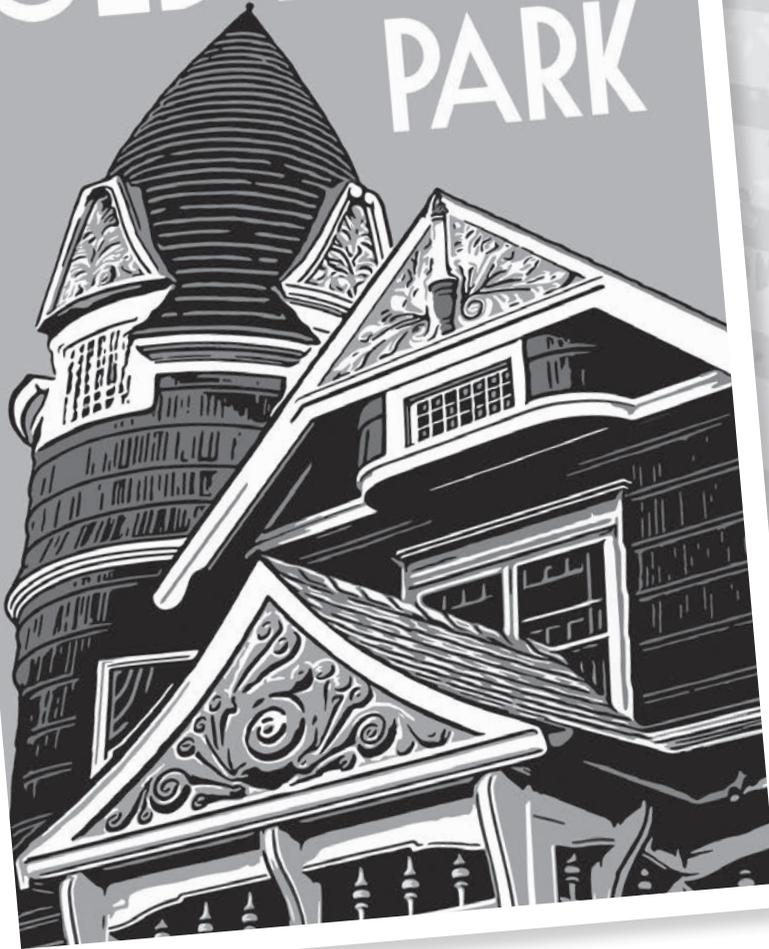


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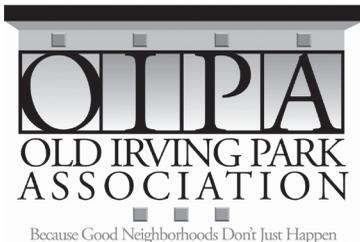
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# When Autumn Leaves Start to Fall

– Lynn Ankney, President

**A**s I type this message for publication in our November newsletter, my kitchen window is open, I hear the faint sound of the Blue Line's clickety-clack in the distance and it's 75 degrees. We're enjoying an extended summer with warm, sunny weather today, and yet just a couple of days ago, it was crisp and cool, with leaves swirling through the air on their way to the ground. That's Autumn in Chicago for you.

Regardless of Mother's Nature's whims, we can bet that the leaves will fall in droves. Please be aware of a new citywide effort to assist residents in clearing their yards, parkway and storm drains. The city has a new service to collect bagged leaf and yard waste.

**The details below were provided by Alderman John Arena's 45th Ward Update:**

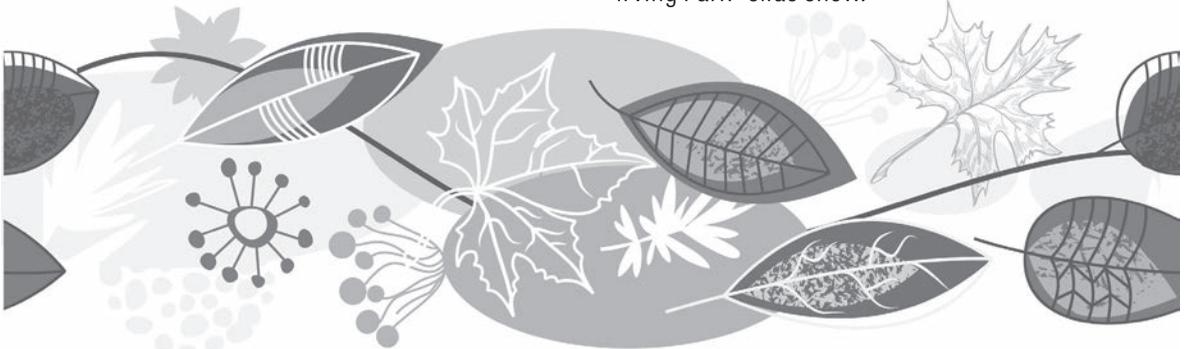
- Starting October 17 through November 30, residents can call either 311 or my office at 773-286-4545 (Note: 39th Ward Office is 773-736-5594) to request separate bagged leaf collection.
- Leaves and other yard waste should be left in the alley or at the curb for collection, and

bagged separately from garbage in the black carts and separately from recycling in the blue carts. A Department of Streets and Sanitation truck will collect the bags based on 311 requests and take it to be composted.

- To learn more about bagged leaf collection, visit the Department of Streets and Sanitation's page on the city's website.

Speaking of websites, have you taken a look at our newly designed website ([www.oldirvingpark.com](http://www.oldirvingpark.com))? We designed it with two audiences in mind: people and business owners unfamiliar with Old Irving Park and residents and local businesses already living and working in our neighborhood. We hope you agree the website is fresh, informative and captures the spirit of our community. While the site is "live", we'll be continually improving it and adding new content. In the coming month we'll upload Irving Park Historical Society ("IPHS") House Walk Histories.

And if our neighborhood history is of interest to you, please join us for our next meeting, Monday, November 14 at 7pm. We'll enjoy popcorn and beverages while viewing the IPHS "History of Old Irving Park" slide show.





# Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

on October 17, 2016— Bart Goldberg, Secretary

**Attendees:** Lynn Ankney, Howard Silver, Anna Sobor, Joan Tunney, Meredith O'Sullivan, Adrienne Chan, Colleen Kenny, and Bart Goldberg

*The Board meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m..*

**Appointment of Additional Board Members:** Since only two people ran for the open spots on the Board, and several other spots remain to be filled, we were delighted to learn that Adrienne Chan and Colleen Kenny were both interested in serving. After speaking with them, the present Board members voted unanimously to appoint them to two year terms on the Board. We were pleased that they both live north of Irving Park Road as our present Board tended to be concentrated on the other side. They are both clearly going to offer a lot in terms of talent to the Board. Adrienne is a lawyer with a major firm and was previously involved with the Junior League in Chicago. Colleen works with a large advertising firm, and we are already tapping into her expertise to help us set advertising rates for our website. Welcome to both of them.

**Treasurer's Reports:** The Treasurer's Report for the prior month were approved unanimously by the Board pending audit. Howard also reported that paid membership for the new fiscal year is picking up, with the renewals from the procrastinators (such as myself) still steadily coming in, but that as happens every year we now need to try to reach out to those that have not renewed.

**4300 W. Berteau:** Some of you are probably sick of me reporting about this distressed six unit building, but it seems to have more lives than the proverbial cat. The demolition that was previously ordered did

not occur, and now it has been at least temporarily stayed due to the petition of a mortgage lender.

**Schurz Field Proposal:** Alderman Arena and his staff are continuing to work on the proposal for the improved field (this topic has been discussed in this newsletter many times over the past year) and are now in the process of obtaining TIF funds for that purpose and some other improvements for the school. We were asked to write a letter to the City to support the proposal, but we declined at this time since we first want to see the Plan of Operation for how the field would be managed and funded in the future.

**Other Matters:** Some of the other matters discussed included the continuing efforts to address the homeless problem under the Irving Park viaducts, the Independence Park Library, Brudders, and 4301 W. Montrose (where President Ankney will be attending the community meeting being held by Alderman Laurino to address the problems there).

**Thank You:** The Board wants to thank Anna Sobor for the very hard manual labor she performed weeding and tending to our planters on Irving Park Road, and to Megan Stalder for all of her help working with Joan Tunney, President Ankney and Lisa Hazen on our new website. I have heard that it is really looking good, though some work still continues.

**Hands to Help Dinner:** In conjunction with the Six Corners Association, BuildOn, and OIPA, they will hold a free taco dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 3rd at the Irving Park Lutheran Church.

**The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 p.m..**



# Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

on October 10, 2016

— Bart Goldberg, Secretary

**P**resident **Ankney** commenced the meeting quite promptly at 7:03 p.m.. There were about 25 to 30 people in attendance. She welcomed a new neighbor, **Madeline Ryan**, who lives in the 4100 block of West Byron. While Madeline appeared to be quite youthful she certainly had a few years on the other two new visitors to the meeting. One of the two was prepared to stave off the boredom from our meeting by reading a book, and his younger sister, **Elise**, pressed her mother (President Ankney) to please specify exactly the terms of their bargain; namely the type of and the time at which she would receive the dessert that she had been promised. While many people thought this funny, a few others were heard to grumble about having attended without any such reward. The Board heard you loud and clear and you will be fed next month..

## COMMITTEE REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Neighborhood Projects

**President Ankney** updated the membership on many of the ongoing projects in the neighborhood, including that the website is now up and running, and that the **Six Corners Association** was just honored to win an award concerning urban revitalization and that they will be hosting the national meeting of the Main Street Commission in early November. She also updated us on the rather bizarre theft that occurred recently at the **Irving Park Food Pantry**. While arguably more valuable things such as computers or their stache of food were

ignored, their entire stock of toiletries was stolen. Someone now has a whole lot of toilet paper and toothpaste. This is truly a serious matter as hundreds of people depend on the Food Pantry for such things. Many people have given generously to help replenish the loss, and our local automobile magnate, **Mike Berman**, deserves special praise as he stepped up big time to donate \$1,000 to the Pantry

### OIPA Board Elections

As advertised, an election was held where there were only two candidates and more than two open positions on the Board. However, right before anyone could vote for or against **Meredith O'Sullivan** or **Anna Sobor** one long standing member of the community stood up to ask a rather pertinent question of the candidates, which I will paraphrase as follows: "This has been such an ugly campaign. Nothing but personal attacks without the first discussion of an issue. I know I speak for many of us when I say that I cannot wait for this election to be over. With all of this in mind, and in the hopes that we can heal the rifts in our community, and in the spirit of last night's presidential debate, do you think that the two of you could possibly say something nice about one other? Since this will probably be harder for Anna, I would suggest that Meredith answer first". After a brief but stunned silence, Meredith and Anna just smiled and gave each other a heartfelt hug, and they were then promptly and unanimously elected. Congratulations to Meredith and Anna! And congratulations to all of us that they have agreed to serve once again. (Editorial Note: Very little of the above actually occurred, but in the spirit of "truthiness" instead of "truth" during this political season, it seemed true enough).



## OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT

### Main Speaker – BuildOn Organization

**Dan Alberti** from **BuildOn Chicago** spoke to us about the amazing work of this group, particularly as it relates to Schurz High School and our community. To those of you out there who are as skeptical as your appointed scribe, I want to assure you that this group is more than legit. They are a huge NFP, but a look at their website reveals that they have had a four star rating from the Charity Navigator for the last twelve years, and their Board is populated with many big names from the world of industry. Even Barack Obama is an honorary board member. They were founded in 1992 by an ex General Electric Co. executive named Jim Ziolkowski, who went to Nepal to build a school. Jim Ziolkowski wrote a book, *Walk in Their Shoes*, about his experience, which was praised by the Dalai Lama. Wow, when an organization is supported by both Mistery Obama and Lama they have to be doing something right.

Dan explained that BuildOn supports and works in some of the poorest countries on the planet to build schools in villages that have historically had no adequate school structure. They have now built over 1,000 schools and over 500 in the last five years. And, BuildOn's service learning programs in the U.S. mobilize students in challenging urban areas to lift up their communities through intensive local service. Many of their local participants (such as students at Schurz) have traveled globally to help with construction. But their primary function here in the states is to encourage public service in the schools with the goal of helping to break poverty and low expectation cycles. Public service is required in Chicago high schools and BuildOn offers an after school program where students can serve and get both the hours and the positive experience. Many of the students go way beyond the minimums that are required, and last year

about a dozen students at Schurz gave more than 400 hours of their time for the various causes, such as the Food Lab. BuildOn's national statistics show that students in the program are 2.5 times more likely to attend school and that a full 93% continue on to college. Dan also stressed that they offer many options for adults to volunteer as well, and of course they encourage financial giving too. **If you are interested, you can contact him at [dan.alberti@buildon.org](mailto:dan.alberti@buildon.org).**

### Next Meeting

Mark your calendars for this one. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on November 14, 2016 in the basement of the Irving Park Baptist Church at 4401 W. Irving Park Road. **Laura Marie Sanchez** of the Irving Park Historical Society (now a part of OIPA) will be presenting a movie (or at least a twenty minute slide show) featuring the history of Old Irving Park. I have it on good authority that the pictures and content are excellent, and that many people really look forward to seeing this. Plus, we will have popcorn! We hope to see you there.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m., and Elise Ankney ate two brownies at approximately 8:23 p.m..**

### NEXT MEMBER MEETING

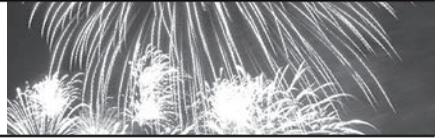
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### AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER

History of Old Irving Park  
presented by Laura Marie Sanchez of  
the Irving Park Historical Society

# NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



## November Anniversaries

- 1 Lisa Cesar & Ryan Booth
- 8 Richard & Bridget Bauman
- 11 Jean & Chris Faris
- 12 Stacy & Mike Blaha
- 16 James & Joan Bychowski
- 17 Mary Kane & Nate Tovo
- 20 William Lachman & Gregory Ward
- 27 Marie & Richard Hoffman
- 28 Mary Ness-Bross & Irwin Bross
- 29 Charity & David Miska

## November Birthdays

- 1 Sarada Amani
- 1 Rich Escallier
- 1 Jim Gruber
- 1 John Larsen
- 1 Ben Mania
- 1 Edward Mooney
- 2 Liz Sturrock
- 4 Diana Laskowski
- 4 Mark Malin
- 7 Nicholas Hanhardt
- 7 Lowell Krischer
- 8 Marie Hoffman
- 9 Katherine Paisley
- 9 Herb Seitz
- 10 Brad Schotanus
- 11 Jose Rivera
- 15 Claudia Hine
- 16 Robert Kleisch
- 16 Denise Petersen
- 17 Adrienne Chan
- 17 Richard Kenny
- 18 Dawn Wu
- 19 Jennifer Dahir
- 20 Michael Cannon
- 20 Kathy Lucki
- 21 Kris Nielsen
- 21 Justin Ware
- 23 Taya Fallen
- 26 Irwin Bross
- 28 Jeff Linnemeyer
- 29 Premjit Anupawan
- 29 Kerry O'Brien
- 30 Susan Delby
- 30 Joseph Stypka

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*Submitted by Howard Silver*

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<b>BEGINNING BALANCES</b>	\$63,191.23	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Advertising	\$150.00	\$150.00
Dues	\$2,993.01	2,993.01
Interest	\$3.32	3.32
Mural Reimbursement		
Parents Committee		
Ice Cream Social		
Banner Program		
Donations		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$3,146.33</b>	<b>3,146.33</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Newsletter	\$2,216.00	\$2,216.00
Postage and Envelopes	\$194.83	194.83
Hall Rental	\$100.00	100.00
Web Design		
Banner Program	\$250.00	250.00
Donations		
Professional Services		
Directors' and Officers' Insurance		
Mural Projects		
Misc Board Expenses	\$51.00	51.00
Parents' Committee		
Holiday Party		
Federal and State Annual Reports		
Membership		
Ice Cream Social		
Planters		
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>2,811.83</b>	<b>\$2,811.83</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCES</b>	<b>\$63,525.73</b>	
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
Kolmar Park	\$270.97	
Parents Committee	\$348.64	
Historical Committee	\$13,616.27	
	<b>\$14,235.88</b>	
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		<b>\$49,289.85</b>

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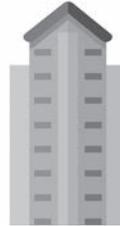
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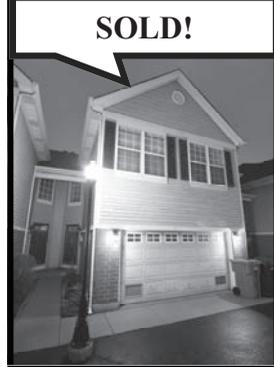
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## Meet Christopher (Chris) Gorz

*Local artist and global marketer Chris Gorz lives in Old Irving with his wife Christine (Chris).*

### **Where else have you lived and how did you wind up in Chicago?**

I grew up in Clearing, west of Midway Airport, in a 1950's raised ranch. Studied graphic design/advertising at Columbia College. Previously lived in Andersonville.

### **Why did you choose Old Irving?**

After snowstorm, I compared my commute to work with a colleague. She'd taken the train from Old Irving to the far northern suburbs with no delays. So we expanded our home search to include Old Irving. We took one look at our current house and fell in love with its architecture and backyard. And, we enjoy the easy access to downtown, North Shore and O'Hare.



\* Chris is pictured above holding one of his posters, "The Loop." The Old Irving poster is coming soon. Pre-order at <http://studiochris.com>. Stay tuned for an event in December where you can purchase and get a signed poster—right in the neighborhood.

### **What do you do, and what is the path that led you there?**

I manage brand strategy and execution for marketing communications of a Fortune 100 company. A few years ago I was itching for my own creative project so I took a screenprinting class at Lill Street Art Center. One of the prints I created was an image of the Uptown neighborhood's U.S. Post Office. Classmates wanted copies of the artwork. From that silkscreen class a business idea grew—marrying my love of art, architecture, and Chicago history by showcasing its neighborhoods with posters. So far I have created 22 iconic images. The Old Irving Park poster is almost ready. Stay tuned.\*

### **What are some of your favorite things in OIP?**

Walking around, noticing all the architectural details. Welcoming neighbors and community. We received an invite to dinner from a next door neighbors our first week here. Love Community Tavern, Parachute and Bread & Wine. Excited about new businesses. So many choices, so much variety of food and activities in nearby neighborhoods. Ease of walking and greenery. CSA pickup of organic vegetables.

### **If you had one wish, what would you change here?**

Would love a store like Whole Foods, which offers so many organic and healthy choices.

**To learn more about Chris:** <http://studiochris.com/>

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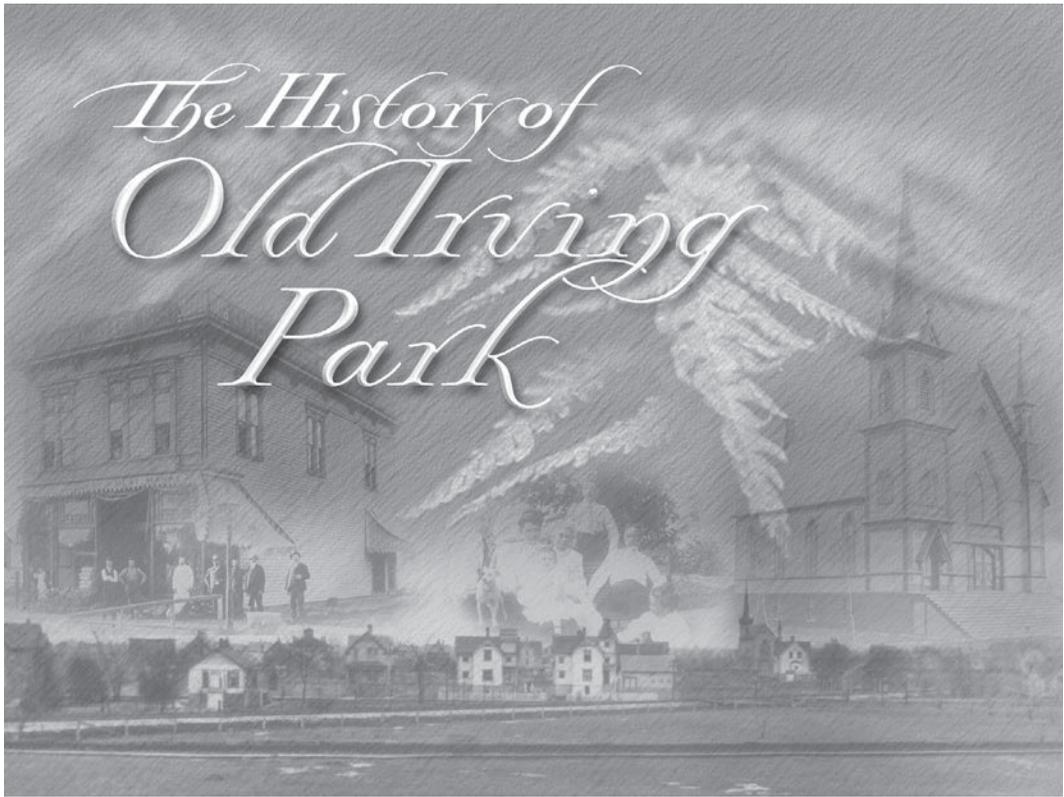
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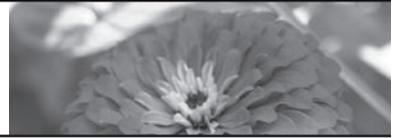
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# Garden Season Comes to a Close — Claudia Hine

The Irving Park Garden Club held its final meeting of the year on October 15, mixing business with pleasure by enjoying lunch at LaVilla Restaurant while electing new officers for the 2017 season. Added to that: An educational component, as member **Mike Basile** hosted a lecture on native plants in his own back yard.

Attendees had an opportunity to see and learn about several species of plants native to Illinois. These prairie plants are quite happy to exist in an urban setting on Pulaski Rd. They know how to make a statement in the landscape, too. Many are more than five feet tall and bloom in an assortment of colors.

**During the luncheon that followed, club members elected the following leaders for 2017:**

**President:** Claudia Hine

**Vice President:** Joe Pintor

**Secretary:** Sue Geisler

**Treasurer:** Heather Milos

**Newsletter Editor:** Sharon Graham

**Garden Walk Coordinator:** Mike Basile

The Irving Park Garden Club meets March through October. Plans for 2017 are already in development and will include educational sessions, plant exchange, garden walk, social events, and more.

If you missed us this year and want to be added to our e-mail list, send me a message, and we'll be sure you hear about our first meeting in March. Visit our Facebook page for regular updates. [claudia.hine@yahoo.com](mailto:claudia.hine@yahoo.com)

A black and white photograph of a garden scene. In the foreground, there is a white picket fence. Behind it, a teddy bear figurine sits on a small wooden bench. To the right, there is a bird feeder and a small sign. The background is filled with various plants and trees. A semi-transparent black box with white text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

**We're the Irving Park Garden Club. We like to dine, drink, and dig. Join us!**



A number native plants can be found in Mike Basile's back yard. Mike shared his knowledge of Illinois' native plants with members of the Irving Park Garden Club at the club's final meeting of the 2016 season. *Photo by Claudia Hine*

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## Art Events Nearby – Marlena Ascher

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### **Perkolator Coffee | 6032 W Irving Park** **Oct. 18 – Nov. 30 | Free**

Artists Piotr Wolodkowicz, Jerry Rogowski, Frank Styburski, & Jason Laclawik exhibit in honor of October's Polish American Heritage Month.

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### **Northeastern Illinois University**

**NEIU Auditorium • 5500 N. St. Louis**  
**Fri., Nov. 18 | 7:30 p.m.**

**April Verch** steps, sings, fiddles her fresh & feisty approach to deep North American music traditions. Tickets \$26 general, \$17.50 seniors, Parking \$5 Call 773-442-4978 for information or visit <http://neiu.edu/university-life/arts-northeastern/jewel-box-series>.

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### **Austin-Irving Library**

**6100 W. Irving Park Road | [www.chipublib.org](http://www.chipublib.org)**  
**Wed., Nov 16 | 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.**

**Monthly Book Discussion | *The Guns of August*** by Barbara Tuchman. This Pulitzer Prize-winning title explains the origins of World War I. 312-744-6222. **Free**

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**Through Dec 30:** In Our Own Eyes: Women's Self-Portraits Over Time exhibit. **Free**

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### **Independence Tap | 3932 W. Irving Park** **Fri., Nov. 11 | 6 p.m. Free**

Stann Champion roots music (early blues, country, folk, rhythm and blues, and rock influences) & 8 p.m. Open Mic with Stann Champion & Propaganda Machine.

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### **Elastic Arts | 3429 W Diversey** **Fri. Nov 11 | 8 p.m. | Free**

**"Watershed"** by Sharmyn Cruz Rivera and Nibia Pastrana Santiago. Visual arts & dance performance describing being Puerto Rican in the Midwest. <http://elasticarts.org/event>. 773-772-3616.

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### **Chief O'Neill's Pub | 3471 N Elston** **Sat. Nov. 6 | 7:30 p.m.**

**Banjo Rising, A Night with Pauline Conneely** | A night filled with traditional Irish music, song, and dance, featuring Grammy-nominated fiddler Liz Carroll, pianist Jonathon Whittall, accordionist Gerry Carey, and vocalists/guitarists /dancers Dave Curley & Andrew Serb. Tickets \$20. <http://banjorising.bpt.me>

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### **Roots Room | 5203 N Kimball**

**Fri., Nov 7 | 7 p.m. | Open Mic Poetry Storytelling**  
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### **Gift Theatre | 4802 N Milwaukee** **<http://thegifttheatre.org>**

**Oct. 19 – Dec. 10 | Tickets: \$35**  
**Thurs. – Sat. 7:30 p.m. | Sat. 3:00 p.m. | Sun. 2:30 p.m.**

**"A Swell in The Ground"** | Four friends from college fight through 17 years of love affairs, shattered dreams and compromised lives. Flipping back and forth through time like a photobook, this play—whose title is from a line of Emily Dickinson poetry—is equally breathtaking and heartbreakingly spare.

**Come Closer on Sunday, December 3** for a talkback with the cast, drinks, and a couple appetizers! Tickets to this special event are \$55 and sell out quickly.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Happenings at Six Corners

## After School Painting & Drawing Classes

Art Side Out | 4041 N. Milwaukee Ave. #302  
[www.artsideoutstudio.com](http://www.artsideoutstudio.com)

November class for kids, they will develop their skills with charcoal and pencil as well as exploring color theory with paints. Check website for schedule.

## National Veterans Art Museum

4041 N. Milwaukee | [www.nvam.org](http://www.nvam.org)

"The Things They Carried"

Now through Dec. 31 | Tues. – Sat. | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Inspired by Tim O'Brien's book *The Things They Carried*, the exhibit serves as a visual companion that illustrates the narrative with fine art and photography from veterans that lived the stories in the novel. The exhibit explores the concept of storytelling and questions how one might share the story of the Vietnam experience, and prompts viewers to consider their personal stories and contemplate how they might share their own narratives.

## Vonnegut's Odyssey Exhibition Opening

November 11 – May 6, 2016 | 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Kurt Vonnegut will have his artwork explores the connections between the timeless and universal story of the return of WWII.

## City Newsstand | 4018 N. Cicero

Nov. 6 | 10 a.m. | Stann Champion

Enjoy some blues roots, jazz, and rock with your weekend coffee.

Nov. 12 | 2 – 4 p.m. | Gypsy Jazz concert **Free**

Nov. 13 | 10 a.m. | FM Dual

FM Dual will bring some classic jazz for you on Sunday morning.

## Small Business Saturday at Six Corners

November 26, 2016

Support your small business on November 26th for Small Business Saturday! The Six Corners Association will be handing out tote bags around Six Corners with coupons from our business on **Friday, November 25th. City Newsstand**, 3918 N. Cicero Ave., will be open on November 26th and have many fun activities for people to enjoy. Visit [www.sixcorners.com](http://www.sixcorners.com) for more information.

– Submitted by Jessica Vazquez, SSA 28 Program Manager, Six Corners Association



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## TIP FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR

# Simmer Your Way to a Delicious Smelling Home or Business for the Holidays

By David Beets  
Co-founder, Dell Cove Spice Co.

Every season has its definitive, nostalgia-inducing scent. For me, the holidays mean the sweetness of apple cider, and the warmth of cinnamon from freshly baked cookies. But you don't have to start baking to make your home or business smell inviting. Instead, use fruit, spices and simmering water to act as a natural aromatic air freshener. During the holidays in our house and shop, there will inevitably be a pot warming on the stove, bubbling away and bringing a smile to everyone's face as they walked through our front door.

Making up packages of our favorite simmering spice blends has become our go-to hostess and business thank-you gifts over the years. The best part: the mixture can be used over and over, until the scent has faded.

**Here's what you'll need:** saucepan, wooden spoon, water and simmering spices pack. Put the water in the saucepan and put it on your stovetop. Bring the water to a simmer or until light steam comes from the uncovered pan. Depending on how much potpourri you have, you can also use a cooking pot or a crock pot. As the water simmers, add in your spices, stirring them while turning the heat to low. Once you can smell the spices, you're done! Sit back and enjoy.

**Need inspiration?** Create a citrus-spicy scent by combining whole cinnamon sticks, whole cloves, one sliced apple and a sliced orange. (I would also add a half-cup of fresh cranberries!) Prefer a more Christmas scent? Combine 3 sprigs of evergreen, 2 whole cinnamon sticks, 2 T whole cloves, 2 bay leaves, and a couple of pieces of orange and lemon rind.

**IMPORTANT:** Never allow the simmering potpourri to dry up, and never leave a boiling pot unattended. Check on your simmering pot every 30 minutes or so, and add water if the pot's water level looks low – or more spices if the scent is fading.

**For more cooking and kitchen tips,** join us online at [www.dellcovespices.com](http://www.dellcovespices.com)  
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## The Buzz at Belding — Lisa Owens, 4th Grade Reading/Social Studies Teacher



...more than 150 students rode their bikes to school to join the biking fun.

### Bike to School Day

Belding celebrated National Walk (or Bike) to school day with our own celebration. Students who participated had time in the morning to “cycle” through stations in which they were able to get a bicycle tune up, helmet fittings, a safety primer, obstacle course, and rodeo around the track. It was a beautiful day and more than 150 students rode their bikes to school to join the biking fun.

**Are you curious to see what Belding Elementary has to offer your child?**

Each month Principal Heather Yutzy offers school tours for prospective parents. This is a great opportunity to see Belding teachers and students in action, and to learn more about our school.

**Upcoming tour dates include:** December 20, January 10, and February 21. Tours begin at 8 a.m. in the school office.



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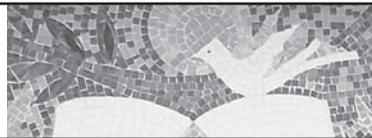
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## Viator Vibrations — Stacey Stevens / Kris Nielsen



St. Viator students packing rice meals for needy children around the world during a service field trip to Feed Our Starving Children in Schaumburg.

*Photo by Huguette Cogan*

**O**n September 28th, students in grades 5-8 participated in a service field trip to **Feed My Starving Children** in Schaumburg, packaging rice meals that will be sent to feed the neediest children around the world. The St. Viator group packed over 14,000 meals, which will feed 39 children for one year. The students commented about how much fun they had doing this and how good it made them feel to help others in need.

**Officer Flo Ramos** will be working with students in the upper grades on the **D.A.R.E.** and **G.R.E.A.T programs** over the next eight weeks, providing students with a safe space to learn about violence, substance abuse, gangs and other dangerous situations, and to learn and practice strategies to say “No” to pressures they may be faced with.

**Community Recycling at St. Viator** Drop off your clean aluminum pop cans and plastic bottles (in bags, no glass or alcohol containers) to help St. Viator earn points through the Pepsico Recycling Program toward gift cards and prizes. The recycling container is located outside the northwest corner of the school.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Open Houses/School Tours

**Friday Nov. 11 | 9 – 10:30 a.m.** Come & see all that St. Viator has to offer!

#### Wiggles & Giggles Playgroup • FREE

This fun playgroup is for children in the community (ages 0-4) and their parents/caregivers. Open gym with balls, blocks, hula-hoops and so much more! 11/3 and 11/17, 9 – 10:30 a.m. St. Viator Gym, 3644 N. Kedvale

#### SAVE THE DATE for Winterfest!

##### December 2, 3 and 4

Mistletoe Market and Artisan Craft Fair, outdoor ice skating rink, wreath and tree sales, Snowflake Café and Hot Cocoa Bar, Winter Cocktail Bar, photos with Santa and much more! Check the St. Viator website for complete schedule of events. Vendor applications for the Mistletoe Market are also available on the website.

#### Join our growing community!

*St. Viator provides a challenging and enriching curriculum for all grade levels, with full and half-day options for 3 and 4 year olds, and full-day programs for kindergarten through 8th grade. Admission applications are available online and in the school office. For more information, please call 773-545-2173 or email Marge Tiritilli at [mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org](mailto:mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org).*

**Stay tuned for upcoming events at [stviatorchicago.org](http://stviatorchicago.org) or on our Facebook page.**



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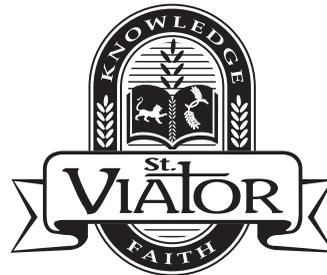


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### Support St. Ed's— Enjoy Potbellies

**The first Tuesday of the month is St. Ed's Potbelly Tuesday!** Please join us on November 1, December 6 and January 3 at 4185 W Irving Park Road. From 4 – 8 p.m., 25% of all sales will be donated back to St. Edward School.

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### Open House

**Come visit us!** On Thursday, November 17, from 9 – 11 a.m., St. Edward will have school tours. See our students and teachers in action! Talk to current parents and see why they chose St. Ed's. Tours begin in the main school building, 4343 W. Sunnyside. Can't make this date? We are happy to accommodate your schedule! Please call 773-736-9133 or email [RSVP@stedwardschool.com](mailto:RSVP@stedwardschool.com) for information about visiting our school.

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### Quiz Bowl for 6th-8th grade, Tuesdays from 3 to 3:45pm.

**Our Quiz Bowl** team competes at high schools around Chicago. Like Jeopardy, the students are asked questions on a variety of topics. Call 773-736-9133.

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### Boy Scouts Serve All-You-Can-Eat-Pasta

**Come check out the best All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinner on the Northwest side!** Sponsored by our Boy Scout Troop 904, the dinner is on Saturday, November 19th from 4 – 8 p.m. in Buckley Hall, 4443 N. Lowell. The money raised is used for the boys to attend camp during the summer.

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*For over 100 years, St. Edward School has provided a Catholic education to children from three-year old pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Our school is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside. For more information on the School call 773-736-9133, or visit [www.stedwardschool.com](http://www.stedwardschool.com).*

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## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, December 4, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Christmas Tree Sale:** pick out a great Christmas tree, provided by the Farmers Market Garden Center, play lot, 44447 N. Lowell

**Wednesday, December 16, 7 p.m.**

**Christmas Program,** Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell

**Sunday, January 29**

**Open House and Registration for 2016-17**

**9:30 a.m.: Mass**

**10:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.:** Registration and Tours, Buckley Hall, 4447 N. Lowell, meet students, parents and teachers. Register for St. Ed's!

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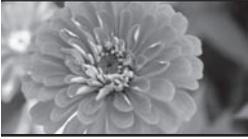
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## Carlson's Trivia Night Scores Big Win for Players and Programs

Thanks to everyone who participated in Carlson Community Services' October Trivia Night to benefit Carlson's programs. Eighteen teams ranging in age from 20 somethings to septuagenarians competed. From players to sponsors to raffle and beverage donors, we are grateful for your support!

A team led by **Phil and Roberta Bole** won the 8-round competition, leading the contest for much of the night. Good competitors and good sports, their team donated \$120 of their \$200 in prize winnings back to Carlson Community Services.

The evening netted approximately \$8,500 for Carlson's programs: The Magic After-School Place, Three Brothers Garden and the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series.

Thanks to the following Round Sponsors and Raffle Prize donors who helped make the evening a financial success: Round Sponsors were **Dorie Westmeyer, Charles Rutenberg Realty, Wintrust Bank, Mayfair Branch, Alderman John Arena, 45th Ward, Lichter Realty, Carlson Community Services Board & Committees**. Raffle and silent auction donors were **Old Irving Brewing, WMAQ-TV, Community Tavern, and West Walker Neighbors**. Special thanks to **Lagunitas Brewing Company** and **Verizon Enterprise** for beer and wine donations. A shout goes out to event chair **Helen Lira**, our many volunteers and host Irving Park Lutheran Church. Another fun night in the neighborhood for a great cause!



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### Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Free Holiday Concert December 11, 2 p.m. Irving Park Lutheran Church 3938 W. Belle Plaine Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is pleased to present "An Americana Christmas" featuring Anna Fermin's Trigger Gospel. Anna Fermin and her band will play holiday favorites and original songs of Americana.

A special holiday reception prepared by the Fine Arts Committee follows the concert. Admission to the concert is free, but donations are welcome.

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*The mission of Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, contact Liz Mills, Executive Director at [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org). Follow us on Facebook for photos and info about our programs and events!*



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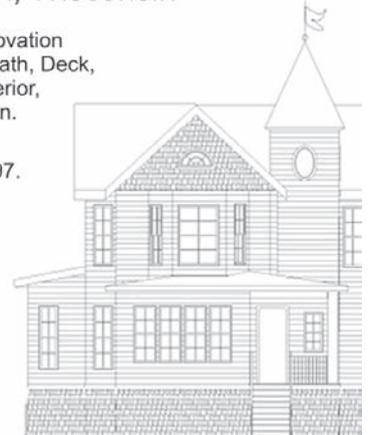
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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | St. John's Episcopal Church



**T**hank you to Alderman John Arena and Bishop Jeffery Lee and all our neighbors and friends for helping us to bless our new Memorial Garden and to break ground on our lift to make St. John's Episcopal Church accessible! Please remember that our garden is open to the public (that means you!) during daylight hours.

The church is located on Chicago's northwest side, on the corner of Byron and Kostner. Additional information may be obtained on the St. John's website [www.stjohnschicago.com](http://www.stjohnschicago.com).

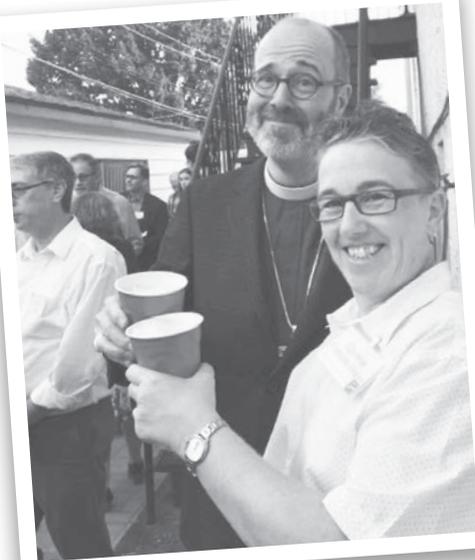


The Blessing of the Memorial Garden

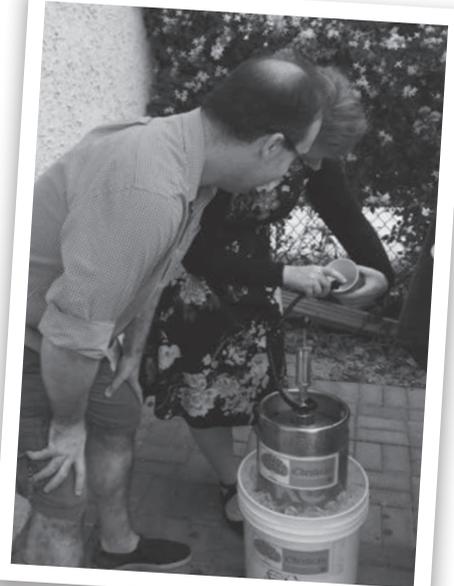


St. John's congregation and friends gather on September 24

*Photos submitted by Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer*



Left: Bishop Jeffrey Lee enjoys a pint with Connie Frontzak-Ziegler



Right: Brew Masters Shelly Wright and Marlon Jacobs prepare "Edenbraü"

## Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church

*We are gathered to celebrate God's gifts and sent to respond to the needs of the world.*



### Thanksgiving Dinner

1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 24

*All are welcome to this free, home-cooked, family style Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by friends and neighbors. Join us for this twenty-six year tradition!*

Join us for Worship on Sundays!

**Holy Eucharist** 8:00, 9:15, and 11:00 a.m.  
*Whichever time you choose, you will find welcome and community.*

**Choir** at 10:00 a.m. *Rehearsal Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.*

**Sunday School** at 10:15 a.m.

*Nursery care is available from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

**Children's Choir** *Rehearsal Thursdays at 5:45 p.m.*

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## Support Small Business in the Neighborhood – xt



Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses across the country. Founded by American Express in 2010, this day is celebrated each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving to celebrate small businesses every day and to help communities thrive.

Once again **City Newsstand Café** will be creating a Winter Wonderland at 4018 N. Cicero Ave. on November 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. Either Mr. or Mrs. Claus—will be there to say hello to children (of all ages). Caroling, facepainting, storytelling, marshmallow roasting, hot chocolate. Also look for festive activities in other small businesses in the area.

According to American Express, “as a consumer, you’re a key part in helping small businesses thrive. By shopping or dining at small businesses throughout the year, you’re showing your support for the small businesses in your neighborhood in the community you call home.” American Express estimates that in 2015, 95 million people went out to shop at small businesses on Small Business Saturday. **Join the celebration.**

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## Pantry's Holiday Distributions Need Donations – Craig Shutt

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry has begun gathering donations for its two holiday distributions, in November and on December 21st. We are asking for contributions of funds, food and fun to make the season brighter for those in our community who need a helping hand during the holiday season.

In November, we provide clients with additional meat and trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner. On December 21st, we hold a special distribution at which clients receive the makings for a full holiday dinner. We also allow clients to select a gift for each of their children, along with a book and stocking stuffer.

For these special distributions, we are especially in need of juice, stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned yams and vegetables, instant potatoes, cake mixes, Jell-O and pumpkin-pie filling.

We typically give out about 400 toys to children (ages infant to 12). We especially need gifts for older children (age 10 to 12), especially boys, as we receive far fewer for that age group. Soccer balls and basketballs are popular options.

We also run out of books for all ages early in the day. We find older boys, a harder group to shop for, enjoy biographies, sports and other nonfiction books.

**Unwrapped new toys and food donations can be brought to the Pantry at the Irving Park United Methodist Church** (3801 N. Keeler Ave.) during office hours (call 773/283-6262 to check times). Or from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays during Pantry operating hours. Donations can be left at the bottom of the stairs at the Grace Street entrance. Local businesses



George Katsikas, vice president of Berman Mid City Nissan, presented the Pantry with a \$1,000 donation to help restock toiletries as needed after someone broke in and stole all of them the previous week. Executive Director John Psiharis accepted the check along with volunteers Pam True (right) and Norma Strich.  
*Photo by Craig Shutt*

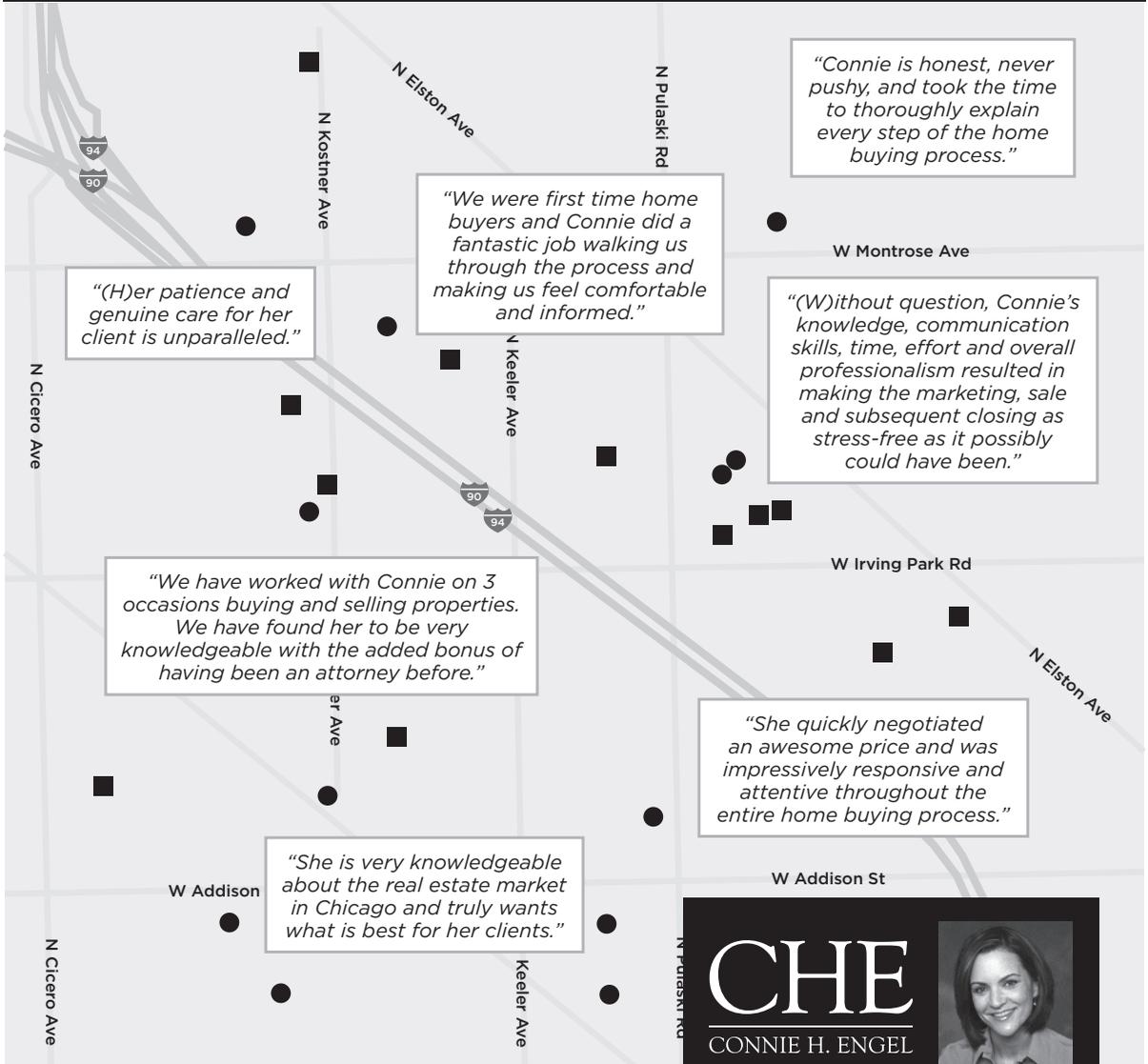
in the area also help collect donations; we'll post them to our Facebook page.

The deadline for contributing toys is Friday, December 16th. Volunteers are needed to collect toys, organize the toy room, and help with the toy distribution on December 21. **For information or to volunteer, contact Sara Yuest at [sara.yuest74@gmail.com](mailto:sara.yuest74@gmail.com).**

**Thank you to everyone who donated winter coats to our annual distribution in October!** Special thanks to the parents and students at Disney II Elementary School, especially coordinator **Rose Rivers** and those who helped her, including **Renee Linnemeyer, Nicole Morales, Eileen Lysault, Chris Fey** and **Bruce Yaeger**.

*John Psiharis, Executive Director  
Irving Park Community Food Pantry  
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# Hands to Help Celebrates 2016

This year, Hands to Help Ministries celebrated eleven years of serving neighbors on the brink of homelessness and those experiencing homelessness. Thanks to the contributions of hundreds of neighbors on the Northwest side of Chicago, we reached out to over one hundred individuals and families in the Old Irving and Portage Park communities.

We hosted a community dinner in July and plan on hosting a second on Thursday, November 3, from 5 – 7:30 p.m. at **Irving Park Lutheran Church**, 3839 W. Belle Plaine. The November dinner is in partnership with **OIPA** and **6 Corner's Association** members. BuildOn students from **Schurz High School** will prepare the taco dinner. Hands to Help thanks Irving **Park Lutheran Church parishioners** for hosting us and **Irving Park Food Pantry** for supplying the food. All are welcome. Please join us.

Thanks to your support, Hands to Help is expanding our capacity to serve our community. We recently welcomed two new board members and have plans to welcome many more in 2017. We are building new avenues of communication between landlords and residents leading to our new Landlord Roundtable Program. We are also reaching out to business owners encouraging them to increase their ties to the community. A highlight of this work is our new partnership with The Fish Guy and his offer of a delicious dinner event to benefit Hands to Help.

Hands to Help was created with the support of five community churches, Irving Park Methodist, Irving Park Baptist, Irving Park Lutheran, St. Viator's and our home church, St. John's Episcopal. In 2016, we built connections with additional churches and community organizations. Through these connections, we helped more neighbors in need. We look forward to joining with even more houses of worship in 2017.

With your financial support, Hands to Help will increase our ability to serve neighbors experiencing homelessness and those on the brink. In 2017, we will begin our new program reaching out to landlords in and around Old Irving and Potage Park to increase affordable housing options. This new program will ensure more neighbors can stay in the community we all love and call home.

### Want to take part?

We welcome volunteers to assist with single projects or throughout the year. We are also in need of financial support to continue to provide the resources and services so many depend on in our community. Please visit our website at [www.handstohelpministries.org](http://www.handstohelpministries.org) and Thank you!

*Gayle Nelson, Executive Director  
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3857 N. Kostner, Chicago, IL 60641  
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### Are you planning a Christmas celebration?

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MON. Nov. 16	7:00pm The Branch Community Church	6125 W. Foster
TUES. Nov. 18	2:30pm Hitch Elementary School Auditorium	5625 N. McVicker
WED. Nov. 18	7:00pm St. John Episcopal Church	3857 N. Kostner
THURS. Nov. 19	1:30pm Schurz High School	3601 N. Milwaukee
SAT. NOV. 21	10:30am Jefferson Park Library	5363 W. Lawrence

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# Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas are coming!

For most of us, holidays are a confusion of sacred and secular time. At Irving Park United Methodist Church, we will journey to celebrate the presence of the sacred among us – and we celebrate best in community. You are invited to share the journey!

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**Community Meal at St. John's Episcopal Church at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 3.** High school students from Schurz's BuildOn program will prepare and serve the meal for all. Irving Park Methodist Church is one of the founding members of Hands to Help, a grassroots organization providing services to neighbors on the brink of homelessness and those who are homeless. Everyone is invited and we will be there. For more information visit the website at [www.handstohelpministries.org](http://www.handstohelpministries.org).

**Building Beloved Community Workshop on Saturday, November 12 from 9 – 3:30 p.m.** We will meet at Irving Park UMC to ride to Barrington. Trainers in cross-cultural cross-racial will inform, encourage, and equip us with skills and vision for building God's beloved community together. The workshop is on Saturday, November 12, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at Barrington UMC (98 Algonquin Rd, Barrington, IL). Lunch will be provided for everyone, and childcare is available upon request. To register, please call Irving Park United Methodist Church at 773-283-6262. The church will cover the registration fee for everyone willing to be a part of this conversation. Please let us know dietary restrictions and childcare needs.

### Winter Wonderland at City News Saturday, November 26 from 1 – 3 p.m.

**Cooperative church caroling fun!** People from Irving Park United Methodist, Irving Park Baptist and St. Viator's Catholic Church will form a combined group to carol to the community at City News, 4018 N. Cicero! There will be food and fun for all! Sing along or just come!

### Sunday, November 27 Advent begins with 10 a.m. Worship!

Do you know what time it is? How can we hold on to the sacredness of time, space, people and knowing in the midst of the busyness of the holiday season? The irony is that time with God often gets pushed aside in the middle of the season supposedly dedicated to the celebration of the presence of God with us! You are welcome!

### Join Us

If you want more information about our commitments, programs, or possibilities, please email the church at [irvingparkumc@comcast.net](mailto:irvingparkumc@comcast.net) or call at 773-283-6262. We are located at 3801 N Keeler Ave., the corner of Keeler and Grace and we are an open and affirming community that worships on Sundays at 10 a.m. and serves through the week!

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# CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

## NOVEMBER



For complete event details, go to the organization's feature page.

### OIPA NEWS DECEMBER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Advertising:  
November 8  
BY 5 p.m.

Editorial:  
November 15  
BY 5 p.m.

- 3**     **Community Meal at St. John's Episcopal Church** | 5:30 p.m.

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- 6**     **Daylight Saving Time ends**

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- 7**     **Neighbors Night Out**  
7 p.m. | Members of Old Irving Park Association (OIPA), Portage Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA), Jefferson Park Forward (JPF) gather at Old Irving Brewing, 4419 W Montrose Ave, Chicago, IL 60641

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- 8**     **Election Day**

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- 11**    **St. Viator School Open Houses/School Tours**  
9 – 10:30 a.m. | Come & see all that St. Viator has to offer!

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- 12**    **Building Beloved Community | Irving Park United Methodist Church**  
See page 38 for details.

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- 14**    **OIPA MEMBER MEETING**  
7 p.m. | Lower Level of Irving Park Baptist Church. AGENDA: History of Old Irving Park presented by Laura Marie Sanchez, Irving Park Historical Society

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- 17**    **St. Edward Open House**  
9 – 11 a.m. | 4343 W. Sunnyside. Please call 773-736-9133 or email [RSVP@stedwardschool.com](mailto:RSVP@stedwardschool.com) for information.

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- 19**    **St. Edward's Boy Scout Troop 904 Serve All-You-Can-Eat-Pasta**  
4 – 8 p.m. | Buckley Hall, 4443 N. Lowell.

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- 24**    **Thanksgiving Day**

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- 26**    **Winter Wonderland at City News**  
1 – 3 p.m. | 4018 N. Cicero | Holiday fun and Entertainment.

## DECEMBER



- Irving Park Community Food Pantry Toy Drive and Food Donation**  
See page 34 for details.

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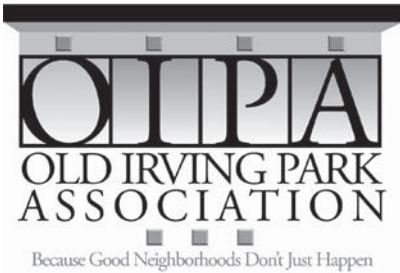
- 2, 3 & 4**   **St. Viator Winterfest!**  
Visit [stviatorchicago.org](http://stviatorchicago.org) for more details.

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- 4**     **St. Edward's Christmas Tree Sale**  
8 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Pick out a great Christmas tree, Play Lot, 44447 N. Lowell

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- 11**    **Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Free Holiday Concert**  
2 p.m. | Irving Park Lutheran Church, 3938 W. Belle Plaine Ave. "An Americana Christmas" featuring Anna Fermin's Trigger Gospel. Free Admission.



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Please complete the form below. If renewing, please use this form to let us know about any changes.

We like to celebrate our members. Birthday and anniversary information is optional. If you wish to be included on the birthday and anniversary page in the newsletter, please complete the information on the form (adults members and spouses/partners only).

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## THE SOCIAL NETWORK | OIP Members Out and About

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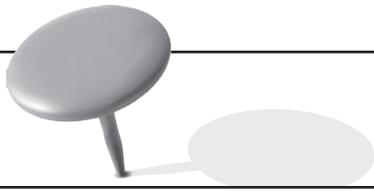
SPOTTED: St. Viator students amazed at their packing abilities as they prepare rice meals during a service field trip to Feed Our Starving Children in Schaumburg.  
*Photo by Huguette Cogan*



SPOTTED: St. Viator Itty Bitty Basketball players learning new skills as team players.  
*Photo by Huguette Cogan*



SPOTTED: Disney 2 parents and friends enjoyed a night out at Carlson Community Services' Trivia Night. Pictured from left are Steve Kendrick, Joel Reese, Tim Callahan, Ed Graziano, Tarin Kendrick, Ann McHale, Linda Graziano, Anrenna Kim.



### **OPEN HOUSE for Prospective Students at Disney II Magnet High School on November 6th.**

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*Submitted by Eileen Schnepff, Communications Liaison, [erschnepff@cps.edu](mailto:erschnepff@cps.edu), 312-952-7398*

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### **Preteens & Teens**

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# Fall Back

November 6 > Set your clock back



## Among the Rocks

by Robert Browning

Oh, good gigantic smile o' the brown old earth,  
This autumn morning! How he sets his bones  
To bask i' the sun, and thrusts out knees and feet  
For the ripple to run over in its mirth;

Listening the while, where on the heap of stones  
The white breast of the sea-lark twitters sweet.

That is the doctrine, simple, ancient, true;  
Such is life's trial, as old earth smiles and knows.

If you loved only what were worth your love,  
Love were clear gain, and wholly well for you:

Make the low nature better by your throes!  
Give earth yourself, go up for gain above!

## SUBMISSION TO THE NEWSLETTER POLICY

All members are welcome to submit letters, photos, articles (450 words maximum without photos) for publication. Send your contributions to: Kathleen Kearns at [k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com](mailto:k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com). Please include "OIPA" submission in the subject line of the email. Also include the category of the item you are submitting — advertisement, article or event for community calendar, etc. Photos should be accompanied with a caption(s) and photo credit.

**Deadline for advertising is the second Tuesday of the month. Deadline for editorial submissions is the third Tuesday of the month; materials after this date will be held over to the next month's issue.**

### DECEMBER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

**Advertising: November 8, 2016**

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**BY 5 p.m.**

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