

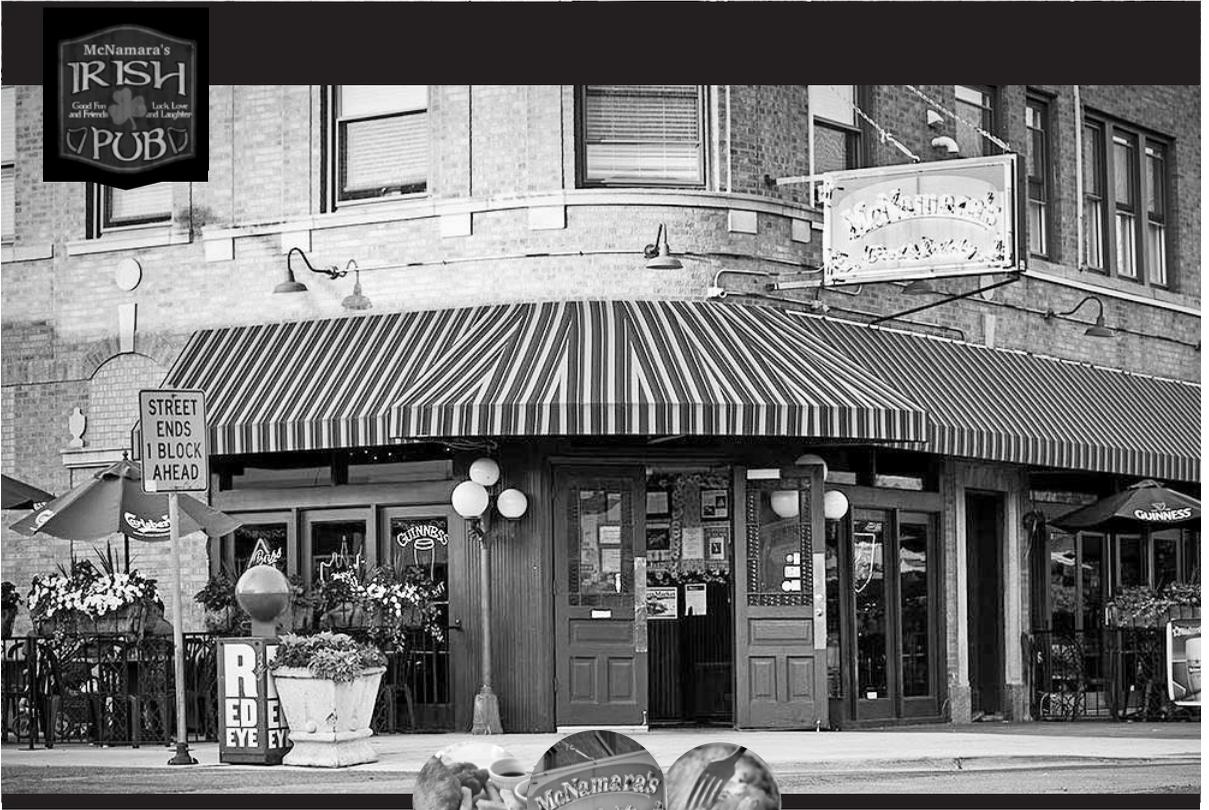
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OIPA News—Right to Your Door



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Devin, Owen and Asha Alexander

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

We started because we wanted to help our community. We have been doing it since 2017.

To which block(s) do you deliver newsletters?

We deliver newsletters to the 3800 block of Lowell and sometimes to houses on 3800 Kildare

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

It takes us about twenty minutes to deliver newsletters. We are usually walking our dog, Fawkes, when we do this.

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

We've noticed that Old Irving Park has a lot of dogs. Having one is a good way to get to know people (and dogs) in the neighborhood.

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

Not really. It's a pretty easy job

Three words to describe Old Irving Park.

Comforting, joyful, and cozy.



Meet Your Volunteer Delivery Team | OIPA



Melanie Zech, Corey Zech

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

We started delivering three or four years ago, when my neighbor resigned after many years on the job. By we, I mean me and my teenage son Corey, who does most of the deliveries.

To which block(s) do you deliver newsletters?

We deliver to the 4300 N blocks of Kostner and Lowell.

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

My son is in and out of the house in under 15 minutes. If I do the delivery, I usually have my little dog in tow, and she likes to stop and smell everything!

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

There's a hawk's nest in a tree on our route. I've heard the babies screeching a couple times. They are loud!

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

Nope, it's all good!

Three words to describe Old Irving Park.

Charming, spacious, peaceful.

Photo provided by Melanie Zech

Mary Pat Serpone

How long have you been doing it?

I believe I started delivering about 8 years ago when my neighbor gave it up. It's a easy thing to do.

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

I deliver to the 3600 block of Tripp and one house on Addison.

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

I can do the route in 10 minutes or less and, I don't do anything else while delivering

Do you have any funny stories?

No funny stories except that dogs usually bark if they hear you on the porch.

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

It would be helpful if people swept/shoveled their stairs in the winter for it can be treacherous. This winter being a perfect example

Three words to describe Old Irving Park

Best Chicago Neighborhood.



Mary Pat & Frank Serpone
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Summarized Minutes of the Meeting

on January 14, 2019 – Bart Goldberg, Secretary

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

The Board meeting commenced at about 7:07 p.m.

I was amazed by our attendance given the ordeal we had endured the day before. Careful readers may have noticed that I had noted in a couple of prior minutes that our Board was intending to meet soon to review old OIPA documents with an eye toward organizing and discarding old artifacts. While I know that I had written these minutes, I should disclose that I never read them, and in this case the meaning of this proposal had not really sunk in. To the extent it registered at all, I had assumed that it would never really happen. It was scheduled for a Sunday afternoon, so surely it would be permanently shelved due to the necessity of watching the Bears. However, according to some made-for-TV disaster movie ending featuring a double-doink on the crossbars, that had somehow been transmitted into everyone’s televisions, the Bears had supposedly lost to the Eagles. Still somewhat dazed, I reported for duty the following week with the rest of the Board in Anna Sobor’s basement. The number of boxes and old docs that had been accumulating was shocking. I know because I moved a lot of the boxes myself for two reasons: (1) manual labor is my forte; and (2) the idea of trying to organize that vast mess gave my brain a major headache. For two hours our Board worked diligently to start the process of winnowing and sorting. Then when we were about to adjourn, and were making plans to meet the following week, we found out that **Gayle Christianson** (a former Board member) would be willing to come in and take over the project from there. What a

relief! We extend huge appreciation to Gayle. The result of the work is that documents will be sent to Schurz High School for storage, and sets of our prior newsletters were compiled to be kept by Schurz and they will also be offered to the new Independence Park branch of the public library.

Treasurer’s Reports: President Ankney, in her new additional role as Treasurer, presented her Treasurer’s Reports for the months of October, November and December, and they were unanimously approved by the Board. She also informed us that the annual filing with the state has been made and that our accountant is working to straighten out issues relating to our new fiscal year before filing the federal documents.

Garden Club Gift: The Board authorized a \$500 gift to the Garden Club. Actually the gift is made in kind in the form of purchases at the Farmer’s Garden Center. The Garden Club then uses the funds to purchase supplies that they use to plant and spruce up our planters on Irving Park Road. We did this last year, and it really worked out well. Thank you Garden Club!

Membership: The Board agreed to mail out letters (which we will address at our February Board Meeting) to people that have yet to renew their memberships. On the other hand, many people are continuing to renew their membership at the higher “All-Star” levels, so Colleen got our approval on the final selections for the nifty OIPA Bags that we will be providing to such donors this year.

Advertising and Website: Our print advertising is still going well, and we are offering a discount to encourage some people to advertise for a year at a time. Our



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Facebook page is proving to be terribly popular, so we have decided to use it to help leverage even better advertiser participation. As we have not been able to obtain new advertisers for the banner on our website, we have decided to discontinue that portion of the website.

Zoning: Updates were given on zoning and business development, including that there would be a landmarking committee meeting at City Hall regarding the property at 3916 N. Tripp Avenue. That is expected to occur on March 7th and we will keep you updated.

Theodore Bacmeister Awards: Upon the recommendations of James Natoli and Laura Marie Sanchez the Board agreed to give this award that honors excellence in neighborhood service, to both **Pert Cleaners** and **Sabatino's Restaurant**. The plaques have been ordered and we hope to present them at a future meeting.

Miscellaneous: Final preparations were discussed for the aldermanic forums that will already have occurred in January when you read this. OIPA agreed to be a sponsor of 2019 County Fair Chicago, which will be put on by the Six Corners Association. The logistics of having our first General Meeting in February at St. John's Lutheran was discussed, so that we can hopefully avoid people missing the meeting at the wrong location. The subject matters of future meetings are also being planned.

Holiday Party: The costs and attendance at our 2018 holiday party were reviewed. The opinion of the Board is that it had really gone off well, and that while we may not want to hold it at **Eris Brewery and Cider House** every year, we certainly expect to return. They were just great to work with.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

OIPA
General Member Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2019 | 7:30 p.m.
Featuring **Kelli Wefenstette**,
Director of the Six Corners Association
NEW LOCATION
St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner



Summarized Minutes of the Meeting

on February 18, 2019 – Bart Goldberg, Secretary

Attendees: Lynn Ankney, Anna Sobor, Adrienne Chan, Annie Swingen, Scott Legan, and Bart Goldberg.

The Board meeting commenced at about 7:05 PM.

3916 N. Tripp: Near the outset of the meeting we met with a resident of OIP to update us on the efforts being made to obtain landmark status for this home. The Chicago Landmarks Commission, Preservation Chicago, and Alderman Arena's office have been involved in the effort. If the landmark designation is granted, then the demolition of the property that had been planned by the present owner would not be allowed, and restrictions concerning exterior modifications to the home would be put in place. Since our Board had previously met with an attorney representing the owner of the property, we felt that we should take this meeting so as to learn more about the issue from the preservationist perspective. The Board is not taking a position on this matter, except to do what it can to publicize the hearing that is set for March 7, 2019 at City Hall (121 N. LaSalle) in Room 201A at 12:45 p.m. We encourage all residents that have strong opinions about this (and we know that there are many of you) to please obtain all the information that you can, and then make your opinion known to the Alderman's Office, and then attend the hearing.

Treasurer's Reports: President Ankney, presented her Treasurer's Report for January and it was unanimously approved by the Board. Our accountant is still working to straighten out issues relating to our new fiscal year before filing the federal returns.

Newsletter: Meredith O'Sullivan and President Ankney established the 2019 schedule with Kathleen Kearns

(our valued Editor in Chief) relating to the publication of our newsletter, those being new dates for submission of articles, minutes, publication, printing and distribution.

OIPA Archives: Anna Sobor updated us on the progress being made (with the able assistance of Gayle Christianson). The documents have been indexed on an Excel spreadsheet and they are being prepared for boxing and then delivery to Schurz High School for safekeeping.

Membership: President Ankney has drafted a letter that was approved by the Board to be sent out to former members that have not yet renewed. Members of the board will meet on Sunday 2/24 to address and write notes to our scofflaws on those letters.

Advertising and Website: Happily, there were about a handful of new advertisers that have joined with us since the last meeting.

Future Meetings: Plans for the next two general meetings were discussed. For the March meeting, we will be hosting Kelli Wefenstette, who is the Director of the Six Corners Association. She will be discussing the status of the rental market in the Six Corners area (we call it Leasing 101), and she will also discuss next year's "County Fair". Don't forget that our meeting will be on March 11, 2019 at St. John's Episcopal Church which is located at 3857 N. Kostner Ave (the corner of Kostner and Byron), and it will be at 7:30 PM. See you there!

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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on February 11, 2019 – Bart Goldberg, Secretary

Announcements: President Ankney commenced our first meeting of the New Year at 7:37 p.m. in front of approximately 25 eager attendees. She had a good deal to report, including the opening of the Independence Park Library. However, for people driving there please note that the parking lot is not yet open so parking is on the street for now. She reported on a meeting she attended at the Backlot with our new 17th District Commander, and it is our hope that he will attend a future meeting. She pointed out that the rest of the officers in the district are unchanged. She applauded the fact that the Aldermanic forums in the 39th and 45th Wards went off without a hitch. We thank her for her service in that regard, as she said that she attended about five planning sessions for the 39th Ward forum. As is customary at these meetings, the President asked the Board members to identify themselves. **Annie Swingen** (who was actually just trying to find out if anyone was listening) used this occasion as an opportunity to report on the status of her undergarments. I will provide no further details here as this is a family publication and there must continue to be good reason to actually attend these meetings.

New Digs at St. John's: This was our first meeting at St. John's Episcopal Church which is located at 3857 N. Kostner Ave (the corner of Kostner and Byron). The **Reverend Kara Wagner** attended the meeting and we thank her and the congregation for the use of their space. It is our intention to continue meeting there at least through June of this year. While we thoroughly enjoyed our time at Irving Park Baptist Church (and may want to return some day if they will have us) we felt the need to mix it up a bit. The new digs certainly

had a nice vibe. While we are still in the basement of a church, it seemed brighter and more intimate. I also liked that it was a shorter walk for me and that we did not have to put up the chairs at the end of the meeting.

bine and weer: *This typo is intentional as we are trying to keep this hugely important news on the down low.* We did offer a modest selection of adult beverages at the meeting along with some tasty desserts, and it is our intention to continue to do so for now. Thanks to those that supplied them. Of course, these beverages are off limits to minors, and we reserve the right to card anyone under the age of 40. While that was certainly not necessary at this meeting, you should not scoff, as a young couple of approximately 35 years of age attended one of our meetings last year. (I am investigating as to why this happened and hope to report back in the future).



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Main Speaker: Help From 311

Nelly Benitez was good enough to attend our meeting to present information on the 311 system for Chicago. Our membership was very interested in this as there seems to be at least a vocal minority that thinks paying our taxes should entitle us to receive services from our City. Nelly works at the William Everett Group, and they have been retained by the City to help teach groups how to use the system. The 311 system has existed since 1999 and it functions as the one-stop shopping location to request city services and non-emergency police assistance. However, it was greatly

improved in just the last few months and that was the reason for her presentation. The improvements center around a new website which can be found at 311.chicago.gov (you don't need the www part for reasons I will probably never understand). They also have a new phone app known as CHI 311 that you can download from your app store.

Nelly proceeded to demonstrate the wonders of the new system. From the comfort of your home computer or smartphone you can now request city services. When you get on the website you will have the option to request services, to explore, or to read articles. To request service you first select a category and you will be provided with more options (such as rodents, trees, traffic lights, and streets) than I can possibly list here. When a request for service is made through the system an SR# (service request number) is issued, and can be used to track its progress. Photos of a problem (such as a huge pothole) can be uploaded with the request along with geo-tracking so that the City can find the exact location. The system will provide you with an estimated service time. You can even request updates from the system. You are not required to log in to request service, so you may stay anonymous if you prefer. One advantage of logging in is that you can then check the status of all of your requests at once.

The Explore button is particularly cool as it allows you to input an address and then to see a map showing recent requests in that area, including the date of the request and the date that it was addressed. That will include the location of the issue, but not the name of the requester. This ability to view the requests geographically is also very helpful to the City as they



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can now more efficiently respond to requests in the same area at the same time. She said that the relevant City department would previously just respond in the order that requests were received, with their personnel crisscrossing our vast metropolis!

Nelly stressed that the new system is intended to be the primary vehicle to request 311 services. There is no advantage to calling your Alderman as they initially use the same method. However, if there has been an unusual delay in response, or if there are several requests about the same problem, then one might contact their Alderman in hopes of escalating the

matter. I should also point out that the system does not supplant the telephone, so if you prefer to call and remain on hold that is still a good option. The system does seem like an important improvement, though you still cannot use it to order a pizza or get a haircut.

Future Meeting: Our next meeting will be on March 11, 2019 at St. John's Episcopal. Remember the meetings are now at 7:30 p.m. The subject matter will concern the status of development at Six Corners, and will feature **Kelli Wefenstette**, who is the Director of the Six Corners Association. I expect that she will also discuss next year's "County Fair," See you then!

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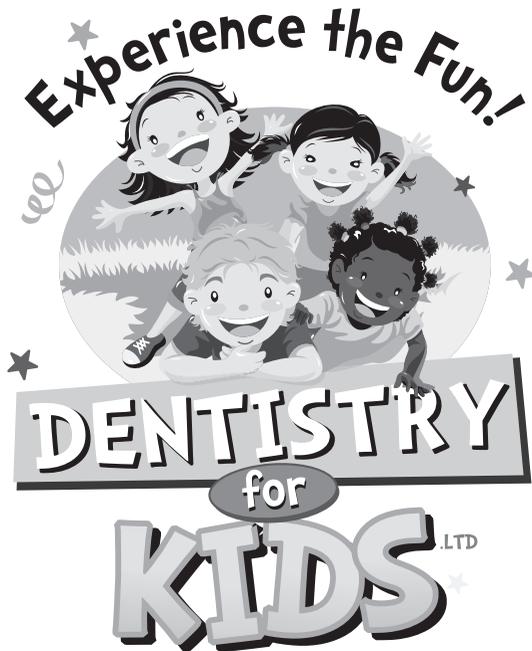
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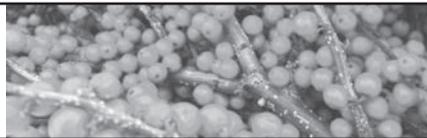


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The Shady Side of Gardening — Claudia Hine

The Irving Park Garden Club will begin its 2019 season with a presentation by hosta expert Lou Horton, a past president of the Northern Illinois Hosta Society. Beloved for their foliage and shade tolerance, hostas are hardy plants gardeners know they can rely on year after year.

A wide range of cultivars keeps collectors busy, and the leaf color can vary from golden to chartreuse to deep green and blue. Many are variegated with wide or narrow margins. Some have fragrant flowers. Did I mention size? Hostas range from short—just 3 in. high—to 4 ft. tall! They are a great problem solver in the landscape and offer something for everyone.



Hostas are a garden staple and will be the subject of the Irving Park Garden Club's March meeting. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

Time To Renew

This presentation takes place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3827 N. Kostner Ave. (use Byron St. entrance). As March is the beginning of our new season, all garden club memberships are up for renewal at this meeting. Annual dues are just \$20/family.

Also on Hand in March

Dave Is Sharp, a tool-sharpening service. Dave will be available to attendees that need their garden tools (or knives) sharpened. OIPA members are invited to take advantage of this service also. Prices vary.

Our 2019 calendar includes presentations on front yard landscaping, water gardening, and putting your garden to bed in the fall. We'll hold a plant exchange, planter adoption, nursery field trip, midsummer night stroll, hands-on still life painting class, and our popular garden walk.

Did I entice you or intimidate you? Be brave! We welcome new members, so join us on March 16.

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TIPS FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR

Viburnums. Viburnums. Viburnums! — Maureen Taylor

You'd be hard pressed to find a more diverse and useful group of shrubs for the landscape than viburnums. They come in sizes from 3–20 feet. Some have fragrant blooms, colorful blue, pink or blackberries, which birds love and have fantastic fall colors. They generally do best with full sun, but some varieties tolerate shade quite well. They can be used as a single "specimen" shrub or planted as a hedge. Two of my personal favorites are the *Carlesii* or *Korean Spice Viburnum* with its pale pink spicy fragrant blooms and the horizontally spreading *Doublefile Viburnum* with its layered habit and flat-topped creamy white flowers.

Viburnums have been the staple in the landscape industry for 50 years because of their beauty and low maintenance, but recently some varieties have fallen victim of the viburnum leaf beetle (see photo below). You'll recognize the damage in late spring and summer as the beetles feed on the leaves skeletonizing them and can defoliate a shrub in a matter of a few weeks. Sometimes the damage is merely cosmetic, and the shrub will regrow new leaves by the end of summer. Sometimes the damage is too significant for the shrub to recover, and it will die. The varieties that are



particularly susceptible are the *Arrowwood Viburnum*, *Cranberry Viburnum*, *Sargent Viburnums*, *Wayfaring* and *Black Haw Viburnums*. The most beetle resistant varieties are the fragrant *Korean Spice Carlesii Viburnum*, *Burkwood Viburnum*, *Doublefile Plicatum*, *Judd* and *Leatherleaf Viburnums*.

If you have one or more of the susceptible shrubs that has shown damage in the past, you can do several different things. You can identify the neatly lined up egg masses before they leaf out (October – April) and cut off and discard the branch tips. **Do not compost them.** You can also spray with horticultural oil to reduce the viability of eggs, you can spray the larvae with registered pesticides in (April – May) when the eggs hatch and you can treat the adult. If you need help identifying the larvae or damage, you can put the diseased leaf or caterpillar into a sealed zip lock bag and bring it to a garden center for identification.

One other option is to remove the shrubs altogether and replace them with a different variety of shrub with similar height and sun requirements. There are many beautiful *Hydrangea* varieties and *Red Twig Dogwoods* that make wonderful substitutes for viburnums. Consider *Fothergilla* and *Itea* for fragrant "bottlebrush" spring blooms and fabulous fall color. *Witch Hazels* make excellent substitutes for Viburnums. Some have very early red or yellow flowers and spectacular fall color. Look online for shrubs for Zone 5.

Happy Gardening!

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— Eileen Schnepff, Communications Liaison

and had a private viewing of the collection Race, Gender, and Representation where students gained a deeper understanding of black history and the black experience in America through photography. Reflecting on the work, 4th grader Siniya G. commented, "The photographs remind me of how far we have come. It took us a long time, but now we are here."

Create You...a Geography Whiz

Students from Disney II's Geography Club recently participated in the school-level competition of the National Geographic GeoBee. The school-level competition is the first round in the annual National Geographic GeoBee, a geography competition designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Fiona McCarthy, a 5th-grade student, won first place, with Isaac Bacchus, a 5th-grade student, winning second place and Gabriel Zuluaga, a 4th-grade student, finishing third place. School champions will take an online qualifying test; up to 100 of the top test scorers in each state then become eligible to compete in their State GeoBee.

Create You...an Artist

Recently Disney II students in grades 2nd – 12th joined together to visit the Museum of Contemporary Photography; the world's premier college art museum dedicated to photography. The goal of the visit was to cultivate a deeper understanding of the artistic, cultural, and political roles of photography in our world today. Disney II's students visited the Stateless: Views of Global Migration exhibit

Create You...an Academic Scholar

Disney II is proud to announce that senior Chris Lopez has been accepted into the Posse Foundation scholars program and will be attending Cornell University located in Ithaca, New York with a full ride scholarship! We are so incredibly proud and excited for Chris to begin the next chapter in his life.

Also, Disney II is proud of our six students who have been awarded the Illinois State Scholar distinction! The State Scholar Program recognizes students attending approved high schools for outstanding academic achievement. Congratulations, Nicholas Berger, Aisling Deane, Frederick Groth, Alexander Hartman, Christopher Lopez, and Nate Phonlapat.

Learn More

To learn more about Disney II Magnet School, a K-12 choice for your child, visit our website www.disneyiimagnet.org or follow us on Twitter and Facebook @DisneyIIMagnet. Disney II Magnet High School will be accepting 10th & 11th-grade transfer students for the 2019-10 school year. Applications open May 1, 2019. Contact jcardenas28@cps.edu.



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

From Broadway to Ballet—Dance Showcase Thrills the Crowd

Belding students, staff, and families were once again treated to an array of fantastic dance performances. On February 6th and 7th, students in grades K-8 proudly displayed the super techniques they have been studying during their weekly dance class. Led by Belding's fantastic dance instructor, **Kelly McCann**, each grade performed a piece showcasing the various genres they have learned during the first semester of the school year. Highlights of the show include Broadway, ballet, hip hop, and modern dance with the spotlight being the Belding 7th-grade students showing off impressive tap dancing skills.



Dance Showcase
Photo by Lisa Owens

Math and Science Night

One of Belding's favorite family events is back with a new twist. Math and Science teachers are teaming up to bring all kinds of hands-on STEM activities to students on March 14 (Pi Day!) from 5:30-7:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend, and in addition to traditional science activities (slime anyone?), students can also choose from math art, math games, and math obstacle courses. Students are always excited and enthusiastic about learning important math and science concepts while having a great time! Don't miss this fun evening of learning through exploration!

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 March 19, April 23, May 21 and May 28. Tours begin at 8:00 a.m. in the school office.



Join Us for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day at IPLC



For the thirtieth year Irving Park Lutheran Church will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Bake Sale on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 5 to 7:30 p.m. at their gymnasium at 4057 N. Harding. The all-you-can-eat menu will consist of Swedish and regular pancakes served with lingonberries, fresh apple topping or syrup, sausages, and beverages. Delicious home-made confections can be purchased for an additional charge at the Bake Sale table. The tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children twelve years and under and can be purchased at the door.

Like Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday in New Orleans, the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day is a celebration before the season of Lent. Pancakes on Fat Tuesday are a traditional way of using up the once forbidden foods of Lent (eggs, milk, and butter) before the fasting begins the next day on Ash Wednesday. For information on the Pancake Supper call the church office at 773-267-1666. Find us on Facebook-Irving Park Lutheran Church or at www.iplc.org

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More Than Just a Building — A Community — Vicci Rodgers

Irving Park United Methodist Church seeks new owner for the building at the corner of Grace and Keeler in OIP.

Irving Park United Methodist Church has been serving this community from the corner of Grace and Keeler for almost 130 years. In addition to our congregation, we are home to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Irving Park Hispanic United Methodist and Apogee Academy. Other groups including Alcoholics Anonymous, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Weight Watchers, OIPA, Irving Park Historical Society, many youth groups and many more have shared our space over the years. Our church has been the site of weddings, baptisms, celebrations, and concerts in our beautiful and acoustically acclaimed sanctuary. The Reconciling Ministries Network had their national offices here for years in the beautiful third floor restored office space.



The sanctuary was built in the 1960s and is known as one of the most acoustically accurate spaces of its kind in the city.

With great sadness, our faith community came to the realization that our small congregation can no longer bear the expense of a building this size. We spent significant time working with a group of architects and developers who donate their time to assist congregations like ours. Together we developed concepts for repurposing the church building to include space for senior housing while preserving the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for use by the church. We then reached out to the local community and to our own networks in search of potential property development partners. Unfortunately, after a year and half of trying, our efforts were unsuccessful.

We have now turned to coordinate the sale of the building and thinking about our future. There are no current plans to close Irving Park United Methodist

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Church, and our leaders are praying and envisioning creative ways that the Holy Spirit might lead us into the next phase of ministry life.

The initial focus on the sale of our building will target schools, churches, performing arts and other community-minded groups that would likely have an interest in this place and neighborhood. However, the congregation remains open to other development opportunities for the building and land.

We also are making plans to celebrate the ministry that has happened on the corner of Grace and Keeler. While we might be leaving this corner, nothing can take away the impact that Irving Park UMC has had and the ways that God has used the generations that

have come through our doors. We are grateful for all of the friends and community partners that have been with us in our many years at our current location.

As such, we will celebrate our ministry and the legacy of our church on Sunday, June 9 at 11 a.m. If you have memories to share about this place and congregation, or if you have questions about the sale of the church and property, please contact irvingparkumc@comcast.net. You also can look at our website at irvingparkumc.com.

Grace and Peace,

Irving Park United Methodist Church Leadership Team,
Pastor Hope Chernich and Pastor Lindsey Long Joyce

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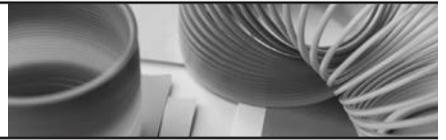
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The Inside Scoop at Scammon — Renee Klimkiewicz, Curriculum Coordinator

Keeping Everyone Involved

Students: New Enrichment Programs

Scammon is excited to announce an expansion of our robust after-school program selection. We currently offer Disney Musical, Homework Help, Competitive Math Team, English Language Support, Arts and Crafts, Kids' Sports, Zumba, Ukulele, and Basketball. Starting in February, selected Scammon students were invited to participate in Book Club, Battle of the Books, Math Support, Math Enrichment, Science Club, and Band. Beyond this, we have spring sports around the corner which include Coed Track and Field, Cheerleading, and Girls Soccer. Our students remain busy!

Parents: Workshop Series

We want our parents, and community members involved too. Therefore, mark your calendars to attend our YOU Parent workshop series on ways to support your child, hosted by ASPIRA. Workshops are held at Scammon School in room 107 and begin at 8:15 a.m. Upcoming topics are:

March 21: Social Emotional Wellness

May 2: Healthy Living, Nutrition, and Wellbeing

Celebrating Our Staff

Scammon students are not the only ones busy learning. We are proud to announce that in the last few months seven staff members earned credits and achievements towards their profession.

Lisa Wissert (7th Grade Science Teacher) and Anne Lewandowski (Diverse Learner Teacher) earned their ESL endorsement. Alma Govea (8th Grade Science Teacher), Gloria Escabalzeta (Counselor) and Renee Klimkiewicz (Curriculum Coordinator) earned their Master's in Educational Leadership. To top it off, in January Jennifer Bollas (7th Grade Math Teacher) and Giovanni Toledo (8th Grade English Language Arts Teacher) earned their Bilingual endorsement. We could not be more proud!

Basketball Championships

What an incredible season for Scammon's Girls Basketball Team! Our 5th/6th girls remained undefeated and were named Conference Champions Saturday, February 9, 2019. The 7th/8th girls' team played in the championship game with heightened spirit and great enthusiasm, yet after a tremendous effort, the season sadly came to a close. A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Lee and Ms. Govea for their committed coaching!

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Marvin Sussman, age 95, a trooper in the 4th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron who fought from the beaches of Normandy across France and on to the Hurtgen Forest and the Bulge recounts his experiences of the demands on soldiers who together must face death every day in combat.

Reception to follow the Friday performance upstairs at the National Veterans Art Museum. Profits to benefit the National Veterans Art Museum.

Thursday, March 7, 2019 | 7p.m. | \$10

Friday, March 8, 2019 | 7p.m. | \$10

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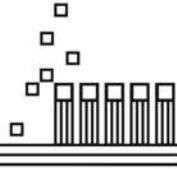


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Welcome Wednesday

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Us!

St. Patrick's Day is a big deal on the northwest side of Chicago. Come kick off the season by attending the McNulty/Kelly Corned Beef Scholarship Dinner on Sunday, March 3 from 12-5pm. Held in the gym, 4447 N. Lowell, enjoy the most delicious corned beef in Chicago! Dinner plates are \$12, and kids' and sandwich plates are \$7. Don't miss the special performances by the Trinity Irish Dancers and Shannon Rovers. All profits benefit scholarships for students of the St. Edward Class of 2019 attending Catholic high schools.

Registration is open

for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration forms are available online at www.stedwardschool.com/admissions/forms.

Big Red Auction!

Lights, camera, Big Red Auction! On Saturday, March 23, the biggest fundraiser of the year, the Big Red Auction, will be held. The drawing for the Big Red Raffle will be held too. For more information, or to attend this year's Saturday Night Live themed auction, please visit www.stedwardschoolbigredauction.com/auction.



Congratulations to our Junior High Quiz Bowl team for taking 2nd place in the Illinois History Bowl at Loyola Academy. The team is headed to nationals in May to compete. Way to go!

Photo provided by St. Edward School

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Viator Vibrations — Stacey Stevens / Kris Nielsen

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



A recent school highlight was the induction ceremony for new members of the St. Viator Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Congratulations to our latest NJHS scholars (pictured above): Jack Gibson, Maggie Yoest, Jack Reid, Nicole Rose, and Hanna Murphy! These students have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Many thanks to our faculty advisor, Mrs. Kathleen Johnson.

Alley-oop & Jump Serve

St. Viator students have always thrived on the court and in all fields of play. As the 2018-2019 basketball seasons wrap up, volleyball is entering full swing. Best of luck to the travel and co-ed, intramural volleyball teams this season.

With Gratitude

Thank you to all who joined us and to our generous sponsors at the Spring Soirée fundraising event. Featured sponsors: **Stephanie Cutter at Coldwell Banker, Chic Chef Catering, Haymarket Brewing, Klairmont Kollections, IK Gymnastics and Jaime Andrade, IL State Representative.**

Upcoming Events *All Events are Open to the Community and are held at St. Viator Rec Center, 3644 N. Kedvale*

Wiggles & Giggles Playgroup – FREE
March 7 and 21, 9–10:30 a.m.

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

Primary Gym
March 16 and April 6, 9–10:30 a.m.

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Soup & Bread *Thanks!*

Thank you to the restaurants, cooks, and diners who made the 7th Soup & Bread for Carlson a success! Over 150 people came together February 10th to listen to the Indy Jam Band and sample nine delicious soups from Bourgeois Pig Cafe, Hearth & Crust, La Villa and Tre Kronor. Neighborhood cooks included Ed Gardner, Sara Anderson, Ellen Olech, Dorene Jordan, Sarah Steedman, and Bonnie Tawse. Forty-three gallons of soup were served, along with dozens of loaves of bread!

Thank you to raffle donors Filament Theatre, Windy City Playhouse, Le Sud Restaurant, Koi Fine Asian Cuisine, Turquoise Café, Mike and Dorene Jordan and West Walker neighbors, who donated to the wine basket. Many thanks to our event co-chairs Rebecca Haneberg and Ruth Olech, our hosts Irving Park Lutheran Church and all the volunteers who helped the evening run smoothly. Special thanks to Sheila Gidley



Above top: Just a few of the handmade bowls made by Sheila Gidley and InCognito Design Studio for Soup & Bread for Carlson. TJ and Claudia Hine enjoying Soup & Bread for Carlson. Photos by Liz Mills

and Terra InCognito Design for donating 130 handmade bowls for diners to choose from. They were a hit!

Soup & Bread for Carlson raised nearly \$3,000 for Carlson's neighborhood programs – The Magic After-School Place, Three Brothers Garden, and the Irving Park Fine Arts Series. For more information, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

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



Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Free Mariachi Concert March 24.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is excited to present Mariachi Monumental de Mexico in the final concert of its 25th season. Noted violinist and Mayfair resident John Ling is a member of the acclaimed mariachi group. The concert will take place on Sunday, March 24 at 2 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave.

Founded by five friends in 2010, Mariachi Monumental de Mexico brings the best of traditional and folkloric mariachi music playing a mix of traditional mariachi music as well as popular songs to Chicago and the Midwest. Members are from diverse areas of Mexico and the United States and are active educators and

ambassadors of mariachi music. who make regular appearances at Chicago Bulls, White Sox, and Fire Soccer Club games.

The concert is free, though donations are welcome. A reception with the artists follows the concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee. The concerts are relaxed and casual, lasting about an hour. Perfect for families!

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is sponsored by Carlson Community Services, a 501c3 non-profit. Its mission is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture, and service. To learn more, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766.

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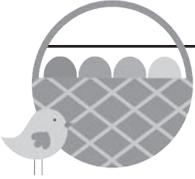
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Easter Basket Project



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- Plastic eggs filled with jelly beans or change/coins.
- Snacks such as juice pouches, crackers, breakfast bars, and microwave popcorn.
- Wrapped candy.
- Bubbles, Nerf balls, Yo-Yos, pinwheels, etc.
- Easter pencils, erasers, toys.
- Small stuffed animals.
- Stickers, crayons, markers.
- Little books and activity pads.
- Baskets (Please donate plastic or fabric baskets that stack easily.)

We appreciate your help in allowing us to achieve our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Easter Bunny Helpers

If you have any questions or are interested in helping to give out the baskets during our regular distributions (Wednesdays from nine to noon and Tuesday night April 8, 6 to 7:30 p.m.), email craigshutt@gmail.com. Thank you for your help with this annual program!

The Pantry also is looking for a coordinator who can work with the local organizations that prepare the baskets and line up local volunteers to distribute them. (Our previous coordinator moved out of our area.) The person does not have to physically be available to come to Pantry but needs to be aware of what baskets are coming from where, buy added supplies and coordinate volunteers (one or two) for the distributions. If you have an interest in helping, please email craigshutt@gmail.com

FDC Provides Major Pantry Grant

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is pleased to announce that the FDC Foundation has awarded us a grant of \$30,000 for special programs in 2019. The money will fund our nutrition programs, our client resources coordinator position for the year and some supplemental pet-food purchases. We are grateful to **John Doyle, Susan Patke** and the entire board of FDC for their continued support. Thanks also to volunteer **Cathy Foster** for preparing our proposal.

*Article submitted by Craig Shutt. John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry
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Award Winning Green Initiatives

Congratulations to all of Schurz’s gardeners for being awarded the Seed Keeper Company’s 2019 Illinois State Award! The award recognizes Schurz’s efforts to promote gardening, including tabling during the Independence Park Farmers Markets, hosting workshops in the Grow Lab and Learning Garden, and sending harvests to the school lunchroom. Thanks to everyone who harvested a tomato, picked a leaf, turned compost, planted a seed, cleaned a Tower Garden, or watered a plant.

Family Movie Night *hosted by the Schurz Robotics Club*

Friday, March 29, *Big Hero 6*. | 5:30 p.m. robotics demonstration/interactive activity, movie at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn, candy, & pizza available for purchase (proceeds

benefiting the Robotics Club), and ADMISSION IS FREE!

Immigration Rights Resource Clinic

The Schurz Immigrant Rights Resource Clinic is an access point for immigration information, workshops, resources and provides appointments with accredited legal representatives. Visit us on Tuesdays between 1-5 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome!

Student Council Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who came out for the blood drive! Our students and neighbors really came through, 115 units of blood were collected! It was so busy that Vitalant has committed to bringing more staff for the next blood drive! Next blood drive will be in May.

– Dee Barrett, Carl Schurz High School Parent & Community Outreach

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2019 Spring Community Leaders Roundtable

3/7/2019 | 8:30-10:30am

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Six Corners Assoc. Community Leaders Roundtable.
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Forts: Adult Night

3/9/2019 | 8pm | Filament Theater | 4041 N. Milwaukee

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3/16/2019 | Noon-4pm

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Quilts of Valor sew for veterans touched by war. For info contact Morgan Holtz at morgalee@gmail.com.

Honeycomb Project - Thank You Cards for Veterans

3/17/2019 | 2-3:30pm

National Veterans Art Museum | 4041 N. Milwaukee
Registration/Info: <http://thehoneycombproject.org/>

Restorative Yoga • Reiki for Vernal Equinox

3/23/2019 | 6-7:30pm

Wildlight Yoga | 4104 N. Milwaukee Ave.

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Jessica Vazquez, SSA 28 Program Manager
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Voting Information Upcoming Municipal Election Run-Off

The municipal run-off election is on Tuesday, April 2.

Early Voting: You may visit any of the fifty early voting locations throughout the city until April 1 to vote in the run-off.

- **Early Voting Location in 45th Ward:** The 16th District Police Station, 5151 N. Milwaukee
- Other early voting locations close to Old Irving Park include Kilbourn Park, 3501 N. Kilbourn, and NEIU El Centro, 3390 N. Avondale.

A list of all early voting locations and hours throughout the city are available on the Chicago Board of Election's website at bit.ly/ChiEarlyVoting.

On April 2, you are required to vote at your designated polling place. You can find your polling place by entering your address on the voter's information page on the Chicago Board of Election's, bit.ly/ChiVoterInfo. Polls close at 7 pm on Election Day.

Registering to Vote

You may register to vote at ANY early voting location or at your polling place on April 2. *You will need two forms of identification, one must show a current address, to register to vote at a polling place.*

Examples of acceptable ID are:

- Passport or Military ID
- Driver's License or State ID card
- College/University/School/Work ID
- Vehicle registration card
- Lease, mortgage or deed to home

- Credit or debit card
- Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid card
- Insurance card
- Civic, union or professional membership card
- LINK/Public Aid/Department of Human Services card
- Illinois FOID card

Additional information on acceptable forms of ID is available to view on the Chicago Board of Election's website at bit.ly/ChiVoterRegistration.



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CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

**OIPA NEWS
April 2019
SUBMISSION
DEADLINE**
**Advertising &
Editorial
BOTH DUE
March 12**
(SECOND TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH)
BY 5 p.m.

March

- 11 **OIPA Member Meeting | 7:30 p.m.** | St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner
- 24 **Mariachi Monumental de Mexico hosted by Irving Park Fine Arts Committee | 2 p.m.** | Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. Free Admission. Reception following the concert.

April

- 11 **OIPA Member Meeting | 7:30 p.m.** | St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner

Find additional events, in and near OIP on individual organization's feature pages.

OIPA | ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



March Anniversaries

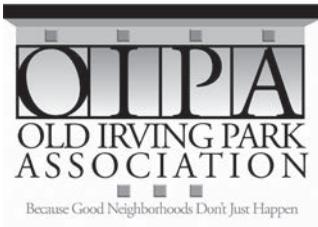
- 6 Cindy & Karl Kuhn
10 Patty & Scott Gustafson
15 Lily & Jimmy O'Shea
21 Michael & Cynthia Brick
23 Jen & Shane Knox
24 Kim & Rob Starmann
28 Denise & Curtis Giszczynski
29 John & Debbie Cook

March Birthdays

- 5 Charlene Adamski
Phuong Johnston
3 Fiorenza McDonough Mooney
6 Ally Skoog-Hoffman
Marcy Kirk
8 Carlos Eguis-Aguila
9 Frank Nagorka
Valerie Ginnan
13 Richard Slosarski
15 Tonnia Koehler
18 Barry Bebart
Beth Valukas
19 Maria Czyzewski
19 Robert Lopez
20 Eileen Stern

- 21 John Buss
21 Olivier Lopez
22 John Mueller
Martha MacMorris
Raymond Wachala
23 Karl Kuhn
25 Cindy Kuhn
Janine Kostelny
Jim Mindak
28 Tom Jezuit
29 Alisun DeKock
Roseanne Cherepski
30 Christine Levy
Victoria Ross
Dan Jacobs
Steve Himmelman

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.



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)

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (FIRST/LAST) BIRTHDAY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

ANNIVERSARY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

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: 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 the deadline 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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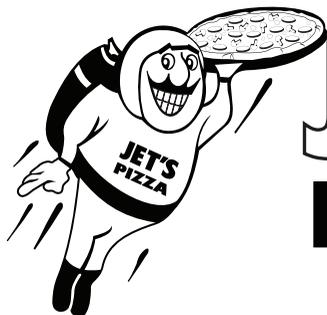
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