

# WEST WALKER WIRE

DECEMBER 2012

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Don't miss our 4th Annual Christmas Caroling and sing for your neighbors to help your neighbors. On Monday, December 17th 6:30 p.m., meet at St. John's Episcopal Church (3857 N. Kostner, corner of Byron & Kostner). We will be caroling in the neighborhood and collecting donations for Hands to Help Ministries which aids the homeless and others in crisis. After caroling, we will meet at the church for hot drinks and cookies. If you stay home, please welcome us to sing at your front door and give us a donation! You can also read more about us and donate at [www.handstohelpministries.org](http://www.handstohelpministries.org) and please "like" us, and read updates on our Facebook page! Find out what we're doing! For more information, contact Barbara Cohn at 773-354-4886.



We are grateful for all your support and are pleased to announce the support of the FDC Foundation which awarded Hands to Help Ministries a grant of \$15,000 for 2013. The FDC Foundation was established by the Cluck family and supports not-for-profits which promote education, health, and housing in Chicago.

We wish you healthy and happy holidays in your homes!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Sun., Dec. 9 • 2:00 p.m.**  
IPFAC Presents Jingle Bell Express  
Irving Park Lutheran Church  
4100 N. Harding

**Tues., Dec. 11 • 6:30 p.m.**  
Adult Book Discussion Group  
*The Widower's Tale* by Julia Glass.  
Independence Branch Library  
3548 W. Irving Park Rd.

**Mon., Dec. 17 • 7 - 8:30 p.m.**  
Hands to Help Ministries  
Christmas Caroling Night  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
3857 N. Kostner

**Tues., Dec. 18 • 10:00 a.m.**  
Northwest Side Housing Center  
Staying Put Leadership Meeting  
Mather's More than a Cafe  
3235 N. Central

**Wed., Dec. 19 • 7 - 8 p.m.**  
CAPS Meeting, Beat 1723  
17th District Community Room  
4650 N. Paulski

**Sun., Jan. 27 • 10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
St. Edward School Open House  
Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell

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Community Calendar online at:  
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

# Dear Neighbor,

AS WE TRANSITION AWAY FROM FREQUENT MONTHLY MEETINGS, other avenues of communication will be improved and implemented. One way to ensure you are getting the most out of your association with the West Walker Civic Association is to receive our e-mail blasts. At this time we have two types of e-mail blasts. One contains information regarding upcoming community events in and around West Walker. These are sent out about once a month, The second blast is for West Walker Crime Alerts and deals with specific or trending crime issues relevant to the neighborhood. These are only sent out as necessary.

The easiest way to get either of these e-mail blasts is to go to the West Walker website and use the "contact us" link to send an e-mail requesting that you receive one or both of these blasts. The e-mail lists are not shared and you will not receive unsolicited e-mails from other organizations.

I would also like to encourage neighbors to become involved in information published in the West Walker Wire. I would like to encourage Wire submissions from individuals who would like to submit a review of a local business or restaurant. I would also like to begin developing an "Ask the President" or community forum section. This would be used to allow neighbors to ask general interest questions which would be addressed and answered in the Wire. Examples might be "Who will be my new Alderman?" or "What street/alley/sewer improvements will we see in 2013?" We will then publish the question and answer for all to see. For now, please use the "contact us" link on the website for your contributions.

Finally, we can always use volunteers for Wire delivery. Please forward a note if you can help out. Please submit any other ideas through the website. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Michael Webber  
President, Pro Tem

## Northwest Side Housing Center

### Staying Put Senior Leadership Meeting

Are you looking for ways to get involved in your community? Would you like to join other mature adults in making your neighborhood a better place to live? A group of energetic, northwest side older adults meet monthly to work on issues that will improve the community and help them live independently. Our meetings occur every third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Mather's More than a Cafe, located on 3235 N. Central.

The leadership is currently working on door-to-door transportation for seniors on the northwest side as well as a senior-teen link program that would help seniors "stay put" in the neighborhood. Please call Vanessa Quiles at 773-283-3888 ext. 23 for more information.

# 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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# 39th Ward Report



Dear West Walker residents,

The good news is, the city is replacing antiquated water mains and sewer lines. The bad news is, the city is replacing water mains and sewer lines, leading to street closures and traffic reroutes. The next big sewer project in the 39th Ward is north of

the West Walker area on Lawrence Avenue, from Avers to Lowell. Scheduled to begin mid-December (weather permitting), expect closures and detours along Lawrence Avenue. While these large-scale infrastructure projects can cause headaches and inconveniences, they will be beneficial to our community in the long run. I appreciate your patience during these construction projects.

On Saturday, December 1, 2012, Chicago reactivates its Winter Overnight Parking Ban for the most critical arterial streets. Signs for this seasonal restriction are permanently posted. Cars parked on arterial streets with a posted seasonal overnight restriction will be ticketed and towed between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., whether or not there is snow on the ground. This restriction is in effect until April 1.

One of Chicago's favorite holiday traditions is back. Once a year, Daley Plaza transforms into a European holiday village filled with candy cane striped wooden huts and twinkling lights that harkens back to the traditional holiday market in Nuremberg, Germany. The magical atmosphere of the Christkindlmarket Chicago returns to Daley Plaza for its seventeenth year and is open until December 24. The market will be open daily from 11am until 8pm, Sunday through Thursday, and until 9pm on Fridays and Saturdays. On Monday December 24, the market will close at 4pm. Admission is always free! For further information, please visit the official Christkindlmarket website at [www.christkindlmarket.com](http://www.christkindlmarket.com).

Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season. My staff and I look forward to working together in the New Year.

If you have any questions, please contact my 39th Ward Office at 773-736-5594 or [Ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward39@cityofchicago.org).

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

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## Holiday Worship Services

### Irving Park Baptist Church

4401 West Irving Park - Christmas morning service at 10 a.m. with a Carol Sing and Scripture Reading.

### Irving Park Lutheran Church

3938 West Belle Plaine - Christmas Eve service at 10:30 p.m. and Christmas Morning service at 10:30 a.m.

### Irving Park United Methodist Church

3801 N Keeler - Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service at 7 p.m. Lessons and carols will include a re-telling of the Christmas story with participation by the children.

## Other Local Church Happenings

### I'll have a Blue Christmas...

IPUMC offers a "Blue Christmas" Service on Sunday, December 9th at 4 p.m. Sometimes the Holiday messages seem out of sync with our emotions. This service is balm for the soul in a season marked by frenetic activity. Death of loved ones, serious illness, depression, battles with addiction, or a "whole heap of trouble" can make holidays a difficult and isolated time. For those who are not anticipating a merry Christmas, as well as for those who want to support family and friends during a difficult time, **Blue Christmas** is more quiet than traditional Christmas services, with an emphasis on music and scriptures that offer comfort and hope. Irving Park United Methodist Church, 3801 N Keeler.

### Irving Park Family Theater Broadway!

Irving Park Family Theater will present a review of some of the best of Broadway musicals with lots of talent – and highlighting some talented children in our community! Tickets are sold at the door and are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and students of all ages. Proceeds will help with Irving Park Family Theater start-up costs, as well as benefit the Irving Park Food Pantry. December 14-15 at 7:00 p.m. Irving Park United Methodist Church, 3801 N Keeler. Don't miss this!

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### Independence Library Events

**Story Time** for children ages 2 to 5 years will be held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. on December 10th and 17th. **Mother Goose on the Loose**, a lapsit program for children ages 3 months to 2 years, will be held on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. on December 10th and 17th.

**Teacher in the Library** will continue through December 20th. This is a free homework help program for students. The teacher is available Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

Join us for our **Adult Book Discussion** group will meet on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing *The Widower's Tale* by Julia Glass.

Independence Branch library is located at 3548 W. Irving Park Road. For more information, call us at 312-744-0900.

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In holidays gone by,  
Remind us now of things we miss,  
And often don't know why.

Christmas season is arriving soon,  
And with it joy and pain.  
But 'tis one time the saying's wrong,  
You can go home again.

So please come home for Christmas!  
Wander in and take some time.  
Share in tears and laughter,  
And music and light sublime.

We'll welcome you for Christmas,  
And indeed through all the year.  
For all ages, nations, gay and straight –  
ALL are welcome here!



Written by Pastor Katherine Thomas Paisley, 2012

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
Sunday, December 9, 4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
Monday, December 24, 7 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT  
Sunday, December 23, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES  
10 a.m.



**Sunday worship** - Holy communion served weekly  
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## News and Events from Carlson Community Services



**Carlson  
Community  
Services**

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

*community with a variety of outreach efforts.*

### **Mmm, Mmm Good Night for Three Brothers Garden!**



*(Left) Dorie Westmeyer and Yaz Ebeid serve up soup from the kitchens of Ed Gardner and Bread & Wine. (Right) Melanie Reschke helps out in the kitchen.*

Over 225 people packed the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym November 18th to celebrate the harvest and raise funds for Three Brothers Garden. Soup & Bread for Three Brothers Garden gave diners the opportunity to sample nine different soups and one chili from area restaurants and local cooks, ranging from Bermuda fish chowder to beef shank and root vegetable soup. The \$10 ticket price included a hand-decorated ceramic soup mug.

Participating restaurants were Bread & Wine, The Portage, Tre Kronor and Smoque BBQ. Mariano's Fresh Market and the Fish Guy also contributed. Neighborhood cooks Ed Gardner, Rebecca Haneberg, Ruth Olech, Lynette Schroeter and Sarah Steedman also made soup for the event. Artisanal bread baked by students at LeCordon Bleu Culinary College was a great accompaniment to the soup.

The sold-out event was patterned after a popular winter gathering held at The Hideout Bar. Toe-tapping blue grass music was provided by the ensemble that plays the Independence Park farmer's markets. A bake sale and sale of condiments made with ingredients from the garden were also a part of the night.

"Gardens bring people together," said Sarah Steedman, a Master Gardener and Garden Committee Member.

"Although this is a fundraiser, it's also an opportunity for the community to come together, share a meal and celebrate what Three Brothers Garden brings to our neighborhood."

Proceeds of the event benefit the garden, which grows fresh vegetables for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. Three Brothers Garden is a partnership between Carlson Community Services and Irving Park Lutheran Church. In the 2012 growing season, nearly 950 lbs. of vegetables were donated to the food pantry. The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski Rd. For more information, contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766 or [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org). For more information on Soup & Bread, visit <http://soupandbread.net/about-soup-and-bread/>



### **Garden Season Recap**

As the year comes to an end, it's a good time to think about not only all the delicious fresh produce that came out of this little community garden called Three Brothers, but it's important to remember all the behind-the-scenes work that made it possible.

Every Tuesday evening throughout the 2012 growing season, an average of 8 to 14 volunteers harvested the garden, adding up to 467 hours of work. This work also included volunteers who watered every other day to keep the plants healthy during our long hot summer, including Martina Gombas, Melanie Reschke, Sarah Steedman, Lynette Schroeter, Alison True, Rebecca Haneberg, Sara Anderson, Ruth Olech and Liz Mills.

Garden Coordinator, Kurt Schroeter organized volunteers, including small children, high school students and adults of all ages. High school senior Rorie Buchanan served as our child care coordinator, helping with the children of volunteers and pitching in with garden chores. We were fortunate to have funding for these two paid positions, which are designed to help neighborhood students gain valuable experience managing and working in a community garden.

Regular volunteers who made sure all was going smoothly in the garden included Sarah Steedman, Sara Anderson, Lynette Schroeter, Ruth Olech, Liz Mills, Melanie Reschke and Rebecca Haneberg. Volunteers also took time out to represent the garden during the Independence Farmers Markets, and sold flowers as well as hand-screenprinted t-shirts and re-useable shopping bags!

Altogether, the volunteers produced and donated 937 pounds of food to the Irving Park Community Food

Pantry. This haul included tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, collard greens, beans, kale, peepers, eggplant, swiss chard, basil, mint, lettuce, beets and sage.

We are grateful to have such generous people who so strongly believe in making organic, healthy food available to all, including those in need. Volunteers make the magic of Three Brothers Garden happen! Thank you!

### **IPFAC Presents Jingle Bell Express December 9**

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee in conjunction with American Eagle Productions is pleased to present Jingle Bell Express, a fast-paced holiday musical review. The concert will take place on Sunday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave.

Jingle Bell Express features a mixed quartet singing 20 holiday favorites including a parody of The Twelve Days of Christmas and an audience sing-along. Audiences of all ages will enjoy this light, fun holiday entertainment! A special holiday reception prepared by the Fine Arts Committee follows the concert. Admission to the concert is free, but donations are welcome.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Series, now in its 19th season, was begun by Roger Bingaman, the series artistic director. The intent of the series is to bring high quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood. For more information, contact Roger Bingaman at 773-267-1667, or visit [www.carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org)

## Fishguy Introduces Wine Club

By Liz Mills

Just in time for the holidays, the Fishguy Market has expanded its offerings to include wine!

Bill Dugan, proprietor of Fishguy has partnered with a wine importer to sell wine by the case to members of the Fishguy Wine Club. The wines are new discoveries and are from organic vineyards. The prices are below retail and the wine is exceptional.

"I want to create opportunities for our customers to meet new folks and expand their culinary and enological viewpoint," said Bill about why he's created the club. "I also want to offer wine club members informative, fun and delicious wine events, with complimentary wines and goodies from Wellfleet on a regular basis."

Here's how the wine club works: There are currently nine different wines being offered in the wine club. A minimum order of one case (12 bottles) is required, but

the case can be made up of a mix of wines. If a case of wine is too many bottles, find a friend to share with! You'll find the selection at <http://www.fishguy.com/store/fishguywine.html>.

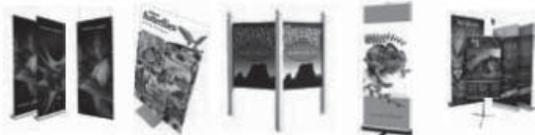
Bill is not licensed to sell wine, therefore when an order is placed the credit card payment will be securely forwarded to an Illinois licensed retailer. Once payment is accepted, the wine is released and delivered to the Fishguy within about a week. Wine can be picked up from the Fishguy Market, located at 4423 N. Elston Ave. during regular hours. Orders can be taken over the phone at 773-283-7400 or by e-mail at [bill@fishguy.com](mailto:bill@fishguy.com). Once your order is placed, you're a member of the wine club!

Wine importer Seth Allen is a past winner of Food & Wine magazine's "Wine Importer of the Year Award." He described the wines in the club as authentic and singular.

"These are not the commercial wines found in the general market, but are unique Italian country wines which happen to be organically farmed," Seth said. "They are much more expressive than most wines of this price category; in other words, they deliver more value."

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**Love is All You Need** CICS-IP is very grateful to the Abbey Pub at 3420 W. Grace St., and especially the Looney Family, for hosting a fundraising event featuring the Beatles tribute band American English on November 21st. A great time was had by all, and the proceeds will help support our music program.

**The Season of Giving** Our 8th graders are organizing our 6th Annual Food Drive, with donations going to the Common Pantry to support our community members in need. Non-perishable food items may be donated on Wednesday and Friday afternoons through December 20th. For information, contact Ms. Staskawicz at [kstaskawicz@cicsirvingpark.org](mailto:kstaskawicz@cicsirvingpark.org).

## St. Edward's School

Ho, ho, ho! Santa Claus is coming to St. Ed's! On Sunday, December 9th, we hold our annual Santa's Breakfast. Kids can tell Santa what they want, while parents can purchase cookies at our Annual Cookie Walk. All funds go to our Teacher Appreciation Fund.

Thanks to all who participated in our Electronics Recycling Drive and Soles for Jesus Shoe Drive. Both events were highly successful. We appreciate your support!

Little Red Tot Spot is a free playgroup (no charge) for children newborn to 3 years. The group gathers every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Church Hall. It is a nice way to meet other families in our Parish.

Save the date! On Sunday, January 27th from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., St. Ed's holds its annual Open House prospective and current families alike. Beginning in Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell, parents and children can meet current parents, teachers and our principal and learn more about St. Ed's academic, athletic and fine arts programs. Take a tour of the school, hear our renowned orchestra and meet members of our community. Find out why we are so committed to St. Edward School. For more information, please email [rsvp@stedwardschool.com](mailto:rsvp@stedwardschool.com).

## St. Viator School

Art Zone is a Fine Art program run by passionate and dedicated volunteers. The program's mission is to bring hands on fine art experience and art appreciation to all students. For the November project, all students studied the life and work of American realist, Edward Hopper. He is well known for his work with people ("Nighthawks" and "Chop Suey"), however his seascapes and landscapes are just as inspiring. The Art Zone Committee created a still life in the room to help all of the students focus on how light can affect an object and create shadows.

All children ages 3 to 3rd grade and their parents are welcome to Primary Gym at St. Viator which is held twice a month on Saturday mornings 8:30 - 10:00. The program runs through April. The next Primary Gym is December 1st and 15th and January 5th & 19th. Please contact Mark Yoest at 312-215-7565 or [markyoest@gmail.com](mailto:markyoest@gmail.com) with questions or for more information.

Catholic Schools Week Open House is January 26th, 2:00 to 4:00. St. Viator School is located in Old Irving Park. For more information or for a campus tour, call the school office at 773-545-2173 or visit our website: [www.stviatorchicago.org](http://www.stviatorchicago.org).



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## News from Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

### Help our Neighbors this Holiday Season

Our neighbors in need will enjoy a happier holiday season if you can help us help them by contributing money, food or toys for children up to 12 years of age to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry's annual holiday distribution on December 19th. We provide a special holiday meal on that day to all of our clients in the 60641 and western half of 60618 zip codes. Each package, regardless of family size, includes meat and fixings for an extra dinner in addition to the three days' worth of emergency food we provide in December.

To meet that need, we especially need donations of juice, stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned yams and vegetables, instant potatoes, cake mixes, Jell-O and pumpkin-pie filling. Monetary donations will go even further, as we can buy groceries from the Greater Chicago Food Depository at 8¢ per pound, so your donations can buy a lot. We also use the money to purchase Jewel gift cards so our largest families can buy a turkey or ham to complete their meal.

We also are looking for new toys, books and games suitable for infants through 12 years olds to give to our clients' children. We anticipate having as many as 400 children eligible through their parents, who have the opportunity to "shop" our "Holiday Gift Room" and surprise the children with their gifts. Unwrapped new toys can be brought to the pantry and left at the bottom of the stairs inside the Grace Street entrance at the Irving Park United Methodist Church (3801 N. Keeler Ave). They also can be left at the donation boxes at St. John's Episcopal Church (3857 N. Kostner Ave.) or Irving Park Lutheran Church (office or narthex basket at 3938 West Belle Plaine Ave.). Please drop them off **no later than December 12**. Cash donations help purchase additional gifts so no age group is underrepresented.

Volunteers are needed to help collect toys and organize the toy room, and help with distribution, including translators. For information or to volunteer for toys, contact Vicci Rodgers at viccirodgers@gmail.com or 773-316-9754.

Please remember that Whole Foods Sauganash (6020 N. Cicero Ave) has named the Pantry its "One Dime at a Time" recipient through December 31st. The program gives customers a 10¢ credit on their grocery bill for each reusable bag they use to carry their groceries. Customers can donate that credit this month to the Pantry. So please

tell your friends, shop Whole Foods, and use reusable bags wherever you shop!

Thank you to everyone who donated coats to our drive in October. We had such a

rush of clients early that we had no more to give out on the third week of the month, but you helped us resupply for the final week. In all, we gave out about 120 warm coats to our neighbors who were very grateful to be prepared for the Chicago winter.

Special thanks to all of the people and groups who have coordinated food drives for us this holiday season. Those drives include **Community Savings Bank** (4801 W. Belmont Ave.), **Disney II Magnet School** (3815 N. Kedvale Ave.), **Kid Watch** (3901 N. Ridgeway Ave.), **Mount Olive Church** (3850 N. Tripp Ave.), **St. Viator's School** (4170 W. Addison St.) and its separate **Mistletoe Market**, and **State Rep. Deborah Mell** (3657 N. Kedzie Ave.). Thanks also to **Barbara Ries Murphy** whose drive runs December 15 to January 15th.

We are grateful to Pastor Katherine Paisley and the Irving Park United Methodist Church congregation, which held a community Thanksgiving celebration on November 21st. An offering of food and money was taken to benefit the Pantry. We also appreciate the pastor allowing our clients to wait to receive their food in the church's sanctuary, keeping them out of the cold and snow when our waiting room overflows—as it does more often these days.

### Donations are a Big Help!

We have an ongoing need for specific staples like rice, macaroni & cheese, dried beans, cookies, chips, crackers, Jell-O, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, energy snacks, canned meat (tuna, chicken, other fish), canned fruits and cereal. In addition, we are in need of men's white crew socks as well as shampoos, soaps, toothpastes, toothbrushes, and razors. Travel sizes are welcome. We cannot use clothing of any kind, so please do not drop off coats or other clothing at our donation boxes.

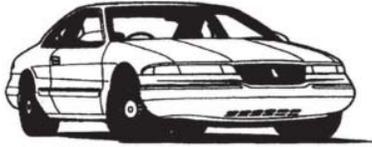
Thank you for all of your donations and efforts on our behalf. We are proud to work with all of our neighbors to help those of our neighbors in need!



*Volunteers help prepare the Food Pantry for the Christmas distribution in 2011. This year's distribution of a holiday meal to all client households will take place on December 19th.*

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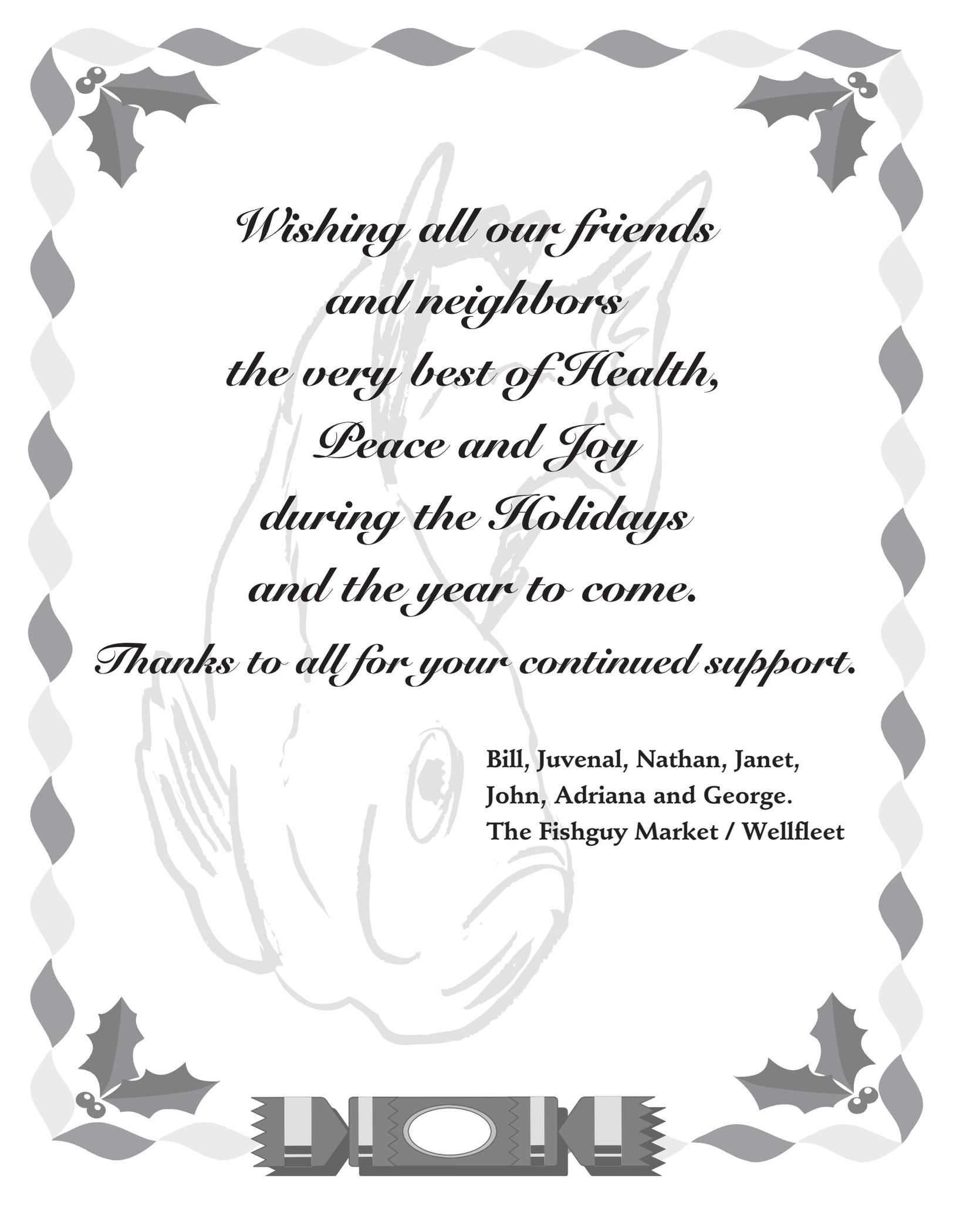


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