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**GABRIEL
CHRISTIANSSEN**

Round Two: Meet the Delivery Team!

Q: Why did you start this volunteer gig and how long have you been doing it?

Gabriel Christiansen

My neighbors originally had the job, but they moved away to Texas. My brother and I inherited the position from them. This is my second year doing it. I also needed an opportunity for service hours and thought it was a good way to give back.

Sinead O'Sullivan

Hello! I have been volunteering with OIPA for over 2 years. I started because my mom did not have time to deliver anymore because she was getting more involved with the board (she is the membership coordinator for OIPA). Because I was getting more interested in the organization, I encouraged my friends to join as deliverers as well. I help my mom with the membership inputting, as well as the sorting of the newsletters when they are given to us.

Sheri McGuire

We started delivering several years ago first by assisting then inheriting the route from our wonderful neighbor & long-time OIP resident, Bette Reetzke. All three of us deliver (myself, our 6-year-old daughter Margaret, and my husband Danny), but in all fairness to my husband, he does it more often.



**SINEAD
O'SULLIVAN**

Q: To what (which) block(s) do you deliver newsletters?

Gabriel Christiansen:

I deliver on Grace from Pulaski to Kedvale, and then along Kedvale to Addison.

Sinead O'Sullivan:

I deliver on Warwick and sometimes help my friend Delaney Kelly on the 4000 blocks of Patterson and Waveland. I also take over Grace and Kedvale when the deliverers are on vacation.

Sheri McGuire:

3800-3900 Kostner



**SHERI MCGUIRE
& FAMILY**



Q: How long does it take you to deliver to your route and do you do anything else while making deliveries?

Gabriel Christiansen:

It takes me about 20 minutes, and usually I'll do it on my way home from school or on my way back to basketball practice.

Sinead O'Sullivan:

It takes about 20 minutes to deliver my route. When I take over additional routes, it takes over an hour. I don't have any pets, so I don't multi-task during that time. For the most part, I ask my neighbor Chloe Boyle to deliver with me, so I have something to do/somebody to talk to. We have a fun time doing this together (I hope she feels the same way). I sometimes listen to my favorite singers (Shawn Mendes, and Ed Sheeran) through my phone.

Sheri McGuire:

If we don't have our daughter with us, it takes 15 minutes, but with her, it can take an hour. She's been helping to deliver since she was very young.

Q: Do you have any funny stories or observations you've made while delivering newsletters?

Gabriel Christiansen:

I enjoy nature and being outside while walking and delivering. There are a lot of rabbits in our neighborhood.

Sinead O'Sullivan:

There are no specific stories that I remember, but I am very thankful that my neighbors are as lenient as they are. I am late almost every month.

Sheri McGuire:

Cute story. One-time, years ago when Anna Sobor was out on a walk with her doggy, she stopped to take pictures of our daughter delivering the bulletin. Ever since then my daughter questions why her photo isn't being taken while out on deliveries. Ha-ha!

Q: Is there anything you would like newsletter recipients to know that would make your job easier?

Gabriel Christiansen:

No. My job is pretty easy.

Sinead O'Sullivan:

I can't think of anything that would make this easier.

Sheri McGuire:

Hmm, don't call the police if we deliver at night, it's only us on your porch!

Q: Three words to describe Old Irving Park?

Gabriel Christiansen:

Special. Nice. Home.

Sinead O'Sullivan:

Front. Yard. Fridays! A tradition we have on Warwick is to have the whole block get together in one family's front yard. We bring out coolers, snacks, and desserts to complete the night. The kids play games in the backyard while the parents talk in the front. It's like a block party without all the hassle (permits and such).

Sheri McGuire:

Beautiful. Quiet. Friendly.



Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

October 15, 2018 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary

Attendees: Lynn Ankney, Anna Sobor, Howard Silver, Meredith O'Sullivan, Adrienne Chan, Colleen Kenny, Annie Swingen, Scott Legan, and Bart Goldberg.

The Board meeting commenced at about 7:04 p.m. Our thanks to Meredith for hosting once again. She is setting all sorts of records for hospitality this year. This was our first meeting with the two new board members, Scott and Annie. They are going to be a couple of great and needed additions to the Board.

Farewell Howard Silver: Sadly for us, this was **Howard Silver's** final meeting before he moves from Old Irving. As I said in the general minutes, the man has been such a rock on this Board for so long it is hard to imagine going forward as a board without him. He has done a staggering amount of work over the years for our group, and done it cheerfully. He has also often had the thankless job of being the one to say "no" when people want to come into Old Irving and build in ways that are out of character with our neighborhood. He represented us as our spokesperson in countless meetings with alderman and developers over the years. He was always reasonable but determined, and in these meetings he often was the only reasonable voice in the room. To say the least, He will be missed. Howard is well known for his love of chocolate so we shared a cake with him after the meeting. Take care old friend!

Treasurer's Reports: The Treasurer's Report for August and September were all unanimously approved. The figures were good though they showed a downturn in advertising revenue. The Board appointed President Ankney to take over the role of Treasurer (in addition to

all of her other duties, including being the President!]) for the rest of his term, and authorized the new signatories on the Association financial accounts.

Membership: Meredith reported that a substantial number of members had rejoined since last month, but that as is the case every year, we have a lot of work to do to push for the renewals.

Board Roles: With two new members to the Board we felt that this was a good time to take stock of the roles we are each taking on the Board, and how that might be improved in the future. Progress on plans for two aldermanic forums was also discussed.

OIPA Archival Policy: There were discussions about the Board meeting a few times informally this winter to review old OIPA documents with an eye to discarding the redundant ones, and properly storing what should be kept.

Charitable Gifts: We authorized our charitable gifts for the year. We did this a little earlier than usual so that they can be given to the recipients at our next general meeting on November 12th. The gifts are each in the amount of \$500 and will be given to Lydia Home, the YMCA, Hands to Help Ministries, the Irving Park Food Pantry, Carlson Community Services, Belding, Disney II and Schurz.

Holiday Dinner: We agreed that the holiday dinner would be held at Eris this year. The date will be Sunday, December 9th and tentatively will be from about 5 to 8 p.m. We will provide further details next month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m., so that we could share Howard's cake.



OIPA | ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

November Anniversaries

- 7 Bob & Jan Jones
- 8 Richard & Bridget Bauman
- 11 Chris & Jean Faris
- 12 Mike & Stacey Blaha
- 13 Adam & Beth Young
- 15 Randall & Susan Patke
- 15 Tracy & Michael Kennedy
- 16 James & Joan Bychowski
- 17 Mary Kane & Nate Tovo
- 17 Nathan Tovo & Mary Kane
- 20 Janice & Paul Stechman
- 20 William Lachman & Gregory Ward
- 21 Braydon Thompson & Amber Kim
- 22 Elizabeth & Michael Basile
- 22 Erin & Emmanuel Sarris
- 26 Patricia & Clisson Rexford
- 27 Marie & Richard Hoffman
- 29 Charity Piet Miska & David Miska

November Birthdays

- 1 Ben Mania
- 1 Sarad Amani
- 1 Sinead O'Sullivan
- 3 Jan Jones
- 3 Therese Jezuit
- 4 Carlos Touza
- 4 Seamus O'Sullivan
- 6 Jean Pitzen (deceased)
- 7 Lowell Krischer
- 7 Matt Young
- 8 Marie Hoffman
- 10 Melanie Zech
- 10 Stacey Stevens
- 10 Brad Schotanus
- 13 Gerald Pitzen
- 15 Claudia Hine
- 16 Robert Kleisch
- 16 Alex Wolf
- 17 Rich Kenny
- 18 Florence Tamayo
- 20 Kathy Lucki
- 20 Michael Cannon
- 23 Taya Fallen
- 24 Campbell Soup
- 27 Mary Koscinski
- 28 Jeff Linnemeyer
- 29 Kate Meints
- 29 Kerry O'Brien
- 29 Kyle Kostelny
- 29 Premjit Anupawan
- 30 Joseph Stypka
- 30 Susan Delby
- 30 Mike Koehler

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.





Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

on October 8, 2018 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary

General Announcements

The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m. I was concerned that few would attend given the rather ghoulish agenda for the evening. I must admit that I had called my doctor for a prescription for something to help me get through it. His most junior nurse called me back to tell me something that could be loosely translated as "grow up." Knowing that I could not claim a fake vacation two months in a row I realized that my secretarial duties to our Association required my attendance. I would say that approximately 35 brave OIPers were there as well. We want to welcome several new attendees: The youngest were **Andrew Chan** (11) and his friend **Christopher Cannon** (10) both who came for the ghost stories; **Jilnar Monsieur** from Manor Tool and Manufacturing; **Susan Hopgood**; **Roberta and Manuel** from the 3600 block of Keeler; the renowned children's illustrator **Scott Gustafson** from the 4000 block of Kostner; **Kim Waldack** (a long time OIPA member who lives in the Villa but is part of Gidley Management); and a surprise appearance by the esteemed editor of our OIPA Newsletter, **Ms. Kathleen Kearns!** Welcome to all.

Leaving Old Irving Park:

As hard as it is for most of us to fathom, there are some people that voluntarily move out of Old Irving Park. **President Ankney** brought attention to the fact that we are about to lose two terribly valuable members of our community: **Wendy Jo Harmston** and **Howard Silver**. They are both past Presidents of OIPA and have served us in many capacities over



Wendy Jo Harmston

many years. As she usually is, Wendy Jo was present at the meeting and spoke to us regarding her mixed emotions about leaving the neighborhood. She will eventually be moving to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (which is obviously not

all bad). She mentioned that she was actually present at the very first meeting of OIPA in 1983. Speaking of history, she has been storing Association artifacts for us that she has been transferring to President Ankney. As you are probably aware, the work that Wendy Jo has performed over the years for OIPA and other civic organizations has been terribly important, and it is appreciated. **Howard Silver** had a competing engagement at the beginning of the meeting so he did not speak. He and his wife Judy are moving into a high rise building in the City which will make it easier



Howard Silver

for him to get around. Not only has Howard been a two time President of OIPA, he has been on the Board for at least the past 16 years. He has served as both our resident zoning expert and the Treasurer for about the last ten years. He has been terribly active with OIPA for such a long time,

Photos by Claudia Hine



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and a great source of wise counsel, so he is going to be sorely missed. I hope that we will provide updates about the two of them in future issues.

Committee Reports and Announcements:

President Ankney brought us up to date on several matters of interest to the community, including the Schurz Field project, the coat drive being conducted by the Irving Park Food Pantry, and the aldermanic forum that we will be co-hosting for the upcoming 39th Ward election to replace the retiring Alderman Luarino. We were happy to announce that Eric Zorn has once again agreed to moderate, and that it will be tentatively held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 from about 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Irish American Center. We are working to arrange a forum for the 45th Ward election as well. President Ankney also informed us that after 66 years of great customer service **Tony** and **Frank** have decided to close **Pert Cleaners**. First Sears, then Sabatino's and now Pert! Things are changing in our town and we wish them a wonderful retirement.

Election of Directors: The election of new Directors for OIPA is about as exciting as a general election in Chicago. In Chicago all of the action (if any) happens in the primaries and then the Democratic winner

proceeds unopposed in the general election. In our case we are just absolutely thrilled when anyone even wants to run. As a result we had five candidates for five open two year terms as a Director. Veteran directors **Anna Sobor**, **Colleen Kenny** and **Meredith O'Sullivan**, along with two greatly appreciated newcomers, **Annie Swingen** and **Scott Legan** were all unanimously elected. So let's let them think that they were winners, when in truth we were the winners.

Main Speakers— Halloween Ghost Stories:

Dave and Kris Cloud – *Gray Farm House* – The Cloud's are now the proud owners of the famous Gray mansion located at 4362 W. Grace Ave. It was originally constructed in 1856 and has long been rumored to have played a role in the pre-civil war underground railroad. Dave spoke first to us about the results of the two recent digs that have occurred there in the last two years looking for relevant artifacts. Those

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Pictured above: Ghost Story Tellers, (Left to right) Dave and Kris Cloud, Charlotte Tyre, Laura Marie Sanchez, Tracey Starck (Tom's daughter) and Thomas Starck.

Photo by Kathleen Kearns

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digs were supervised by the **Architectural Studies Program** from Lake Forest College. While they have certainly uncovered some very interesting artifacts (particularly under the original porch and under the sidewalk) the short answer is that no tunnels have been found. The sealed room in the basement did not lead anywhere. At this point they have enough information to conclude that there were no tunnels in two directions from the home, though they have not yet eliminated the north and east directions. The Clouds plan to let us see the things that have been uncovered so far at an OIPA meeting in the future.

After Dave spoke Kris took over for the Ghost Story. You would have to expect that a house of this age would have some stories and she did not disappoint. Kris acknowledged that she always felt a very creepy feeling in their basement, but it was when one of their cats, Mr. Worthington, started acting bizarrely she felt that this had gone far enough. She contacted an experienced Animal Communicator out of Lake Forest to gain some additional expertise. The AC was able to cure Mr. Worthington in short order and he once again emerged and stretched out in comfort. However, she informed the Clouds that they had spirits in all three of their chimneys. With their permission the AC "cleared the house" and spent the spirits "to the light". However, before she did she told the Clouds that there was one benevolent spirit that wanted to stay. Not wanting to be known as a poor host to a good ghost the Clouds did allow that spirit to stay on in that one chimney. As a real estate attorney I am concerned about some of the loose ends stemming from this decision. Is the ghost entitled to free rent for eternity? Or is it a month to month lease that can be terminated by either party, but if so how do you give notice? Can a ghost be served by an Animal Communicator in Cook

County Circuit Court? My head is still spinning from all of the ramifications.



Charlotte Tyre: Charlotte is a fabulous speaker that could make any story interesting, but she certainly had some good material to share. Charlotte moved into Old Irving at the age of four in about 1938. She worked at the Sears at Six Corners when she was young, which

was "back when a doctor or a dentist lived on every block." She told one story about a friend named Allison who lived in the 4000 block of North Keeler Avenue. Charlotte had often baby sat at that house and was well aware that the stairs were very spooky. Allison took care of her very ill mother that lived upstairs, answering her needs when her Mom would ring a bell. One day Allison was distracted (possibly by the radio) and did not hear the bell. Her father told her to hurry upstairs because her Mother was choking. She tripped over his leg as she ran upstairs to essentially save her Mom. One small detail: Her father had died twenty years before. When the minister was informed and came to visit Allison afterward she was as calm as could be. Charlotte told another story about her twin siblings Ariel and Art. Ariel was born twenty minutes before him and died twenty minutes before.

Thomas Starck, Tracey Starck, and Laura Marie Sanchez: In terms of a mind-blowing, reality altering, gut punch to the rational mind, this story was the winner. Like our other presenters, Tom Starck is clearly an intelligent, well adjusted, professional man (a lawyer by trade), but he just happens to live

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in a haunted house. He and his equally impressive daughter Tracey were offering firsthand accounts of the existence of ghosts in his home at 4150 N. Kenneth Avenue. Our neighborhood historian, Laura Marie Sanchez, has written an account about this in our newsletter before, and while I have not read it I would encourage you to do so (since I may get some of the facts wrong). Tom moved into his home in the year 2000 and the otherworldly events started from nearly the outset and continued until about five years ago. The ghost is believed to be Sarah King, the widow of a civil war soldier who owned the home from about 1904 to around 1916. At least three different women, including Tracey Starck (and interestingly only women have seen her), have seen the ghost in the home, leaving her room and walking down the stairs. They have all heard things such as slamming doors, a shaking bed, and appliances turning themselves on and off. The ghost reportedly did not like Tom's brother (an anesthesiologist who lived there for awhile) and once slammed the door and locked it after he walked outside. Tom once called the prior owners of the home to inquire and was told "Oh yeah, the house is haunted." Ownership of the home has supposedly changed hands many times (presumably because many people are not as hearty as Tom) and that in the three years after Sarah King sold it, it changed hands over a dozen times. Very strange indeed! After Tom and Tracy spoke Laura Marie filled in some important details, and then went on to tell several other interesting stories. However, at this point I was cursing the nurse who did not provide me with medication, and my ability to report her stories would be highly compromised. The meeting adjourned at about 8:35 p.m.

Editorial Analysis: As your trusted Secretary I should disclose that I pride myself on being a skeptic. I am

not a believer in the supernatural. But since much evidence had been presented to the contrary I felt that I owed you at least one search of The Google for some verification. So I searched "ghosts" and "scienceology" and found a seemingly reputable site that said they could not comment directly on garden variety incorporeal beings. However, if the spirit answered to the name "Xenu" one should run, and run very fast indeed. Upon further research the next morning it turns out that "scienceology" is not a word and I had instead clicked on "scientology." Here's a Pro Tip for all of you Secretary wanna-be's out there: Spelling still matters.



Tom Starck shares about mysterious noises, rocking chairs and more. *Photo by Claudia Hine*

Next Meeting:

On November 12, 2018 the theme of our meeting will be "How to Give Back to Your Community."

Representatives of several of our favorite neighborhood non-profits will be in attendance to explain what their groups are all about. They will include Lydia Home, the YMCA, Hands to Help, the Irving Park Food Pantry, and Carlson Community Services. As per usual it will be at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Irving Park Baptist Church at 4401 W. Irving Park Road. We hope to see you there.

OIPA NEIGHBORHOOD All-Stars



The Old Irving Park All-Star Cocktail Party was held on September 7th. Great food, great drinks and great neighbors.

Thank you to Colleen and Rich Kenny for hosting a wonderful party at their beautiful home. And, thanks to everyone who donated at the All Star level and attended.

Want in on the party next year, but have already renewed your membership at the standard level?

No problem. Contact OIPA Membership Director, Meredith O'Sullivan (meredithosullivan@gmail.com) to inquire about upgrading your membership to the All-Star level!



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SAYING GOODBYE To Pert Cleaners



Bittersweet Farewell to a Neighborhood Favorite

Pert Cleaners, a family run laundry and dry cleaning store located for sixty-six years at 4213 West Irving Park Road, just west of Keeler Avenue, is closing its doors. Opened in 1952 by **Tony Lupo** and now run by his son **Frank (pictured on right)**, the cleaners also features its "Home of the Antique Fabricare Museum," displaying dozens of antique irons, laundry soap, hand crank washing machines, period garments, scissors, sewing machines, and other equipment. This display was featured on WFMT TV Channel 11's "Wild Chicago," I-90, and "Made in Chicago" with Steve Miller.

Generations of people living in Old Irving Park have brought their laundry to Pert Cleaners, where all work was done on site. The Lupos offered more than a cleaning service to the community, creating a social setting where people came to discuss local matters. Pert's closing will be a major loss for the area.

– Submitted by Terry McGuire.

All photos by Terry McGuire





SAYING GOODBYE To Pert Cleaners



Frank Lupo feels it's time since his father has mostly retired and it's been difficult finding experienced people. The store will remain open with limited hours into November. Pert Cleaners was always a strong supporter of OIPA and the Irving Park Garden Club.

It is not determined if Pert will be bought and maintained or closed permanently. Frank is hoping most of the finished laundry will be picked up by clients this month.

The Lupos always kept the facility attractive, not only with the Museum but with flowers and potted plants in front of the store. The large front windows frequently displayed posters and announcements of upcoming events in the neighborhood.

Frank Lupo has been speaking with several people about the store. Old Irving residents may wish to stop by and talk to him about acquiring an established business that has always shown a profit.

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Remembering Ken Kapson — Alice Muncaster

Kenneth R. Kapson, Old Irving Park resident and former OIPA board member, passed away November 20, 2017. He moved to OIP from Lakeview in 1999. He was an active member of OIPA and volunteered on OIPA's Zoning Committee, working to preserve the character of the neighborhood through downzoning and subsequently to change how the residential floor area ratio is calculated in Chicago's revised Zoning Code--which has favorably benefited homeowners. He chaired OIPA's Membership Committee for two years and had been a member of the Irving Park Historical Society.

He was a native Chicagoan who worked in his family's electrical contracting business, specializing in the restoration and renovation of historic office buildings,



Ken Kapson

Photo provided by Alice Muncaster

mostly in Chicago's Loop. In 1991, he turned his passion for history into a profession to share the art and documentation of popular culture through Ken Kapson Antiques. He was one of the first in the U.S. to offer antique advertising at retail, along with vintage posters; chromolithography; newspapers; magazines; books; World's Fair, war, movie, and Chicago memorabilia; historic papers and packaging. His America's Scrapbook shop was at Wrigleyville Antique Mall and continues today at Broadway Antique Market. He was an eBay power seller who provided rare documents and posters to collectors, museums, and libraries around the world before he was sidetracked by illness.

He wrote a long-running column in a national antique trade journal and edited four books about advertising in "The Cat Made Me Buy It" series, co-authored by his wife, **Alice Muncaster**. The books explored the psychology and effectiveness of featuring animals in product advertising of the 19th and 20th centuries. He co-authored the last book in the series, "The Baby Made Me Buy It."

He will be buried in Graceland Cemetery, surrounded by the architects, early business leaders, authors, and politicians who built the city he so loved.





HEATHER LANGE

YOUR IRVING PARK RESIDENT EXPERT

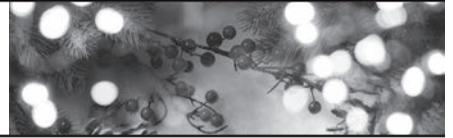
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I started Belding School as a kindergarten pupil in the fall of 1938. Little did I know of the wonder this small five years old would witness that first December of my five years at Belding. It is one of my finest childhood memories of our most glorious season of the year.

The annual Christmas pageant was held every December in the assembly hall the week of Christmas. It tip the time and talents of four dedicated teacher: Miss Moore, the art teacher; Miss Bottom, the Choral Speaking teacher; Miss Wood, the girls chorus teacher; and Miss Arnold, the boys chorus teacher, along with the pupils in the 6th, 7th and 8th grads, and of course many of the parents. It was indeed quite a production pageant. It was on many occasions compared to a professional production.

As soon as Halloween was over, the work on the pageant began. All the pupils in the upper grades were required to belong to either the Choral Speaking group or one of the choruses. These were the three groups that performed in the pageant, plus the pupils who played the Virgin Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the angels and the wisemen in the Bible scenes. Every girl in the 8th-grade class (I was no exception) hoped to be picked as the Virgin Mary. You had to be a good student, well behaved and pretty. I was not chosen.

Costumes had to be made for these students plus the scenery for the sets. Miss Moore was in charge of the artistic part of the production with the help of mothers who donated their sewing talents.

Miss Bottom's Choral Speaking group could be heard in the hallways, rehearsing the story of the birth of Christ from the Bible. It seemed you could always hear the beautiful Christmas carols being rehearsed by the choruses. It was a happy season filled with anticipation of the upcoming pageant.



I joined the girls' chorus in the 6th grade and finally became part of the pageant that up to now I had only been able to watch. How thrilled I was! Early in December, the choir robes were distributed to the pupils. The identical outfit was worn by everyone. We were to take them home and have mother carefully wash and iron them and also perform mending if necessary. I was so proud of my choir robe — I can remember wanting to wear mine home from school. Our rehearsals started in November, once a day. It had to be perfect. I cannot remember who was chosen to be the Virgin Mary from my 8th-grade class — it wasn't me, so I suspect this is a mental block.

We put on four performances, two for the school children, and two in the evening for the parents and neighbors. Our choir outfits consisted of a long, floor length, red skirt, a white angel type top with long flowing sleeves and a tiny flashlight which was held high under our chin — it gave a candle-like effect.

The night of the pageant was upon us. The Choral Speaking group was seated in their chairs along the front of the stage. The boys and girls choruses were assembled on the balcony. The lights were dimmed, and silence fell on the auditorium. We heard the beautiful strains of "O Come All Ye Faithful" which was our cue. The boys started down the stairs on the left, the girls down the stairs on the right, with only the lights from the flashlights under our chin we began singing. Each girl would join a boy at the end of the aisle and would walk down the aisle in pairs, it was indeed a beautiful sight.

We separated at the end of the aisle and went up onto the stage. Throughout the performance, the only lights in the auditorium were those tiny flashlights under our chins. After we were all gathered in our proper places on the risers and the song had come to an end,

the Choral Speaking group would read a passage from the Bible. We would then sing a carol and the curtain in front of the smaller stage would open. There stood life-size figures of a beautiful scene from the birth of the Christ child. And so — hymns, choral speaking and Bible scenes were all performed flawlessly and the evening came to an end. Needless to say, there were not too many dry eyes in the house. I can remember Miss Arnold saying that even the most mischievous rascals in the class became angels that night, we all wanted to be perfect.

All the weeks of practice were worth every minute of our 90-minute performance. I often think of all my classmates from so many years ago and wish them all peace during the Christmas season.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Charlotte Foss Tyre has lived in Irving Park since 1938. She attended and graduated from Belding Elementary School, which was across the alley from her house on Keeler. Charlotte graduated from Schurz High School in June 1951, being chosen "Most Attractive" in her class. One of her least favorites memories as a young girl was having to climb up "that long dark, spooky stairway" when she was babysitting for the Grabills' twins who also lived on Keeler. In May 1952, she married Roger Neil Tyre at St. John Episcopal Church. Roger also attended Belding School and Schurz High School. They lived in the same house that Roger moved into in 1941, and was married for 59 years. Charlotte's beloved husband, who was a proud employee of Bell & Howell for 45 years and a member of the B&H Tuesday Gang and the American Legion, passed away in March 2012. There's no denying the pleasure we derive from listening to Charlotte's stories about her experiences growing up in Irving Park. We hope to hear more from her.



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Partner Organizations Awarded the “Our Great Rivers” Grant—Second Year in a Row

Chicago Public Art Group, American Indian Center, Portage Park Neighborhood Association and Dunning Read Conservation Area Partners are proud to announce that The Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust has awarded the “Our Great Rivers” Grant for the second year to support the **Northwest Portage Walking Museum**

The “Our Great Rivers” grant called for community-led proposals that aligned with the Our Great Rivers three themes: Inviting, Productive and Living Rivers. This initiative recognizes that healthy rivers are linked to community ownership. “Our Great Rivers helps communities, government, policy leaders, developers, and philanthropy reclaim the river system as a connector of people, neighborhoods, commerce and natural habitat” (RFP-Our Great Rivers Initiative).

Long before Europeans set foot here, Chicago’s rivers system was central to Native-American transportation, along with the extensive trail networks that evolved into many of today’s busy thoroughfares. Irving Park Road is a modern-day portage that connects many neighborhoods and connects residents to recreation on both the Chicago and Des Plaines Rivers. The vision of the Northwest Portage Walking Museum is to weave an interpretive connection along this corridor between the rivers to celebrate the natural and cultural living histories of local neighborhoods and the Native-American communities.

The first year the partner organizations used the grant to develop an NWPWM steering committee, enhanced AIC’s “natural” public art installation research program, selected **Santiago X** as the artist to build the two museum sites at the rivers, and held groundbreaking ceremonies to prepare each site.

NWPWM’s second year goal is to develop a new site along the project’s Irving Park axis. The Dunning Read Conservation Area (DRCA), a 23-acre nature preserve located at 4200 N. Oak Park Avenue, will be NWPWM’s initial focus. Research on the site’s natural habitat is currently underway.

In addition to building a new site, the NWPWM steering committee will develop signage and a wayfinding method for visitors to learn more about each site and the NWPWM.

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The Northwest Portage Walking Museum (NWPWM) is a collaborative venture led by four community-focused organizations: Chicago Public Art Group (CPAG), the American Indian Center (AIC), the Portage Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) and Dunning Read Conservation Area Partners (DRCAP).



Mt. Olive Annual Neighborhood Food Drive



Each year, we have volunteers from the neighborhood join us in this effort, and we are hoping many of you would be inclined to help again this year. It is always so encouraging and meaningful, to see donations come from around the neighborhood. The food drive provides much-needed provisions, and those who help each year are glad they did. So please join us if you can, and be sure to look for our orange flyer so that you can contribute as well!

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For the past 20 years, Mt Olive Church has conducted an annual food collection to aid the Food Pantry in their work, and we will do so again this year! We will be collecting food on Sunday, November 18 beginning at 12:30 p.m. We will distribute an orange flyer on Sunday, November 11 containing the details for this food collection [basically asking that donations of canned or boxed goods be placed on the front step or porch, in bags or boxes, with the orange flyer attached to the donation]. In the afternoon, we will send out volunteers to collect these food and monetary donations.

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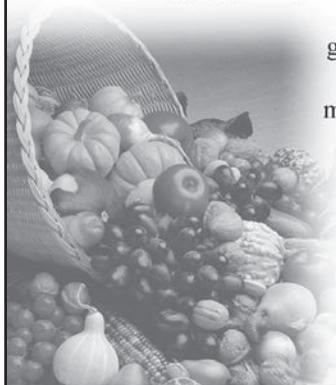
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CTE Program Draws National Acclaim – Tara Tidwell Cullen

Schurz was one of only two Chicago Public Schools to host a visit from the heads of the national and Illinois chapters of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) during their three-day tour of the state in September. After their visit, the association praised Schurz's Career and Technical Education (CTE) facilities in industry blog CTE Policy Watch: "The school, which proudly boasts that 100 percent of its CTE students participate in industry-based opportunities, offers a variety of opportunities. Our ACTE visitors viewed our digital media class where students produced 30-second video clips promoting local businesses. These clips, which are professional quality, are used by the businesses in their promotional materials. They also visited were introduced to our exciting pre-engineering and auto-tech programs. However, most impressive was probably Schurz's Makerspace. A variety of programs use the Makerspace, including the entrepreneurship program. In a particularly innovative model, the school hires the entrepreneurship students to use the Makerspace to produce the school's gym uniforms, which have cut costs in half."

Schurz Prospective Student Open House

Schurz is holding its open house for prospective students on **November 8, from 6 to 8 p.m.** Tour our historic school, meet teachers and staff, find out more about academic and extracurricular programs, and more! See what the great things Schurz has to offer.

Save the Date: Friends of Schurz

Friends of Schurz will be holding bimonthly meetings at Schurz throughout the school year, and all are welcome to participate. The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** in the library. Teachers, students, parents, alumni, and neighbors are invited to join to get involved in planning and fundraising, and to share ideas for future activities and collaborations.

Strong Season for Bulldog Volleyball

The Schurz women's volleyball team clinched the conference championship this fall. In October the volleyball team hosted a Teacher Appreciation event for teachers, administration, and staff who had supported the team through its successful season.



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

Spanish at Belding

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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 November 20, December 18, and January 22. Tours begin at 8:00 a.m. in the school office.

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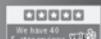
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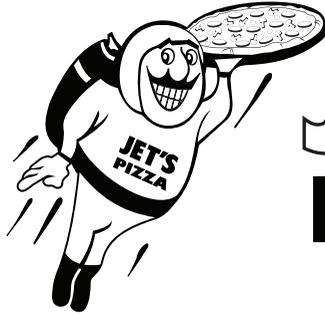
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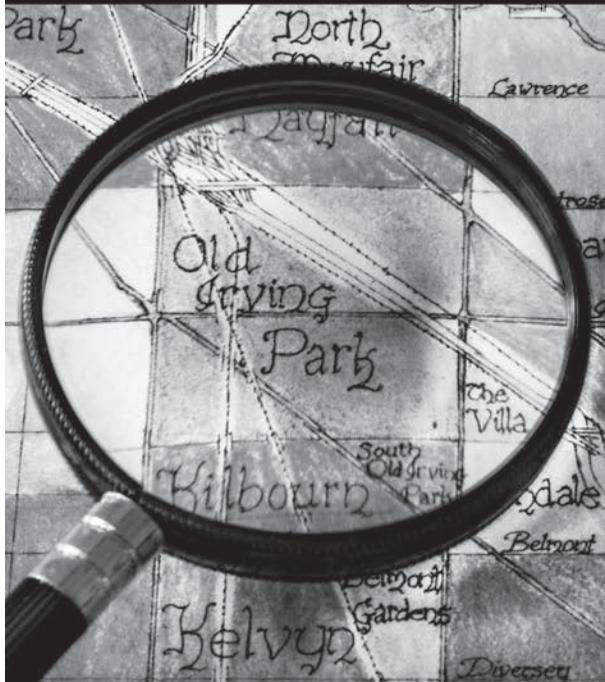
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Mrs Claus shows off her Shop Small bag.-
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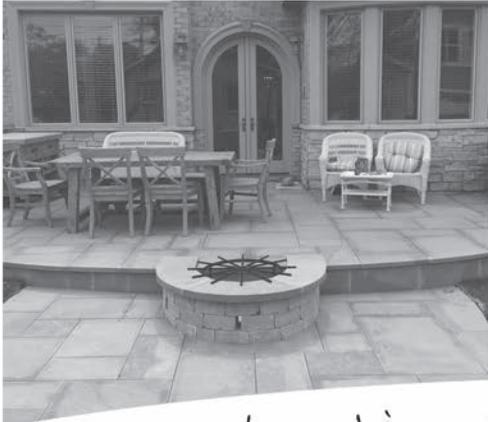


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Support Community Days

Potbelly's at 4185 W. Irving Park, will once again host a Community Days! From 3-7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 20% of all sales will be donated to our school.

Join us on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 5 p.m. to midnight at **Pitchfork**, 2922 W. Irving Park Road for a Community Day. Mention St. Ed's to your server, and a portion of your bill goes back to the school.

King of Hearts Raffle

Join the St. Edward Parish weekly progressive raffle, the King of Hearts. One ticket is selected weekly and picks a card off the mounting board. If the King of Hearts is chosen, and the number of the card selected is the King of Hearts, the winner splits the pot with the Parish. If the King of Hearts is not selected, the money rolls over to the next week. Tickets are 6 for \$5 and are available at St. Edward Rectory at 4350 W. Sunnyside and Old Irving Brewery, 4419 W. Montrose.

Enjoy the Best Spaghetti Dinner in Town!

Join Boy Scout Troop 904 for the best spaghetti dinner on the northwest side on Saturday, November 17 from 5-9 p.m., in the gym (4447 N. Lowell) all you can eat salad and spaghetti. All profits benefit the Boy Scouts. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids!

Welcome Wednesday

Join us on Wednesday, November 14, for coffee and a tour. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., campus tour starts at 9 a.m. Tours are open to all prospective parents with children entering school or older students that might want to transfer. We will have parents available to answer questions and tour classrooms while school is in session. Questions or to RSVP please email rsvp@stedwardschool.com. If you are interested in scheduling a shadow day, please call the school office 773.736.9133



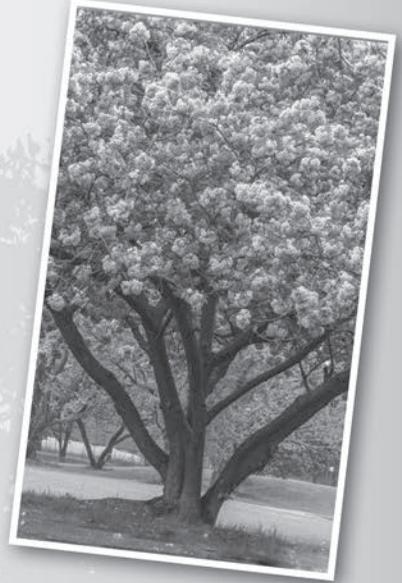
We celebrated another successful Chalk Walk in October. The rain held off while our kids walked to raise money for St. Ed's. *Photo courtesy of St. Edward School.*

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.

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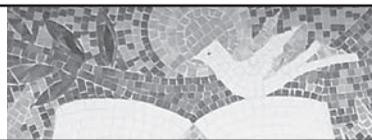


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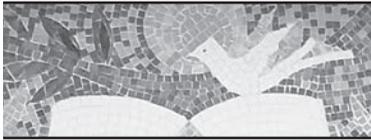


Shop, sip and celebrate the season with us at Winterfest! Nov 30th, December 1st, and 2nd, in the St. Viator gym and parking lot. Enjoy the Mistletoe Market and Artisan Craft Fair, wreath and tree sales, Snowflake Café, Hot Cocoa Bar, Winter Cocktail Bar, indoor bounce house, outdoor activities, kids crafts, cookie decorating, photos with Santa and more! Check the St. Viator website for complete schedule of events. Vendor applications for the Mistletoe Market are also available on the website.

Eagle Runner Qualifies for State Meet

For the first time in the history of the St. Viator Cross Country program, one of our Eagle runners is going to state! Congratulations to 8th grader **Matthew Russette**, who qualified for the Illinois Elementary School (IESA) state meet at the IESA Class 1A Sectional B meet on Saturday, October 6 in Orland Park with a time of 12:13 in the 2-mile race. Congratulations to all 14 of the runners who represented St. Viator Elementary School at the sectional meet, and to the entire team on a great season!

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.



Upcoming Events

Wiggles & Giggles Playgroup – FREE!

Nov 1 and 15, Dec 6, 9–10:30 a.m.

St. Viator Rec Center, 3644 N Kedvale

This fun playgroup is for children ages newborn to 4 years and their parents/caregivers. Open gym with balls, blocks, climbers, hula-hoops and so much more.

The Rush NeuralBehavioral Center is again offering their Early Childhood Executive Functions Series on select Wiggles & Giggles dates. Topics include Organization and Structure on 11/2, and Reading for Cognitive Development on 12/6. This program is also free and open to all, and registration is not required.

School Tour for Prospective Families November 3 between 9:00 –10:30 a.m.



Photo courtesy of St. Viator

Special Shadow Day Open House | Nov 12

Get to know St.Viator! We invite all 1st – 8th-grade prospective transfer students to attend a special Shadow Day Open House. Prospective students will be paired with a current student, participate in classes, enjoy lunch and experience a typical school day. Students can spend a full or 1/2 day shadowing. Prospective students find the day to be very insightful and are less apprehensive about their potential school change after spending the day here.

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Old Irving Park resident Rodney Zech (third from left) captained the winning team at the 2017 Carlson Trivia Night. You can take on Team Zech at this year's Trivia Night on 11/2!

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Dust Off Your Thinking Caps

for the Carlson Trivia Night Fundraiser

On November 2nd, Dust off your thinking cap and gather your teammates...it's time for Carlson's Trivia Night! The annual contest to crown Irving Park's biggest brains will be held on Friday, November 2nd to benefit Carlson's after-school program, community garden and concert series.

Teams of 8 can purchase a table for \$280. Wine, beer, and soda will be sold at the bar. Bring your snacks! Trivia Night takes place at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym at 4057 N. Harding from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The event is open to adults 21 and over. For more information or to register your team, e-mail Helen Lira at helen@chilira.com or 773.406.9821.

Carlson Hosts Successful 1st Annual Golf Outing

Thanks to the golfers and hole sponsors who made Carlson Community Services' first annual golf outing a success! Carlson teamed up with the Czechoslovak Heritage Museum to host the event at Maple Meadows Golf Course in Wood Dale on September 11th. Pete Gettings, Aldo Naris and Ed White were the winners, all winning a seat at Carlson's upcoming Trivia Night. Hole Sponsors included Fish Guy, Swedish Covenant Hospital, Wintrust Bank, Grey Sage, Paul Greenslade Agency, Johanna Zorn, Helen Lira and Melanie Zech. Shout out to Carlson Board Member Mike Jordan for organizing the outing. The event raised more than \$2,000 for Carlson's neighborhood programs.

Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that helps at-risk kids succeed with The Magic After-School Place (MAP), provides vegetables to people in need and beautifies our neighborhood with Three Brothers Garden and makes fine arts affordable and accessible through the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series. For more information, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Carlson Community Services

Magic After-School Place

Carlson Community Services' after-school program is in its 12th year of providing high quality, affordable after-school care for children attending Murphy and Belding Schools. This year, the Magic After-School Place (MAP) has enrolled 55 children. With a tiered tuition structure based on income, MAP is a valuable partner for working, low-income families who need a safe place for their children to go after school. Children receive homework help and tutoring, gain leadership skills and participate in a mentoring program with high school students from Schurz High School and others. Affordable tuition is made possible by foundation and corporate support, individual gifts and fundraising events.

Program space is generously donated by Irving Park Lutheran Church. MAP welcomes high school students in need of service hours as well as adult volunteers. For more information, contact Rachel Lockhart at mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org.



Students at the Magic After-School Place settle in for homework time.

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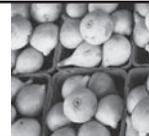
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Pantry's Holiday Distributions Need Donations

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry has begun gathering donations for its two-holiday distributions, in November (for Thanksgiving) and on December 19th (for the holidays). We are asking for contributions of funds, food and fun (i.e., books and toys) to make the season brighter for those in our community who need a helping hand.

In November, we provide clients during our regular weekly distributions with additional meat and trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner. On December 19th, we hold a special distribution, clients receive the makings for a full holiday dinner and can take home 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 (up to 12 years old). For some, it will be the only gift they

receive. We especially need gifts for older children (more than 10), particularly boys. Soccer balls and basketballs are popular options.

We also often run out of books for all ages early in the day. Older boys enjoy biographies, sports, and other nonfiction books.

Drop-off unwrapped new toys and food donations to:

- The Pantry at the Irving Park United Methodist Church, 3801 N. Keeler Ave., Wednesday (9 to noon) or Tuesday, Nov. 13th (6 to 7:30 p.m.).
- *Toys only* can be dropped off at Old Irving Brewing Co. (4419 W. Montrose Ave.) or
- The Linnemeyer front porch at 3822 N. Tripp Ave.
- Local businesses also will have drop-off boxes, please check our Facebook page for locations.

The deadline for contributing toys is Friday, December 14th. Volunteers are needed for collecting, and organizing the toys, and distributing of the toys on December 19th. For information, contact Sara Yoest at sara.yoest74@gmail.com.



Dozens of neighborhood volunteers helped prepare the Pantry's Toy Room during the Tuesday night setup in 2017.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry



Thank you to the volunteers from MB Bank who volunteered in September through the MB on the Block program. We appreciate everyone's help and support to ensure we can continue to be "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

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SPOTTED (photo on right): Katrina Smith-Jones (left) and Renee Linnemeyer collected and distributed coats during the first week of the Irving Park Community Food Pantry's annual Coat Drive in October. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

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Do Not Blow Leaves Into the Streets



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Please remember that it is illegal to blow leaves into the city streets. When leaves are disposed of in our streets, it clogs the drains and makes it so street sweepers cannot effectively clean the streets.

Additionally, unless Streets and Sanitation witnesses a lawn care contractor blowing leaves into the street, a homeowner can be held responsible for the actions the contractor takes.

Instead, please bag leaves and yard debris for the Department of Streets and Sanitation to collect. Residents can call 311 or my office at 773-28-4545 to request separate bagged yard waste collection service April through November.

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CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

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

**OIPA NEWS
NOVEMBER 2018
SUBMISSION
DEADLINE**

**Advertising &
Editorial
BOTH DUE
Nov. 13**

(SECOND TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH)
BY 5 p.m.

November

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2. **Carlson Trivia Night | 7-10 p.m.** | Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave. | Information at carlsoncommunityservices.org
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- 8 **Schurz Prospective Student Open House | 6-8 p.m.**
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- 12 **OIPA Member Meeting | 7 p.m.** | Irving Park Baptist Church
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- 17 **Boy Scout Troop 904 Annual Spaghetti Dinner** | Saturday, November 17, 5-9 p.m., St. Edward's Buckley Hall, 4447 N Lowell. Tickets are \$10 adult/\$7 age 10 and under. Includes pasta, salad, dessert and cash bar. Entertainment by The Cowboy Choir

December

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- 2 **Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series | Bear Williams Blues Band Christmas Show** Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. Information: carlsoncommunityservices.org
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- 9 **OIPA Member Holiday Party** | More details to come!

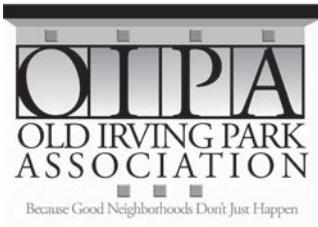
**KEEP OIP
CLEAN
UPDATE**

Keep OIP Clean has raised almost \$3,000 to date to clean the common areas of OIP. The cleaning is completed by a professional cleaning company which uses street sweepers to clean debris on the street. Cleaning recently expanded to sidewalks and grassy areas. To continue this campaign, I ask OIP residents to donate. Donations can be sent using PayPal email KeepOIPClean@gmail.com.

Please email or call with questions.

Thanks,

Dan William
KeepOIPClean@gmail.com
312-907-7647



2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

This is a:

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Gift Membership

Joining or renewing your membership is easy with our online membership form at www.olderirvingpark.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)

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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: olderirvingpark.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. We cannot use photos that are embedded in a Word document, you must provide images as separate files. Links to websites or Facebook are NOT acceptable as content submission.

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.

Photos should be accompanied with a caption(s) and photo credit. If your files are too large to email, please use <https://wettransfer.com>. You can send several files at a time using wettransfer.

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 necessarily reflect the official position of the Old Irving Park Association.

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AD SIZES: Full Page: 6.25" X 7.5"
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ACCEPTABLE AD FILES: High Resolution (minimum 300 dpi) grayscale; jpg, PDF, or eps.
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Call for Contributions to the OIPA News



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

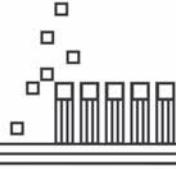
A few ideas:

- 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.

Deadline for editorial submissions is the second Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m. to k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com. Please include "OIPA submission" in the subject line of the email. See page 40 for full details on submission requirements.

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