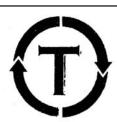
Where can you scare up a good Halloween Celebration but Franken Plaza? Daley Plaza is transformed on October 26-30, inviting children of all ages, and fear not, it's still free! For information on activities, visit www.chicagoween.us. Tips for a safe and fun Trick or Treat experience are available at www.SafetyAtHome.com, under the tab Seasonal Safety.

Construction season is wrapping up – for now. The city is planning their 2013 sewer and water main projects and I hope to have the list soon. If any are located in the West Walker vicinity, I will let you know.

With winter right around the corner, it's not too early to think about your annual flu shot. Once again, I am hosting free flu shots, with the city Department of Health. You can get your free flu shot this year in my 39th Ward Public Service Office, 4404 W. Lawrence, on Wednesday, November 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As always, please contact my office will any concerns or questions at 773-736-5594 or Ward39@cityofchicago.org

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward



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#### **Irving Park YMCA News**

The Irving Park YMCA has been given a grant for a new community playground by Kaboom and Mc Donald's. On Oct 20th we have planned for a build day of the playground. We are asking for community support from helping build the playground to donating supplies and other resources for that day. For those who are interested in being a part of this exciting project can contact Lara Pacelt at 773-326-2606 or Celia Stennett at 773-326-2623.

#### **Howl-A-Ween Party**

You and your pup are invited to a Howl-A-Ween Party on Sunday, November 4th, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Central Bark Doggy DayCare! Enter your dog in our costume contest for scariest, most creative and cutest costumes! Prizes will be awarded to all the winners. Cost is \$5.00 per person – kids and dogs are FREE! A pet photographer will be on site to capture your dog's photo in costume! Photo packages start at \$20.00. Central Bark Doggy DayCare is located at 3358 N. Pulaski. For more information, call 773-736-3641.

## **News from Independence Branch Library**

Story Time for children ages 2 - 5 years is held on Mondays at 10:30 am. Mother Goose on the Loose is a Lapsit program for children ages 3 months - 2 years old, and meets on Mondays at 11:30 am.

Teacher in the Library is a free homework help program for students. The teacher is available Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

The Friends of the Independence Branch Library Artists' Council along with the City of Chicago, and the Chicago Artists' Coalition, celebrate October as Chicago Artists' Month with their annual exhibition "Art Synthesis '12". The exhibition features original works by artists residing in the Independence/Irving Park community. The exhibit runs through December 1st.

Early Voting will start on October 22nd and end on November 1st. The hours for voting are Mondays through Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion group will not meet in October.

Independence Branch Library is located at 3548 W. Irving Park Road. Hours are M/W:10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m; T/Th 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.; F/Sa 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For information, call 312-744-0900.



## **Church News**

## Irving Park United Methodist Church

**Martha Groups for Men and Women Seeking Recovery** Open groups for AA are on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. For more information visit: www.marthagroups.com.

**Need Support for Homeschooling?** Northside Unschoolers Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. Just come or contact Justyna at justyna@rapidtransitcycles.com.

Chili Cook-Off Sunday, October 21 from 4-6 p.m. Restaurants and individuals are invited to bring a pot of chili to the cook-off. Prizes will be given for best vegetarian, meat-based, ethnic, mild for kids, and spicy chili. Email irvingparkumc@sbcglobal.net for entry form. All are invited to sample and vote. For \$5 you can try 3 chilis, and for \$10 try them all! Cornbread or biscuits and tea are included, and desserts available for a modest charge. Proceeds will benefit the community outreach ministries of IPUMC.

Irving Park Family Theater The first production ever of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat comes in December to benefit the Irving Park Food Pantry and Broadway Youth Lounge! James Dauphin, a talented area director, is directing this production for children, youth and adults. For more information, contact kpaisley5@gmail.com. Production dates will be December 1-2, 7-9. If you would like to help weave Joseph's coat of many colors, stop by the church to work on one of the two looms set up for the community at the church by Natalie of the Weaving Spa! Call 773-283-6262 or email to find out daytime, evening and weekend hours!

**Coat Drive** We are collecting new and gently used coats, gloves, hats, and warm socks to help keep our neighbors warm, especially those for ages 13-21 for homeless youth. There's a box at our church to receive donations through December 9.

#### St. John's Episcopal Church

**Art and Religion Lecture** Enjoy an evening of enlightening conversation about the intersection of art and religion. John Warren, Director of Music at St. Benedict Biscop in Wombourne England, will delight and inspire you with his humor, keen insights, and deep faith. Join us on Saturday, October 13 with wine and cheese reception beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and the lecture following.

**Free Sunday Concert** The Suellen J. Miller Memorial Concert will be on Sunday, October 21 when Bryan Shilander presents a solo piano recital at 3:00 p.m. This concert series is a gift to the people of St. John's and Old Irving Park in appreciation for their friendship and support of our former parish administrator. All the concerts open to the public, and presented free of charge.

**Remembering Loved Ones** Join us as we remember and honor all our loved ones who have died, especially those lost in the past year. Special prayers and the lighting of candles will be offered on Sunday, October 28 at 8:00, 9:15, and 11:00 a.m. To have your loved one included please email their name and date of death to Lisa Krappman at info@stjohnschicago.com. St. John's is located at 3857 N. Kostner, 773-725-9026.

#### Irving Park Lutheran Church

**Blessing of the Pets** Saturday, October 20, 10:30 am. in the back yard of 4111 N. Pulaski. Whether with or without a pet, all are invited to the Blessing of <u>all</u> of God's creatures. Always a fun event! (Don't forget to leash and/or cage animals so that everyone will play nice together).

**Scouts are Up and Running!** join our IPLC troops! Girl Scouts Troops (Daisies, Brownies and Juniors) meet Wednesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. Contact Deb Wotjiewicz at dlamarca1@sbcglobal.net or 773-842-2313. Boy Scouts meet Mondays at 7 p.m. and Cub Scouts meet Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Contact Elmer Haneberg at elmerrock@sbcglobal.net or 773-972-0470.

IPLC offers Adult Bible Study, and Sunday School for ages 3 years old through High School at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. Visit us on Facebook, our website at www.iplc.org, or just stop by and experience us at our 10:30 morning worship.

#### Circus Fun!

Four sold-out Circus in the Parks performances delighted neighbors the weekend of Sept. 29th & 30th. Proceeds of the circus will help raise funds for an Independence Park playground renovation.



Midnight Circus Performers Max and Sam visit the concession stand. Photo by Liz Mills.



#### Margaret Laurino Alderman 39th Ward

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#### What is West Walker Civic Association?

WWCA is a non-profit, community organization whose intent is to obtain the desired improvements and safeguards for the civic welfare of the property owners, licensed business owners, and residents. The pursuit of the WWCA 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. To become a member of the WWCA, fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and bring it to our first general meeting of the year which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Latvian Community Center on 4146 N. Elston.

#### **WWCA Members**

Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA! A list of those neighbors who have joined or renewed as of October 2012 appears below.

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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 and businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.
- Free e-mail updates on local events and area crime.
- Area non-profit groups like Irving Park Community 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 2012-2013 dues to our next WWCA meeting on October 16th! Or you can mail in the application below.

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#### News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

#### **Senator Durbin Visits the Pantry**



U.S. Senator Dick Durbin talks with Executive Director John Psiharis.

U. S. Senator Dick Durbin visited the Pantry on September 26th to learn about our operation and how we help clients apply online for SNAP (food stamps) benefits. He also held a press conference outside the Pantry at Keeler and Grace to discuss the pending Farm Bill, which passed the Senate but is held up in the House. A House proposal would terminate SNAP eligibility to

several million people nationwide through restrictions.

#### **Pantry Goes Hi-Tech to Speed Operations**

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry has introduced a computerized database and entry process to maintain the records for our clients and speed weekly intake procedures. Our entire client database was input into organizing software over the past few months by volunteers, after which training sessions for the input volunteers were held. The system went live the first week of September.

Digitizing the database not only provides a secure backup and more durable record but will speed the process of qualifying each client each month. It also will be used to verify information for new households, which continue to grow each week.

Four laptops were purchased for this program through donations and technology grants, and the intake area was shifted and rearranged to make the process more efficient. Special thanks to everyone who has helped to start this new era, including Volunteer Manager Lee Stein, Client Services Representative Belma Torres, Carol Schultz, Sandra Schwarzbeck and computer guru Dan Irizarry, who took off work the first week to help us stay on track.

Whole Foods Market at Sauganash (6020 N. Cicero Ave) has named IPCFP its "One Dime at a Time" (ODAAT) recipient for October through December. The ODAAT program gives customers a 10¢ credit on their grocery bill every time they use reusable bags to carry their groceries. Customers can donate those credits to the current ODAAT recipient, which now is us! We are grateful for this opportunity and encourage everyone shop Whole Foods–and use your reusable bags!

## Wine Tasting a Success!

Attendees at the Pantry's fourth annual Wine Tasting Benefit at Mirabell Restaurant September 9th were met by an unusual sight: a Redmoon Theater actor serving wine with panache atop a tall, old-fashioned



Rich Bradley, Loretta Aylward and Holly Van Essen share a laugh near the Wine Bike at the Pantry's Wine-Tasting Benefit in September, which helped raise more than \$4,000. Photo by Vicci Rodgers.

and fanciful bicycle. About 70 people enjoyed wines from three hemispheres and five countries while bidding on the wonderful items in the silent auction. Special thanks to Janet Middleton and Vicki Ross, who served as cochairs of the event. Our sincere gratitude goes to owner Jeff Heil of Mirabell Restaurant (3454 West Addison) for donating the terrific space and yummy hors' d'oeuvres. Thank you to pianist Steve Nixon for providing music, Gloria Price, who oversaw the silent auction, Sandra Schwarzbeck for coordinating behind-the-scenes efforts and, Eron Easter, Anna Besmann, Joyce Benninghouse, Carol Schultz and Lee Stein for all their work. Thanks as well to Richard Bradley for his efforts on behalf of the silent auction and to all our auction donors: Cynthia Santos, Café 28, Peter Litton & Sharon Parke, Lucky Dog Day Care, Moonlight Designs Glass Studio, the Portage Restaurant, Sabatino's Restaurant and Southern Brands.

The Pantry gave out school supplies to nearly 400 children during the five-week distribution in August and September. Thanks to everyone who donated supplies, and to Mike Mette for ensuring we were well stocked for each week's distribution.

Coat distribution is in effect for our clients this month. Please bring any new or "gently used" coats to the Pantry

and leave them at the food-donation spot at the bottom of the stairs at the Grace Street entrance of the Irving Park United Methodist Church at 3801 N. Keeler Ave.



On September 12th, ten volunteers from MB Bank locations, gathered food for distribution, helped give out pet food and worked various stations.

Photo by Craig Shutt.



## **News and Events from Carlson Community Services**



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

community with a variety of outreach efforts.

#### Carlson's Fall Trivia Night October 19th

Put your trivia knowledge to the test at Carlson Community Services' Fall Trivia Night! Teams will compete for glory and prizes on Friday, October 19th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave. Team tables are \$160 and singles are \$25. Bring your own snacks! Beer, wine and soda will be sold, along with raffle tickets for great prizes. All proceeds will benefit the Magic After-School Place (MAP). For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Helen Lira at 773-406-9821 or helen@chilira.com. Open to adults 21 and over. For information on Carlson, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

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(MAP), sponsored by Carlson Community Services and held in the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym at 4057 N. Harding. Children in kindergarten through 6th grade are picked up from Belding and Murphy schools and are walked to the site by staff members. Children from other schools may attend, but transportation must be provided. Currently there are 30 children enrolled.

MAP also offers healthy snacks, a nurturing environment and weekly mentoring by high school students. Weekly drama and movement classes are also offered. The program meets Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tuition is reasonably priced at \$25 per child, per week. Financial aid is available to families who qualify. For more information or for high school students seeking community service hours, contact Aryn Fletcher, program director at 773-426-0533 or e-mail mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org.

## Garden to Table Dinner Satisfies

The Portage Restaurant was the site for a three course gardento-table dinner in late September to benefit Three Brothers Garden. Over 40 diners gathered to show their support for the garden, which supplies the Irving Park Community Food Pantry with fresh



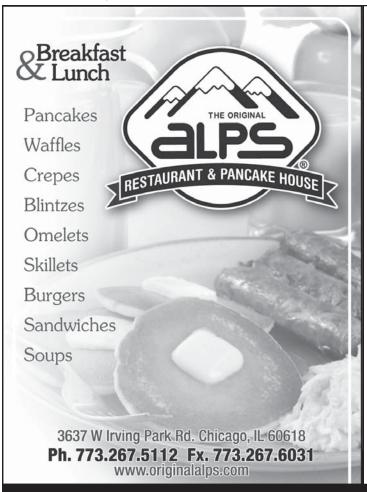
Miiri Kotche (from left), Mark Lira, Laura Ell, Helen Lira, Sarah Steedman and Kirsten Gettings share good times and good food at the garden-to-table dinner at The Portage Restaurant.

vegetables. Many of the ingredients used in the dishes were grown in the garden, enabling many of the guests who volunteer in the garden to taste the fruits of their labor for the first time.

"Portage owner Quay Tao and his entire staff went out of their way to accommodate the dinner at their beautiful restaurant," said Liz Mills, executive director of Carlson Community Services. "We really wanted to spotlight what we're growing in the garden and Chef Airon Adams created some delicious dishes using our vegetables."

A raffle was held featuring condiments from the garden made by Ed Gardner, a Three Brothers Garden tote bag and t-shirt created by Rebecca Haneberg and bracelets by Sarah Steedman of Urban Craft Lab. Proceeds of the raffle and the dinner raised approximately \$700 for the garden. Through mid-September, 873 lbs. of vegetables have been harvested by volunteers and donated to the Irving Park Food Pantry.





#### "Our doors are open. The table is set. YOU are our invited guests!" CHILI COOK-OFF • Sunday, October 21 • 4-6 p.m.

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## St. Edward's School

Annual Pre-K & Kindergarten Open House Wednesday, November 14th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at Buckley

Hall, 4447 N. Lowell. Parents and children are invited to come meet current parents, teachers and our principal and learn more about St. Ed's early childhood education program. For more information, please email rsvp@stedwardschool.com.

**Chili Cook-Off** Do you have an award-winning chili recipe? Join us Saturday, October 13th at 7:30 p.m. for SEPO's 3rd annual Chili Cook-Off, held outside on the play lot at 4447 N. Lowell. Bring your chili for a chance to claim the title of Best Chili on the Northwest Side!

**Little Red Tot Spot** is a playgroup for newborns to 3 year-old children. The group gathers every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall. It is a nice way to meet other families in our Parish, and it's free of charge!

**Cub Scouts** Next pack meeting is Friday, October 19th at 7 p.m in the Church Hall. For more information, contact Jerome Lasky at jandklasky@aol.com.

**Electronics Recycling Drive** Saturday, October 27th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the church parking lot at 4350 W. Sunnyside, sponsored by the Men of St. Edward School (MOSES). If it runs on batteries or electricity, we'll take it! Please drop-off old computers, toasters, TVs, Microwaves, cell phones, and printers!

St. Edward School, located at 4343 W. Sunnyside, provides a quality, Catholic education to children from 3-y/o through 8th grade. St. Edward students enjoy an extensive music program, art, gym, sports, chess, and Spanish at all grade levels. For more information call 773-736-9133, or visit www.StEdwardSchool.com. See how we can give your child so much more than just a seat in the classroom.

#### St. Viator School

**Annual Halloween Party** Friday, October 26th from 6:30 to 9:30 in the gymnasium (Kedvale/Waveland). Children of all ages and their parents are welcome to test out their Halloween costume and attend this fun, long-standing tradition which is hosted by the St. Viator Parents Association. There will be dinner, dancing, children's games, a cartoonist and our famous haunted house.

**Wiggles & Giggles Playgroup** For children ages newborn through 4 years old and their parents or caregivers, free to all neighborhood families. For more information, contact Ellen Conroy at econroy1@yahoo.com or access the schedule by clicking on "student life" on the St. Viator website www.stviatorchicago.org.

**A Strong Curriculum** St. Viator School's curriculum includes World Language, Art Zone Fine Arts Program, a dedicated science lab, Junior Great Books, an up-to-date computer lab and iPAD availability for all students. Our graduates are routinely accepted into the high schools of their choice. For more information or for a campus tour, call 773-545-2173 or visit: www.stviatorchicago.org

#### **CICS-Irving Park School**

**Teacher Grants** Teachers Becca Tenzer, Victoria Pietrus and Lisa McManus earned support at DonorsChoose.org for classroom projects. Lisa McManus received novels for literature circles; Victoria Pietrus received a document camera; Becca Tenzer received a classroom library. Congratulations!

**Hollywood Visitor** Kleo Thomas, actor from the movie "Holes," recently spoke to our Middle School Scholars about perseverance and living their dream.

**Protecting Open Lands** Our September Family Movie Night raised \$450 for Openlands. Openlands protects the natural and open spaces of NE Illinois and the surrounding region, to ensure cleaner air and water, protect natural habitats and wildlife.

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#### Discovery Sunday Open House

Sunday, January 27, 2013 10:45 AM - 1:00 PM

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# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 10:00 AM - 11:45 PM

Irving Park Lutheran Church gym 4957 N. Harding (Belle Plaine and Harding)

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