

WEST WALKER WIRE

JUNE 2019

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New PEBA Banners

The Pulaski Elston Business Association has installed new light pole banners around the community. These banners help identify our community and highlight our very important business community. If any business or individual is interested in purchasing a banner please contact PEBA at info@pebachamber.org by September 1. Find out more about PEBA by visiting www.PEBAchamber.org.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sundays • 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
June 9/23, July 14/28, Aug. 11/25
Sept. 8/22, Oct. 13/27
 GIPNA Farmers Markets
 Independence Park
 3945 N. Springfield

Wed., June 19 • 7:00 pm
 Beats 1722-1723 CAPS Meeting
 17th District Community Room
 4650 N. Pulaski

Wed., July 17 • 7:00 pm
 Beats 1722-1723 CAPS Meeting
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Sat., Aug. 3 • 1 - 5 pm
 Old Irving Beer & BBQ Challenge
 St. Viator Lot, 3644 N. Kedvale

Wed., Aug. 14 • 7:00 pm
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You can also visit our
 Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

Dear Neighbor,

SUNSHINE RETURNED for the 34th annual West Walker Civic Association Garage Sale, which was held Saturday, May 18, 2015. Everyone had a great time. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who helped deliver the permit packets and place and remove the garage sale signs: Kirsten Gettings, Allison True, Chris Altman, Peter Forster, Laurie Gardner, Mindy Finnigan, and Miiri, Glenn, Vivian and Sterling Kotche. Also, thanks to Sue Gregoire for creating our lovely Garage Sale Map. We can't make this happen without all our volunteers.

THERE ARE NO WIRES published in July or August. We will include any important developments and events in the West Walker e-mail Blast, which is distributed every Friday. If you do not receive the Blast and would like to, just go to www.westwalker.org and sign up to join the West Walker Email Blast.

THE BIG SUMMER EVENT is the old fashion Fourth of July Celebration in Independence Park. Hope to see you there. Also, don't forget our Independence Park Farmers Market – you should find a calendar magnet courtesy of GIPNA in this Wire. Hopefully, calm will be the prevailing mood over the summer. Everyone can do their part by being courteous and watchful.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

Mike Webber
WWCA President, Pro Tem

Recycle your bike!

Northside Learning Center, a specialty high school that serves students with mild to severe intellectual disabilities, teaches its students to solve problems with hand tools in its Bike Shop instructional program. In addition to in-school Bike Shop instruction, students participate in community-based training at a neighborhood bike shop. You're invited to donate unwanted bikes! NLC students will fix them up and earn them for achieving scholastic goals. Call 773-534-5180 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 over 100 years of service
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CAPS Report

Beats 1722 & 1723 Meeting
May 15, 2019 - NO REPORT

On June 6th there will be a Robbery Prevention Workshop at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the 17th District, 4650 N. Pulaski. On Wednesday, June 19th at 11:00 a.m., a Senior Citizen Community Meeting will be held at the 17th District. A free Shred-A-Thon will be held on Wednesday, June 19th from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the 17th District parking lot, 4651 N. Pulaski.

Call 911 to report suspicious activity or individuals in your neighborhood and provide detailed descriptions of the individuals and vehicles involved in any incident. Even if a neighbor has already reported the incident or activity, other neighbors should make separate calls. The police often look at the number of calls for service in determining the allocation of officers and resources with respect to a particular situation or incident. CAPS meetings for our beat are currently held monthly at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski, in the Community Room. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month and typically last one hour. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Beat 1723 is Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm. If you or a neighbor have been the victim of a crime and you would like to share that information with your neighbors, e-mail the details to westwalkercrimealerts@gmail.com. The exact address of the crime and name of the victim will be kept anonymous.

Here's how to reach or follow the 17th District CAPS office.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CAPS.017

Twitter: @ChicagoCAPS17

Email: CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org

Phone: 312-742-4588

Event Calendar: <http://home.chicagopolice.org>

Liz Mills

CAPS Coordinator

REAL ESTATE NEWS



By Dorie Westmeyer
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Which Outdoor Projects Bring Joy and Financial Return?

After this winter, I am ready to sit out in my yard and enjoy the warm weather. For Mother's Day each year my husband and son clean up the yard, scrub the patio & furniture and put out some beautiful flowers. They know it brings me great joy! Apparently prospective buyers appreciate a nice yard too. According to a 2019 survey of Realtors, here are the top projects that bring homeowners the most joy & provide the best Return on Investment (ROI) when it is time to sell.

1. **Standard lawn care service** — apply 6 applications of fertilizer and weed control. 267% ROI.
2. **Landscape maintenance** — prune the shrubs, plant flowers, apply mulch. 100% ROI.
3. **Landscape upgrade** — install a flagstone front walkway, plant shrubs and mulch. 83% ROI.
4. **New wood deck** — build a 14x18 cedar deck. 80% ROI.
5. **New patio** — install a 16x18 concrete paver patio. 69% ROI.
6. **Tree care** — apply tree fertilizer, spray, trim. 100% ROI.
7. **Landscape lighting** — install 600w transformer and 20 LED lights. 50% ROI.

Email me if you would like a copy of the full report.

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News From Irving Park Lutheran Church

IPLC Summer Worship Time: 9:30 am, Treats & Fellowship 10:30 am At Irving Park Lutheran Church we worship an hour earlier in the summer (a schedule that continues through Labor Day weekend) and out treats & fellowship time is after worship, often outside if the weather is nice. Join us!

Summer Camp @ IPLC: August 5 – 23 Looking for something for your kids to do this August? Send them to Summer Camp@IPLC. Children can attend for 1, 2, or all 3 weeks, for half days (\$65 a week) or full days (\$150 a week) for any one or more of the three weeks, (Aug 5-23). Your child will participate in arts & crafts, critical thinking activities, group games in the gym and nearby parks, and local field trips that are educational or service oriented. To register, go to www.iplc.org and click on Youth and Family, Summer Camp, or contact summercampiplc@gmail.com. Applications for aides (for students who have completed 7th grade or more) are also being accepted.

Lutheran Youth Groups from Other Sates Volunteer in Chicago, Stay at IPLC in June Groups of Lutheran high

school youth will be staying overnight at the church and volunteering around the city and here at IPLC for three weeks this June. The groups arrive on Sunday evenings and leave Friday mornings, and include the following:

- June 9-14 -- 36 total participants (youth + adult) from Nativity Lutheran from St. Anthony, MN and Northern Cass Parish from Arthur, ND and other communities
- June 16-21 -- 21 total participants (youth + adult) from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran from Shoreview, MN
- June 23-28 -- 27 total participants (youth + adult) House of Prayer Lutheran from Richfield, MN and Resurrection Lutheran from Ankeny, IA

The teens and their adult leaders sleep in Sunday School classrooms and the nursery, using the church kitchen, meeting rooms, and gym. The partnership is arranged through a Lutheran non-profit called Serve Boldly – learn more about it at www.serveboldly.net.

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News From Irving Park Community Food Pantry

By Craig Shutt

Community Aids Pantry

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry wants to thank the variety of organizations and people who recently have supported the Pantry with special contributions of time and money:

Pat Eisenhart and family, for their donation in memory of Bob Eisenhart, a long-time volunteer driver for the Pantry's homebound-delivery program. The money helped purchase a 2015 Ford Transit 250 truck that will replace our current truck. Thanks also to the FDC Foundation, which donated \$2,000 to our truck fund, and Scott Sim from S&T Automotive, a regular supporter, who helped locate the vehicle and negotiate a price.

The Irving Park Jewel branch of TCF, whose manager, Cindy Paredes, along with staffers Cynthia Delgado and Alicia Benitez, brought in a \$500 donation and then stayed to help at food stations.

Karina Miska, who asked her customers to donate extra boxes of Girl Scout cookies she was selling to give to Pantry clients, she and her mother, Charity, brought in two cases of cookies in mid-April, and they put them on our distribution line to be given out right away.

Eight students from Lane Tech, who volunteered during their Spring break and received service hours for their hard work. We are always willing to work with high school students during breaks or in the summer.

Eight employees from ConAgra, who worked a number of food stations and performed other duties for one distribution in April.

Heather and the staff at Pet Supplies Plus on Elston, who donate all the returned pet food they take in and set up a donation basket for customers to donate treats and toys for Pantry clients.

All of our Easter basket-program volunteers, comprising Tuesday night volunteers Chris and Jenny Delaney along with their son Alex, plus Bob Hostettler and Colleen O'Rourke and Wednesday volunteers Jessica Hartkopf, Emil DeJulio, Sharon Spellman and Aaron Pendleton. In all, the program gave out 190 baskets over three weeks.

We appreciate all their help and that of everyone in the community who supports our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Executive Director John Psiharis (left) and Operations Manager Rick Leidl look over the new Ford Transit 250 truck that the Pantry will be using for pickups of food in the neighborhood.

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is seeking a few reliable volunteers who can help at the Pantry to unload deliveries from the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Volunteers are needed from approximately 9am-12:00pm every Monday.

If you are interested in helping out or if you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Volunteer Managers, Leslie Frazier and/or Michelle Buchecker at volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org or call the pantry at 773-283-6296 and leave a message for Leslie or Michelle.

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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.

Dueling Pianos Benefits Carlson's Neighborhood Programs



Aidan celebrated his birthday by performing a Dueling Pianos duet with Dan Gillogly.

The Irving Park Lutheran Church gym was rocking with the sound of dueling pianos the evening of May 10th. Irving Park resident Dan Gillogly and his dueling partner Ted Oliver treated an audience of 140 people to two hours of non-stop music and laughs. A fundraiser for Carlson Community Services' neighborhood programs, the event featured an appetizer and dessert buffet, cash bar and silent auction. The audience kept Dan and Ted busy with song requests,

leading to rousing sing-alongs of classics like American Pie, Sweet Caroline and Piano Man. Ted and Dan generously donated their song request tips to Carlson. A good time was had by all.

Carlson would like to thank Wente Family Estates for donated wine and Revolution Brewing for beer. The following donors contributed wonderful silent auction items: Chris Altman, Bruce Anderson, Roger Bingaman, Erin Bouman, Clark Street Sports, Amber



Helen Lira (left), Renee Linnemeyer and Tarin Kendrick enjoy a pre-show moment at Carlson's Dueling Pianos.

Gillogly, Michael Jordan, Glenn Kotche, Music Theater Works and Amy Sobin's ArtCo.86.

All American Dueling Pianos raised over \$5,000 for Carlson Community Services' neighborhood programs. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, Carlson operates an after-school program, a community garden and free concert series. For more information visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766.

Three Brothers Garden takes a Breather

With spring finally, here, Three Brothers Garden volunteers are usually gearing up for the growing season. But instead of sowing seeds for a summer



Spring clean up at Three Brothers Garden

crop, Three Brothers Garden volunteers will be focused on restoring the garden's soil and making space for improvements to Irving Park Lutheran Church's parking lot, adjacent to the garden. Garden volunteers determined that a low yield and pest infestation that occurred in 2018 were likely due to tired soil. So after the harvest of a spring crop of radishes and lettuces, we'll add organic matter and plant the raised beds with a nutrient-restoring crop. We'll be back to growing vegetables for the Irving Park Food Pantry's clients in the fall or next spring at the latest. In the meantime, if you'd like to help with garden maintenance throughout the summer, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org or 773.398.6766. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. Students in need of service hours find working in the garden with other teens fun and rewarding. The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski Rd. and is a project of Carlson Community Services, a neighborhood non-profit. The mission of Carlson Community Services is to connect the Irving Park Community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service.

Old Irving Beer & BBQ Challenge

The 6th annual Old Irving Park Beer & BBQ Challenge will take place on Saturday, August 3 from 1pm to 5pm in the St. Viator campus lot located at 3644 N. Kedvale Avenue. The event has raised over \$110,000 so far benefiting student programs, facilities, and athletics at St. Viator School & Parish. Tickets start at \$65 and are available at www.beerbbqchallenge.com.

PEAP Block Club Summer Party

Save the date and invite your friends and neighbors to the 7th Annual PEAP Block Club Summer Party on Saturday, August 3, from 12-10 pm on the 4500 N. block of Albany Ave. This huge block party is open to all neighbors and is 100% volunteer-run with donated items from local businesses. Join us for live music all day, kids' activities and games, the city's bouncy house and firetruck, a potluck table at 6 pm, and a movie at dusk. Visit the following facebook pages for updates and more information:

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Yoga at the Portage and Jefferson Park Farmers Markets

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St. Edward School

The St. Edward Quiz Bowl team competed against 176 other schools from across the nation at the Middle School Academic

Bowl National Championships. The competition took place on May 11 and 12. All teams had to qualify by placing top 5 at a state competition. St Edward took 4th place at a Quiz Bowl tournament that took place at Loyola Academy in order to advance them to the National Competition. Congratulations to our 8th graders: Emmet Rhoades(captain) Charlie McNeill (captain), Connor Kennedy, Kyan Gibbs, Ethan Ewert; 7th graders: Miriam Elia, Zoe Essex, Charlie Shear; and Coaches Ms. Carabio and Mr. Enrile. We are Big Red proud of you!

Registration is open for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration forms are available online at <http://www.stedwardschool.com/admissions/forms/>

All Chicago parents know the crazy high school selection and testing process. Our students were accepted at the following schools: DePaul College Prep, Loyola Academy, Notre Dame College Prep, Guerin College Prep, Resurrection College Prep, St. Patrick High School, Trinity High School, York High School, Niles North High School, Niles West High School, St. Ignatius College Prep, UIC College Prep, Lane Tech, and Whitney Young. Good luck to the Class of 2019!

REGISTER FOR TOTUS TUTUS! Join us July 7-12 for this fun and engaging summer camp for kids and teens. Don't miss out! Register today here: <https://buff.ly/2J1i37k>.

We are a 2017 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon and are located at 4343 W. Sunnyside Avenue. We welcome students in grades PK3 – 8th grade. For more information, please visit our website at www.stedwardschool.com or call us at 773-736-9133.

Belding School

Belding School is having their International Festival on Friday, June 14 from 3 to 6 pm on the Belding soccer field, located at 4257 N. Tripp. There is a \$5 admission plus \$1 "tasting" tickets for our "Tour of Nations Taste of the World" food samplings from all over the world! There will be bouncy houses, entertainment and music. Everyone is welcome!

Schurz Showcase

Schurz HS recognized as finalist for the Obama Foundation & CPS Youth Impact Award!

Schurz' own Estudiantes Sin Fronteras (Students Without Borders) was recognized as a top 3 finalist for the Obama Foundation and Chicago Public Schools Youth Impact Award! We are honored that these amazing young people are being recognized for their activism and advocacy around immigration issues!

Schurz senior selected for Mayor-Elect Lori Lightfoot's transition team

Congratulations to senior Priscilla Tito, Schurz student and youth organizer with our community partner Logan Square Neighborhood Association, has been selected to participate as a youth advisor on mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot's transition team.

Save The Date! The Schurz Schuffle 5K Friends of Schurz invites you to the 1st Annual Schurz Schuffle on October 19th! Lace up your sneakers and join us for a fun 5K through the streets of Old Irving Park. Proceeds from the race will go to support the Schurz Cyberdogz Robotics Team. For more details, or to register visit <http://bit.ly/SchurzSchuffle2019>

Family Movie Night - The Goonies Join us on the Schurz Great Lawn on Friday, June 28th for The Goonies! Bring your blankets and enjoy this classic! Movie begins at dusk and admission is FREE! Popcorn, candy and pizza are available for purchase! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Family Movie Night is every last Friday of the month! Parking is available on Waveland Ave. behind the school.

The Seed Keeper Project In recognition of Schurz High School's gardening efforts the school has received The Seed Keeper Company's state award for Illinois gardens! The Seed Keeper Company recognized our school with an amazing gift box with garden tools: pencils, measuring tape, pruning shears, seeds, recipe cards, burlap container planter and garden encyclopedia. These supplies will help us in our work planting, harvesting, teaching and hosting students, faculty, staff and community members in these spaces!

Our Olympians bring home some bling!

Congratulations to our Schurz Special Olympians! 31 student athletes brought home 27 medals from last months games!

To keep up on the latest happenings at Carl Schurz HS visit us at www.schurzhs.org, or follow us on Twitter and Facebook @CarlSchurzHS. Questions or concerns? Kudos and compliments? Contact Dee Barrett at dibarrett@cps.edu.



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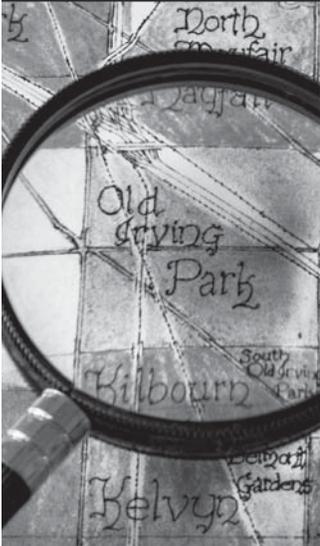
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Thanks for renewing or becoming members of WWCA!
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 of June:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
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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

Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community
 Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence
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 and area crime, and a LOT MORE!

**You can also pay your WWCA dues
 with either PayPal or a credit card
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Bring your 2018-2019 dues to our next WWCA meeting. Or you can mail in the application below.

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Mail or drop off your application and dues to: Sue Gregoire, 4106 N Springfield, Chicago, IL 60618

Improv at The Gift Theater

Looking for something fun to do? Check out Natural Gas on Wednesdays, from 8 to 9:30 pm at The Gift Theatre, located at 4802 N. Milwaukee.

Natural Gas is the house-improv team of The Gift Theatre that takes one suggestion from the audience every week. The Gassers create an entirely improvised world of comedy that is wild, randy, and appropriately inappropriate!

Come see what critics have called "fast, edgy, topical, whip-smart volleys" that "put The Second City to shame."

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