Tabares criss-crossing community



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Happy International Cat Day tomorrow! There is always the age-old question of being a dog or cat person. Which one are you?

My neighbor from 58th Street, Sparky's (the malamute) mother told me someone had left her a gift during the night. Old tires were placed in the alley by her garage. It seems this is becoming a sad trend – dumping tires anywhere. If you live in the 23rd Ward please just call Ald. Tabares' office to have the tires picked up. The office phone number is 773 582-4444. In her newsletter there is actually a photo of the alderman picking up tires herself!

Ald. Tabares has been very active supporting the community. She helped out at the food distribution at Amigos Foods. Thank you to Amigos Foods as well. That was quite the distribution of 200,000 pounds of chicken in the West Elsdon community.

She also attended the Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce farmers market. Don't forget the market is held every Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Mayfield Banquets parking lot, 6072 S. Archer, during summer.

I did some grocery shopping the morning of Aug. 1. Much to my surprise at the check out counter, I was given a free box of facemasks. The masks were donated by Dr. Willie Wilson. So, I say thank you very much.

There will be contactless document shredding events occurring in August and September. The shredding will take place from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22 at Kennedy High School, on Saturday Sept. 12 and on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Madigan-Quinn office, 6500 S. Pulaski. All volunteers will be wearing masks and attendees are encouraged to do as well. Attendees are asked to remain in their cars at the event. For more information please contact the Madigan-Quinn Service office at 773 581-8000.

As a delicious reminder, don't forget Saturday, Aug. 8 is the St, Symphorosa and St. Rene take out fish fry. Fish dinners will be available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. An adult dinner is $10, children's dinners are $5 and 4 pierogis are $4.

For more deliciousness, if your garden is overcome with basil, as mine is, it's time to make pesto! Just combine it with garlic, parmesan cheese, and pine nuts in the food processor, then slowly add olive oil to the mix. Served over warm pasta, it's great. Since pine nuts are expensive walnuts can be substituted.

Happy birthday to Gustavo De La Torre, from the Archer Heights community.