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Fifth in A Series: Meet Our Board

Bart Goldberg, Secretary

Where did you grow up? Objection! The question assumes a fact that is certainly not yet in evidence, as it is not clear that I will ever truly grow up. As to my birth, I was the eldest offspring resulting from the pairing of a stunning young woman from the mountains of Kentucky and her City-Slicker Romeo from the metropolis of Louisville. They married over the objections of both families about ten months before my birth, and almost no one knew at the time that they had secretly married several months earlier. On a fun-filled Saturday night they impetuously crossed the border into Jellico Tennessee, where you could evidently get hitched without either waiting or taking a blood-alcohol test. Happily, it all worked out. I still miss them.

How long have you lived in Old Irving Park and who is in your household? I have lived in OIP for about 15 years now, and I lived about two blocks north of our borders for about ten years before that. I live with my wonderfully sweet and argumentative wife Missy, while the pride of my life, my daughter Emma, no longer lives at home as she is completing her degree at DePaul. Living with two highly intelligent women has certainly been interesting. There have been almost constant "debates" but I don't know that I have ever won one as they don't give up until I either give in or fall asleep. Last, and certainly least, there is our dog, Pokey. Completely spoiled and needy, he may be the worst dog in Chicago, but he is full of personality and we love him dearly. We apologize to everyone that walks by our yard for his lack of manners.



Bart and with his wife Missy (R) and daughter Emma
Photo by Bart Goldberg

Work outside of OIPA? A lawyer by trade, with a small Mom and Pop type practice, I work from my home and to be honest, I rarely work outside. While I take great pride in my diligence and skill with my snow blower in the winter, I absolutely hate yard work. I never minded mowing, but I do not have the stamina to trim or sweep or garden out in the hot sun. I could never have been a farmer in Kentucky I am so appreciative that we can afford a great landscaping company.

Favorite local business: Besides my landscaper, my next favorite would have to be Number One Chop Suey. Missy travels a lot for work, and while she insists on cooking for me before leaving, walking less than a block to get portions big enough for two meals cannot be beat. Far and away, our favorite local restaurant used to be C. Manny's, where we loved those huge margaritas on a Friday night after a long week. Since we do not have particularly refined tastes, our favorites tend to go out of business and sadly this one did as well. I am also a big fan of Sabatinos. Old school.



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Breakfast drink of choice: Strong black coffee, followed by no food until at least 10:30 a.m. As a child I knew that coffee was evil since adults did not want to do anything in the AM until they had drank their fix. So I boycotted it for a long time, but at age 40 I realized I was drinking a lot of Mountain Dew so I transitioned to coffee.

Interests/Hobbies: I love to read non-fiction, follow my sports teams, and watch TV/Movies with my wife. We tend to be pretty out of touch with current viewing, but then we will later binge on a quality series. We are watching Breaking Bad this summer. I used to play a bad guitar in a rock and roll band, and I still love music of many varieties. As long as it's got soul.

Favorite things to do outside: Sailing and golf. About ten years ago, I bought an old sailboat with a good friend of mine from OIP even though neither of us had any idea how to sail, and had almost never even been on a sail boat. So I bought a few books to learn the very basics, and while we still are not at all proficient, it has been a great purchase. Slowly drifting on Lake Michigan is just stunning and I cannot recommend it highly enough. My daughter and I love it, though Missy hates the boat. The boat was named "Glory Days" when we bought it, and unfortunately its best days are well behind it. I hope to buy another one someday.

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Profession you would have if given a "do over":

Teacher — that's a very noble profession.

Last book you read: Right now I am reading *Thinking Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman (it is amazing how flawed our cognitive abilities tend to be) and *Enlightenment Now* by Steven Pinker (not a spiritual book — the author argues that by virtually any metric the world has progressed greatly since the beginning of the Age of Enlightenment, and continues to do so).

Craziest thing you've ever done: Thinking that I could win my campaign for State Senate this year!

Many thanks to every one of the over 7,000 people that voted for me, but it was not nearly enough and I got trounced. While I invested huge amounts of my time and considerable assets into a losing effort, I have not a single regret about trying. Our state is in worse shape than most people know, and I think that our government in Springfield is not likely to make meaningful progress on our biggest problems. I believe that everyone who has had the advantages that I have had in this life should make some effort to improve things for us all, and I felt that this would be the best way for me to help. But in hindsight, the entrenched political class has effectively made entry

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into the "Club" nearly impossible, and my effort was a little like tilting at windmills. Maybe next time...

History with OIPA: I became a member of the OIPA Board approximately six to eight years ago, and I inherited from my wife my position as Secretary about four years ago.

Favorite part of serving on the OIPA board: Watching how hard the other members of our Board work on behalf of our community. We have a particularly talented and dedicated Board right now, and as a result OIPA is able to accomplish so much more than most other neighborhood Associations. My second

favorite part is the deserts that are usually served at meetings. If you should ever go to a meeting and find the chocolate cookies in scarce supply, my advice is to get there before Howard Silver and I arrive.

Hope for the future of OIPA: To keep increasing our membership and our influence in the public sphere. I hope that even more talented people will replace us all on the Board some day, but that I will continue to be allowed to deliver the newsletters, as I really like my newspaper route.

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Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

June 18, 2018 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary

Attendees: Lynn Ankney, Anna Sobor, Meredith O'Sullivan, and Bart Goldberg.

The Board meeting commenced at about 7:15 p.m. The vast majority of our meeting was dedicated to examining a proposal for the project at Six Corners sometimes called The Point at Six Corners. Our meeting was three days before the public meeting that was later held at Filament Theatre and was attended by about 225 people. I was not at that meeting, so if you would like to read articles about that meeting you can go to ***Chicago Block Club*** (<https://blockclubchicago.org/2018/06/22/pricey-six-corners-senior-housing-will-be-like-a-cruise-ship-on-land-developer-says/>) or ***Nadig Press*** at (<http://nadignewspapers.com/2018/06/22/high-end-senior-living-with-array-of-amenities-planned-for-six-corners-with-rents-starting-at-4400-a-month/>).

Attending our meeting were Dan Walsh and Brandon Raymond of the Ryan Companies, and Peter Eisenberg from Clark Street Development. Clark Street is the owner of this property which is located on the southeast portion of Six Corners. It is bounded by Irving Park Road to the north and Milwaukee Avenue on the southwest. It is presently vacant land, as the prior bank and buildings have been demolished some time ago. Since they purchased the property about four years ago Clark Street has been working on plans to develop the property with commercial space on the ground floor and parking above. There was an earlier proposal that had fallen through due to insufficient commercial leasing.

The new proposal is for a ten story building that would have commercial on the ground floor and a living facility for senior citizens above. The portion for commercial has been scaled back from the original proposal. It will now be approximately 50,000 square feet. The anchor tenant will be an Aldi's that will be renting about 21,000 square feet. The building would be the tallest in the area, and will be ten floors at the apex, and then tapers down to one story as it goes down Milwaukee Avenue. Since the bulk of the project will be for Senior Living, we had invited the two gentlemen from the Ryan Companies to present their proposal and credentials.

Dan Walsh explained that his company is a developer/builder of new construction projects that specializes in senior living projects. This will be their first project in Chicago, but they have built several in the suburbs including the Clarendale facilities in Algonquin and in Mokena. They were absolutely delighted with the Six Corners location as their research had shown that there are about 17,600 people over the age of 75 (their target group) living within three miles. They also felt that there was no place near here that would be offering the type of premium level services that this project will provide. They felt that the next closest comparable facility was in Lincoln Park.

The senior community would consist of 264 residential units: 83 will be independent living, 144 are assisted living, and 38 are memory care units. Concierge services along with many amenities are provided, including large common spaces on the second floor, a bistro and two dining rooms. The

units are on the pricey end of the spectrum. The rentals range from about \$4,400 per month for independent living to \$7,000 per month for memory care assistance. The developer intends to meet its obligation to provide some affordable housing units by building nine additional units at another nearby location that has not been determined as of yet.

The Senior Living facilities will be managed by Life Care Services (LCS) which is a large company out of Des Moines that operates many senior facilities, and presently serves about 35,000 seniors. They also manage The Claire which is a high end facility in downtown Chicago. They will be 50-50 owners with

the Ryan Companies, although the Ryan Companies intend to eventually sell their interest.

The parking for the entire project including the commercial portion is primarily in the interior of the space. There will be about 236 parking spaces with about 130 being dedicated to senior living. Parking on Milwaukee Avenue will also be added to help out the retailers.

Dan Walsh provided some compelling arguments for why this Senior Community project would be beneficial for our neighborhood, which included the following: (1) satisfying a local need for such

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housing; (2) that the residents will have considerable disposable income and will want to get out to shop and eat locally (the independent residents only have one meal included in their package); (3) they will have about 120 employees (far more than an apartment building) and they will also want to shop and eat in the area; (4) the residents tend not to drive, encouraging them to shop nearby, and causing little extra traffic or wear to the roads; (5) no burden on the school systems; and (6) their experience has shown that many seniors actually prefer a city location where they are amidst the noise, hustle and bustle

(as opposed to families in residential apartment that often do not like such things).

Considerable time at the meeting was spent viewing the drawings for the project, since in the view of many of us the aesthetics of this building are particularly important given that it will be such a major part of our landscape. They have provided the drawing that is included with these Minutes.

After our guests left, the Board met very briefly about other matters, primarily about getting some quotes to address some problems with a few of the flower beds on the north side of Irving Park near the railroad tracks.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:30 PM.

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Month End
June 31, 2018

Submitted by Howard Silver

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RECEIPTS		
Newsletter Advertising	\$149.87	\$16,818.11
Web Advertising		\$1,799.48
Dues	\$48.97	\$11,984.22
Interest	\$3.21	\$40.33
Banner Program	\$400.00	\$8,308.55
Parents Committee		
Ice Cream Social	\$20.00	\$20.00
Century House Program		\$375.00
Donations		\$2,210.35
Historical Committee		\$90.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$622.05	\$41,646.04
DISBURSEMENTS		
Newsletter-Print	\$1,147.00	\$11,277.00
Newsletter-Design	\$818.50	\$8,341.00
Postage and Envelopes	\$140.91	\$865.95
Hall Rental	\$100.00	\$700.00
Web Site		\$954.99
Banner Program	\$4,840.00	\$5,240.00
Donations		\$4,100.00
Professional Services		
Directors' and Officers' Insurance		\$1,060.00
Mural Projects		
Misc Board Expenses		\$528.90
Parents' Committee		
Holiday Party		\$1,501.00
Federal and State Annual Reports		\$25.00
Membership		\$740.11
Ice Cream Social	\$81.77	\$81.77
Planters		
Kolmar Park		\$55.71
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,128.18	\$35,471.43
ENDING BALANCES	\$61,273.27	
RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$14,270.17	
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		\$47,003.10



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4157 W. Kenneth	\$340,000
4031 N. Kilbourn.....	\$350,000
4142 N. Kostner	\$398,698
4128 N. Kolmar	\$438,000
3705 N. Tripp.....	\$450,000
4026 N. Kilbourn	\$475,000
3916 N. Tripp	\$500,000
3928 N. Tripp.....	\$501,000
3642 N. Kenneth	\$504,500
4062 N. Kostner	\$508,000
4029 W. Addison	\$521,000
4401 W. Waveland.....	\$532,500
4312 N. Keeler.....	\$534,500
4211 N. Keeler.....	\$540,000
4242 N. Lowell	\$559,000
3813 N. Lowell	\$561,945
3704 N. Kostner	\$565,000
3867 N. Kenton.....	\$566,000
4419 W. Waveland.....	\$599,500
3630 N. Kenneth	\$599,500
4058 N. Kostner	\$657,500
4308 W. Kostner.....	\$785,000
4032 N. Grace	\$800,000
4109 N. Kenneth.....	\$839,000
3800 N. Lowell.....	\$857,500
3903 N. Kostner	\$1,300,000



Attached Single Family

4225 N. Keystone, 1C.....	\$100,000
4209 N. Kedvale, 1F	\$128,000
4211 N. Keystone, 2E.....	\$135,000
4333 N. Keeler, 3B.....	\$140,000
4337 N. Kedvale, 2E	\$143,400
4225 N. Keystone, 2C	\$159,000
4125 N. Keystone, 403	\$165,000
4125 N. Keystone, 505	\$185,000
4336 N. Kedvale, F	\$235,000
3872 N. Milwaukee Ct.....	\$365,000
4042 N. Pulaski, 3W.....	\$435,000
4042 N. Pulaski, 4W	\$440,000
3859 N. Milwaukee	\$445,000
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- 5 Howard Silver & Judy Maas
- 11 Cristina & David Evaskus
- 12 Alexandra & George Gantner
Lynn & Jonathan Ankney
- 13 Denise & Steve Sonberg
- 15 Debbie Gidley & Michael Abbott
Veronika & Juan Salinas
- 17 Wendy & Fred Lundgren
- 19 Christine & Jon Levy
Kristen & Jim Lynch
- 20 Lia Orellano & Nicholas Hanhardt
Vivian & Bruce Bailey
- 23 Clara & Jaime Guerrero
Elizabeth & Hector Fundora
Rachel & Alan Allmen
- 24 Marnie & Roman Zabicki
- 26 Amy & Jason Isadore
- 27 Andria & Glenn Anderson
Kelly & Dan Jacobs
- 28 Katherine & Bob Liebich
Lauren & Mike Innocenzi

July Birthdays

- 1 Mark Kelly
- 3 Alexandra Gantner
- 4 Jeremiah Kaye
- 5 Barbara Chadwick
- 6 Anna Casas
- 7 Rachel Saccaro
Rita Larson
- 9 Nancy Rimkus
- 11 Don Jensen

- 10 Betty Ryan
Fred Shulak
Juliet Pierce
- 11 Clara Guerrero
- 12 James Higham
Lauren Palmieri
- 14 Stephen Stockley
- 15 Janet Middleton
Janine Kilch
Nina Elliott
Stephanie Cutter
- 16 Lindsey Schendel
Jon Epstein
- 17 Bruce Bailey
Greg Jensen
- 18 Annie Lawrenz
Patricia Rexford
Susan Patke
- 19 Kristin Gross
- 20 Linda Townsend
Scott Legan
Jaime Guerrero
- 22 Albert Falasz
Albert Opitz
Jeffrey Carroll
- 24 Christine Lopez
Fraya Black
Ben Lyon
Brian Monaghan
- 25 George Gantner
- 26 Chuck Kopps-Rigali
- 27 Larry Ehrhart
- 28 Ted Ernst
- 29 Bill Whitehead
- 31 Hank Strozewski
Karen Bebart

August Anniversaries

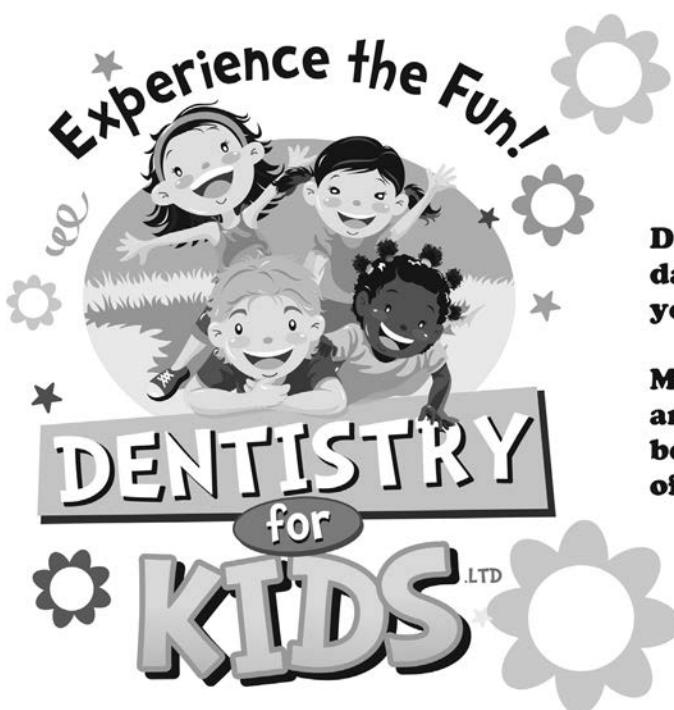
- 1 Dan O'Donohue & Erin Roehrig
Susan & Larry Delby
- 2 Kim & Vince Samford
Mark & Betsy McKelvey
- 4 Catherine & Robert Tataryn
- 5 Matt & Rachel Saccaro
- 8 Bertha Magana & Mario DiPrizio
- 9 Carolyn & Don Jensen
Sabrina Cimo & Demian Christiansen
- 10 Justin & Anna Ware
Terry & Tara Connors
- 12 Annmarie & Keith Handley
- 15 Larry & Diane Ehrhart
- 16 Marian & Charles Roche
- 22 Michelle & Steve Bauman
- 23 Christopher & Jessica Kelly
- 24 Kathy & Rich Lucki
Rosa & Robert Lopez
- 27 Dean & Kinsey Wolf
- 28 Abby & Ted Ernst
Andrea & John Larsen
Gregory & Jessica Kick
Jodi & Brian Fugate
Linda & James Higham
- 30 Tom & Katie Brandt
- 31 Adriana & George Sanabria
Mark & Lauren Palmieri

Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? Not sure if you provided your info in your renewal form? If so, please contact Meredith O'Sullivan at meredithosullivan@gmail.com or 773-551-4533, so she can add your name and dates to the list.

August Birthdays

1 John Wagner-Sherer
2 Vivian Bailey
3 Marion Leavy
4 Michelle Bauman
Jeff Cain
5 Tara Connors
7 Wade Johnston
8 Ronald Cherepski
9 Susan Strozewski
10 John Ruark
11 Carol West
Mathias Delort

12 Craig Chan
Kevin Coenen
Marlena Johnson
14 Adam Unterbrunner
15 Michael Cier
16 Linda Fay
17 Veronika Salinas
Charles Roche
18 Leslie Batterson
19 Joan Jones
20 Bernardo Verdaguera
21 Charlotte Tyre
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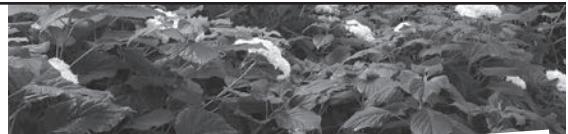
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IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB



Back to Class — Claudia Hine

Members of the Irving Park Garden Club have enjoyed the summer months by attending our Annual Garden Walk on June 23 and socializing at a Midsummer Night Stroll on July 19. The walk featured eight lovely gardens tended by **Gina Iliopoulos and Ed Caplan; Mary Jo Pesut; Judy Fahey; Anna Sobor; Madelyn Ryan; Gayle Christensen and Michael O'Brien; Chris and Christine Gorz; Maureen Taylor; and Peggy Brockhaus and Greg Shearer**. The beautiful backyards of **Mary Foster and Tom Starck** were featured at the July wine and cheese social.

Now, as the kids are facing back-to-school reminders, club members are gearing up for a learning experience of our own. **Angie Yorath** of AngiLily Floral Studio is teaching a hands-on flower arranging class on Saturday, August 18, at 10 a.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3827 N. Kostner Ave. This is an opportunity to



Ruth Mugalian [from left], Maureen Taylor, and Darcie Wadycki share gardening tips in Maureen's backyard, which was featured on the garden walk in June. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

discover how to turn the flowers we grow outdoors into beautiful arrangements we can enjoy indoors.

Angie's class is for garden club members only, but it's not too late to join, and there are still three great programs left on our 2018 schedule: Hands-On Flower Arranging; Be an Herbal Gourmet; and Sustainable Gardening.

Also on Saturday, August 18, club members who prefer to get their hands really dirty will put in some volunteer hours tending the Tripp Garden at Irving Park Rd. and Tripp Ave. Recently, **Mike Basile** installed three "Karley Rose" fountain grasses there, which were provided by Keeler Gardens. Look for those grasses as they sway in the breeze next time you pass by the Tripp Garden on your way to ERIS Brewery and Cider House across the street.

For more information, visit [Facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub) or contact Claudia Hine at claudia.hine@yahoo.com.



Attendees at the Irving Park Garden Club's Annual Garden Walk got lessons in both plant identification and map reading. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*



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Pollinator Habitat and Celebration Day

We want to extend an invitation to our OIP Community to learn about, and explore the newest addition to Keeler Gardens, our Educational Pollinator Habitat, which will officially opens on August 4.

The following is an excerpt from a recent blog post from KeelerGardens.com.

This summer we have been continuing our work on our new Pollinator Habitat laboring to get plants installed in not only an aesthetically pleasing design but also in a layout that will best support the pollinators. Plants are grouped in large masses, so pollinators have plenty to choose from. Annuals and perennials are planted both in the ground and in containers to offer pollen, nectar, and foliage at different heights, and native shrubs are scattered throughout the space to solidify structure.

Also included in the plans are hardscapes. A narrow brick path lines the curb, constructed of reclaimed antique paving bricks, drawing from Chicago history. Substantial boulders serve as signage, painted by local artist Paula Clayton from In a Jungle.



We also support pollinators throughout our entire space. We are a Monarch Waystation, a certified Wildlife Habitat, and host two beehives. Already we have seen pollinators—butterflies, moths, caterpillars, and many different bees—visit the habitat.

We will be hosting our grand opening **Pollinator Celebration Day on Saturday, August 4, 2018**, from 3:00–7:00 p.m. It will be an afternoon filled with pollinators, the plants that support them.

For information on the Habitat, upcoming programs, and tours, visit our Facebook Event Page @KeelerGardens for more details or contact us at Ed@KeelerGardens.com.

All photos courtesy of Keeler Gardens

Keeler Gardens is a 501(c)(3), and our goal is to strengthen the health of local communities through a connection with nature. We hope you will take advantage of all that nature has to offer. Learn more at KeelerGardens.com.



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New Happenings at St. Edward School



St. Edward welcomes new principal Mrs. Sara Lasica [on left].

Welcome to our new principal, **Mrs. Sara Lasica!** Mrs. Lasica joins our community from Holy Ghost School in Wood Dale where she was an 8th-grade teacher and assistant principal. Mrs. Lasica holds a B.A. in Theology and M.A. in Teaching from Dominican University, as well as a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Lewis University. St. Ed's is lucky to have her!

We also extend a warm welcome to our new pastor, Father Ken Anderson. Father Anderson joins us from Immaculate Conception parish in Highland Park. Father Anderson grew up on the Northwest side and is excited to be back home.

School Starts

The first day of school is Thursday, August 17th. In typical St. Ed's fashion, it will be a busy weekend! Friday night, we have our annual Movie Under the Stars which is a favorite for all our families. On Sunday, we have a Welcome Back Ice Cream Social where new and returning families can enjoy delicious ice cream sundaes and get to know each other.

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.

Family Gathering Meet'n Greet Welcomes Parents

We also have coffee Meet 'n Greets in September for our new and returning families. Conveniently scheduled for right after school drop-off in the morning, the Meet 'n Greet is a great way to meet other St. Edward's parents.

Old Gym, New Floor

During the summer, our 60-year-old gym floor has been replaced. We are excited to put it to good use for the many events we offer through the year from bitty basketball to our Big Red Auction.

Best of luck to the Class of 2018 as they start their high school careers at the following schools: DePaul College Prep, Lane Tech High School, Loyola Academy, New Trier, Notre Dame College Prep, St. Patrick High School, Trinity High School, Von Steuben High School (Scholars Program), and Whitney Young High School. We look forward to hearing about your achievements!





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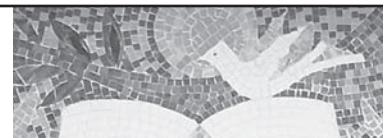
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Viator Vibrations

— Stacey Stevens / Kris Nielsen

St. Viator students are staying busy with fun and games this summer!

We kicked things off with an all-school Cubs game outing and *The Incredibles* at Sunset Cinema. Our two-week summer camp treated students of all ages to a mix of recreational and enrichment activities from sports to arts-n-crafts to making music videos. The session closed out with a crowd-pleasing Freeze Pop Friday!



Stay tuned for upcoming events at stviatorchicago.org or on our Facebook page.

The 5th annual Old Irving Park Beer & BBQ Challenge

The 5th annual Old Irving Park Beer & BBQ Challenge was bigger and better than ever with 22 local pitmasters + brewer teams in the competition. Attendees sampled original takes on pork shoulder, tasted the best of Chicago's craft brewery scene and voted on the best pairing. The ultimate winner? The children of St. Viator, as 100% of the money raised goes to improve facilities & programs benefiting the St. Viator and Old Irving Park community.

A Diverse and Thriving Community

St. Viator Elementary School and Parish is a diverse and thriving community, and we hope you'll consider becoming a part of it. We host open-to-the-public events all year round including Halloween party & Haunted House, Winterfest, Valentine's Day dance, Spring Soirée, Trivia Night, open gym on Saturday mornings, Wiggles & Giggles play dates for toddlers. Plus, hardly a weekend goes by without spirited athletic competition in the gym!

Taking a well deserved break from fun-in-the-sun on Freeze Pop Friday at Camp Viator. Photo provided by Stacey Stevens

Best of luck to our 2018 graduates

Best of luck to our 2018 graduates who are headed off to top high schools this fall including St. Ignatius, Northside College Prep, DePaul College Prep, Whitney Young, Loyola Academy, Chicago Academy for the Arts, Trinity, Ogden International, Guerin Prep, Pritzker Noble, Loyola Academy, Taft IB and St. Patrick.

New School Year

We are gearing up for the 2018-2019 school year, which kicks off Monday, Aug. 20. Prospective students are still welcome to apply; please contact the office to find out about capacity and possible scholarships in your child's grade.

Join our growing community! St. Viator Elementary School and Parish invites you to learn more by attending our events or taking a tour of the school. For more information, please call 773-545-2173 or email Marge Tiritilli at mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org.

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The Buzz at Belding—Lisa Owens, 4th Grade Reading/Social Studies Teacher

New World Language and IB courses at Belding

Belding School is in the process of "going IB," a three-year process of aligning our curriculum and methods to the International Baccalaureate Programme philosophy and expectations. Our IB authorization visit will happen in 2021 for the Middle Years Programme. This coming school year is exciting for Belding as we begin to offer new IB classes such as design. The design is a course which teaches students to apply practical and creative thinking skills to solve design problems such as engineering. In design classes, students will test and evaluate models, prototypes, products, and systems to learn to solve complex problems. These critical thinking skills are some of the hallmarks of a rigorous IB education.

In addition to design, Belding will expand our World Language offerings. Students in grades K-4 will study Arabic as a world language, and upper-grade students will study Spanish. We are thrilled to offer more than one world language at Belding and consider multilingualism to be a valuable skill for success in a global economy.

Back to Belding—Open House

On Thursday, August 30 from 5 – 7 p.m., Belding is holding an open house for new and returning students. This is an excellent opportunity for families to meet teachers, see classrooms, and hear Mrs. Yutzy discuss upcoming goals and events for the year. Parents can complete beginning of the year paperwork and pay student fees at a discounted rate. This is always a fun event that helps students, parents, and teachers gear up and get excited about the new school year! Hope to see you there!

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 an excellent opportunity to see Belding teachers and students in action and to learn more about our school. Upcoming tour dates include September 28, October 23, November 20, and December 18. Tours begin at 8:00 a.m. in the school office.



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Three Brothers Garden Welcomes Garden Intern



The 2018 season at Three Brothers Garden is off to a good start! After a cold, rainy spring, our beds are bursting with a variety of vegetables, including tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, peppers, green beans eggplants, and beets. Over the past several weeks, we've been making regular deliveries to the Irving Park Food Pantry. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

Carlson Community Services Executive Director delivers the first harvest of the season, Six beautiful pounds of radishes, to John Psiharis, Executive Director of the Irving Park Food Pantry. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

Eleanor Ermentrout, our 2018 garden intern, is on the job! Eleanor is a rising sophomore at Loyola University and lives in Portage Park. Eleanor is an environmental science major and a volunteer at Loyola's urban agriculture greenhouse and garden. In addition to her passion for the environment, Eleanor loves to sail and is a sailing instructor for the Chicago Park District. You'll find Eleanor in the garden every Tuesday night through August leading our volunteers in the harvest. Stop by to meet her! The garden is located next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot at 4107 N. Pulaski.

Save the Date for Carlson's First Annual Golf Outing!

Have a passion for golf and want to help our community? Then save the date for Carlson Community Services' first annual golf outing! The outing will be held Tuesday, September 11th at 1 p.m. at Maple Meadows Golf Course in nearby Wood Dale. Entry is \$125 per golfer, which includes greens fees, cart, prizes, and dinner. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Carlson board member Michael Jordan at [attorney@micahelfjordan.com](mailto:micahelfjordan.com). Proceeds benefit Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit which operates three neighborhood programs, an after-school program, community garden and classical music concert series. For more information visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or follow us on Facebook.



Eleanor Ermentrout, the Three Brothers Garden summer intern. *Photo by Liz Mills*



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Pantry Seeks School Supplies in August

This month, the Irving Park Community Food Pantry is once again distributing school supplies to its clients with children in grades 1 through 12 to help them start the school year strong. The program continues all month.

We are in need of:

- loose-leaf paper
- spiral notebooks
- pocket folders
- glue stick
- scissors
- rulers
- erasers
- #2 pencils
- crayons (24 pack)
- markers
- colored pencils
- pens

Please do not donate backpacks at this time. We may run low as the month goes on, giving out upwards of 400 bags, so please keep us in mind for the future.

Donations can be dropped off at:

- Irving Park United Methodist Church, 3801 N. Keeler, during Pantry hours from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays and 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14th.
- Linnemeyer front porch at 3822 N. Tripp Ave.
- Old Irving Brewing, 4419 W. Montrose Ave.
- Our booth at the Sunday GIPNA Farmers Market on August 5th and 19th.



Mary Kay Shutt (left) and Sara Yoest talk as they enjoy their reward—Josi's frozen yogurt—after completing the Irving Park Food Pantry's Neighborhood Walk in late May. Photo by Craig Shutt

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Thank you to shoppers who have taken advantage of the Giving Bag program offered by **Fresh Thyme!** To learn more, visit freshthyme.bags4mycause.com.

We appreciate everyone who participated in our first annual **Neighborhood Walk** in May to help us raise awareness and funds for the Pantry. More than 55 people walked the 1.7-mile route through Old Irving Park, and more than \$8,000 was raised. We look forward to seeing them and more of our neighborhood supporters next year.

New Volunteer Scheduling

The Pantry has reorganized its volunteer scheduling with new volunteer managers for both Wednesday morning (9 a.m. to noon) and the second Tuesday night of the month (6 to 7:30 p.m.). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Leslie Frazier for Wednesdays or Michelle Buchecker for Tuesday nights at volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org. We welcome short-term summer volunteers including high school students, as many regular volunteers take vacations.

Article submitted by Craig Shutt. John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Hands to Help



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Trivia Night a Success

Thanks to all who participated or supported the annual Hands To Help Trivia Night this past spring! This year the event was held at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym. With over 100 attendees from the local community and others who support, \$11,000 was raised to help those who are or in danger of becoming homeless in our neighborhood. These funds go to helping individuals and families secure and maintain a place of residence. Already looking forward to the 2019 event!

Stop by and say hello to us this summer at the Hands To Help booth at the Independence Park Farmer's Market! Starting July 8, we will be at the market once a month raising awareness of how we help the homeless in our neighborhood and how you can be a part of furthering our mission. If you miss us at the Market, check out our Facebook/Website to learn how you can help.

– Deann Sherlock

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SPOTTED: **Caty Stillwell**, the 4th-grade teacher at Belding Elementary School, stopped by the Irving Park Food Pantry in mid-June to drop off the donation from her students, who devoted their Service Learning Project to encouraging students to donate socks to the Pantry. They collected 400 pairs! Executive Director **John Psiharis** accepted the donation. *Photo by Craig Shutt*



SPOTTED: Members of Schurz High School's BuildOn program, led by coordinator **Jessie** (front right), show the home-made signs they displayed while participating in the Irving Park Food Pantry's Neighborhood Walk in late May. Executive Director **John Psiharis** looks on. *Photo by Craig Shutt*



Want to live to 100?
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Pictured here is centenarian **Dorothy Homeyer**, a regular Carlson volunteer, who helped harvest radishes in May. *Photo by Liz Mills*



SPOTTED: At the IP Garden Club's Midsummer Night Stroll, President **Claudia Hine** chatting with **Sandra Kirkland**.

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Movies in the Park

On Friday, August 17th, Movies in the Park will screen the blockbuster movie "Black Panther" at Independence Park (3945 N Springfield Avenue). The film begins at dusk, weather permitting. Bring a blanket, snack, friends, and family to enjoy the movie in the park. For more information, please call Independence Park at 773-478-3538.

Independence Park Farmers Market

This month, the Independence Park Farmers Market (3945 North Springfield Avenue) is open on Sunday, August 12 and Sunday, August 26 (the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month) from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. If you're looking for a fun way to shop for baked goods and fresh produce, as well as a variety of other things, swing by on participating Sundays. Credit cards and Link Cards are accepted for purchases at the market.

Host a Block Party

Looking for a great opportunity for neighbors to meet? Perhaps a Block Party is the answer. Please contact my public service office to secure a "Street Closure" permit, and don't forget to ask how to schedule some "extra attractions," such as the Chicago Fire Department.

Welcome & Congrats x2

Congratulation and welcome the new Executive Director of the **Pulaski Elston Business Association (PEBA)** **Amie Zander**. Amie replaces the previous ED **Mara Hundreiser**, who recently resigned after welcoming the birth of her new daughter. Congratulations to the Hundreiser family! We are looking forward to continuing the great relationship with PEBA under Zander's leadership. You can learn more about PEBA and sign up for their newsletter at www.PEBAchamber.org.

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The stage will be transformed into an enchanted forest to feature one of Shakespeare's most beloved plays. When the merry sprite Puck meddles with a magical love potion, young lovers lost in the woods mysteriously find themselves infatuated with the wrong person in this hilarious, fairytale fantasia that proves the course of true love never did run smooth.

The performance will take place on Saturday, August 11, starting at 6:30 pm and again on Sunday, August 12, beginning at 4 pm. For more information or to view other Chicago Shakespeare Theater events, visit <http://bit.ly/ChicagoShakespeareTheater>.

Be a Connector — Spread the News!

Please consider passing this newsletter on to a neighbor as a gentle reminder to renew his/her household membership or, better yet, to someone on your block who is either a new resident or not familiar with OIPA.



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- 18 Irving Park Garden Club | Clean Up at Tripp Garden
10 a.m. | Tripp Garden at Irving Park Rd.

September

- 10 OIPA Member Meeting | 6:30 p.m. | Irving Park Baptist Church
- 8 - 9 County Fair Chicago at Six Corners | Saturday, September 8, Noon–10 p.m.;
Sunday, September 9, Noon–8 p.m., Fair Location: Directly behind 4901 W. Irving
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SEPTEMBER

OIPA Member Meeting

7 p.m. | Monday, September 10
Irving Park Baptist Church





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This is a:

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Gift Membership

RENEW TODAY

2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Joining or renewing your membership is easy with our online membership form at www.oldirvingpark.com/join-us If you don't have access to our online membership form, please complete the form below.

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

NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTHDAY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTHDAY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

ANNIVERSARY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

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TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

E-MAIL 2

**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
RENEWALS
expire August 31
and are due by
September 1.**

**Membership dues
received after
May 1 will be
applied to the
following year
membership.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES (per household)

Membership Benefits: Monthly meetings, hand delivered paper newsletter, member/spouse birthday and anniversary published in newsletter, ice-cream social, holiday dinner

- \$25/year Standard – \$15/year Standard Seniors (age 65+)
- \$75 Good Neighbor: Standard membership plus — One child and/or pet's name and birthday in newsletter and an OIPA Tote Bag
- \$150 Neighborhood All-star: Standard membership plus — One child and/or pet's name and birthday in newsletter, an OIPA Tote Bag, and admission for two to an exclusive OIPA party.
See page 4 for details.
- Add \$17/year for OIPA NEWSLETTER deliveries out of boundaries. (Boundaries: South of Montrose, North of Addison, West of Pulaski & East of Milwaukee District North railroad tracks adjacent to Kilbourn/Kolmar)

GIFT MEMBERSHIP: Simply complete the form above or the online form with your neighbor's name(s) and address. You may not know their birthday/anniversary info. That's okay – we'll follow up with them. **If purchasing online:** Please indicate this is a gift subscription in the final box titled, "Special Instructions."

SEND FORM & PAYMENT TO: Old Irving Park Association, c/o Meredith O'Sullivan, OIPA Director / Membership, 4061 W. Warwick Ave., Chicago, IL 60641

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE: Old Irving Park Association **OR** join/renew online: oldirvingpark.com/join-us

From the Editor: SUBMISSION TO THE NEWSLETTER POLICY

Note: Ten newsletters are produced annually (Newsletters are not published in the months of January and July). A heartfelt thanks to everyone who continue to submit articles and photos for the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you throughout the year.

Submission deadline:
2nd Tuesday
of the month.

All members are welcome to submit letters, photos, articles (400 words maximum without photos, 300 with photos) for publication. Please send content as a Word document or in an email. Links to websites or Facebook are NOT acceptable. Send your contributions to: Kathleen Kearns at 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. If your files are too large to email, please use <https://wetransfer.com>. You can send several files at a time using wetransfer.

Deadline for advertising AND editorial submissions is the second Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m. Materials SUBMITTED AFTER this date will be held over to the next month's issue.

The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions. Information printed in the newsletter may be reproduced with Old Irving Park Association cited as the source. Opinions in this publication do not necessary reflect the official position of the Old Irving Park Association.

AD SPACE Purchase and upload your ad at:
www.oldirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad

AD SIZES: Full Page: 6.25" X 7.5"

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Quarter Page: 3" X 3.75"

ACCEPTABLE AD FILES: High Resolution (minimum 300 dpi) grayscale; jpg, PDF, or eps.

Microsoft Word files are NOT acceptable.

Call for Contributions to the OIPA News



While we receive most of our content from organizations, we welcome individual article submissions!

A few ideas:

- Give a shout-out to a kind neighbor.
- Did you recently visit a new business or restaurant? Then share your great experience.
- Write a fun story about our neighborhood or a fond memory.
- Share your knowledge on a topic.

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