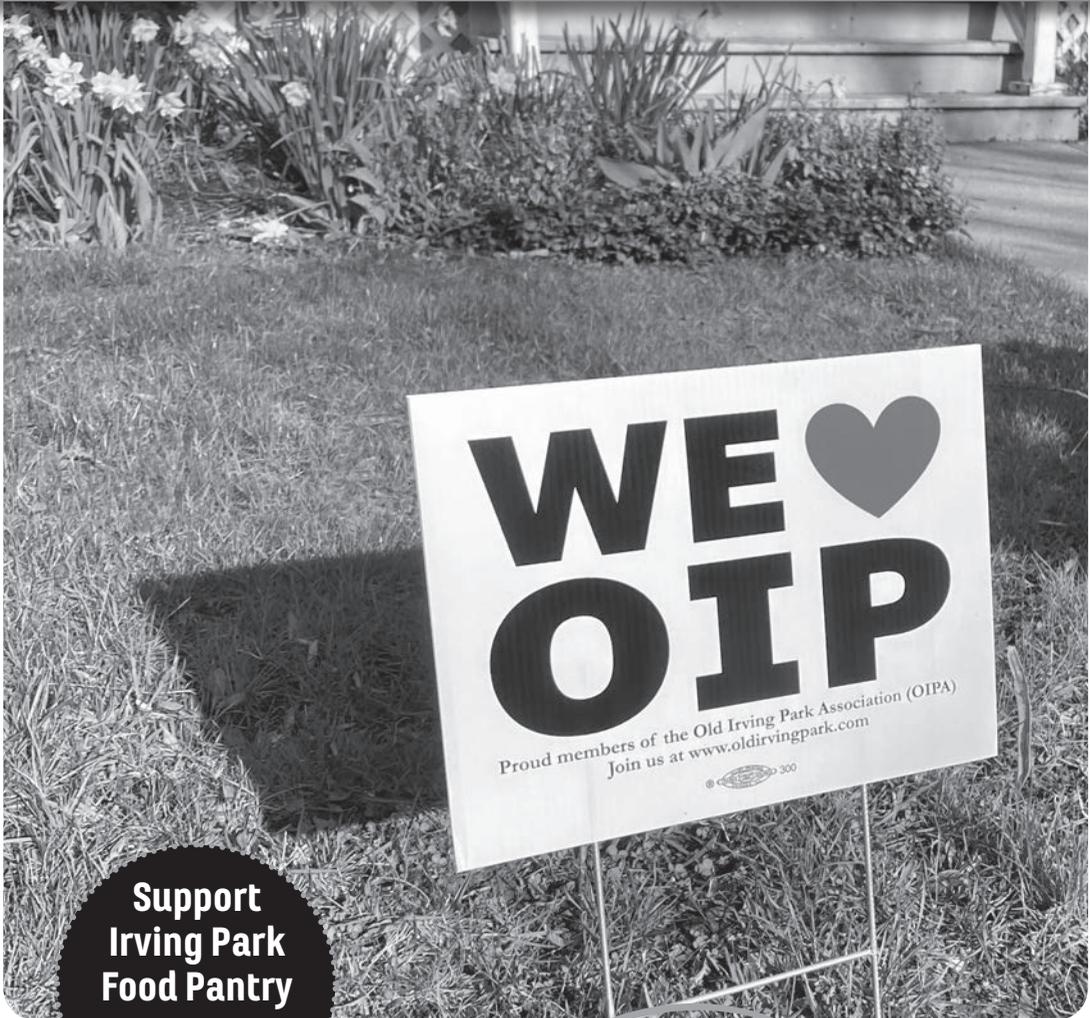


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Most of the ads were placed before the stay-at-home mandate and may not reflect the current situation. Check with the individual advertiser by calling or visiting their website for information on their status—some businesses modified in some way to stay open and follow CDC guidelines.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Memorial Day Flag Etiquette — by Merry Marwig

Our nation will observe Memorial Day on May 25, 2020, to honor and remember the men and women who have died serving in the military to protect our nation, our freedoms, and our American values of democracy. To honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and to show community support for those who survived them, many people choose to display small red poppy flowers or to raise the US flag. Red poppy flowers became a symbol of Memorial Day following the battles in Europe in WW1. Dormant poppy seeds were unearthed during the intense fighting, and the scattered seeds grew into the red flowers that later blanketed the former battlefields.

- For flags, many people place flags at the gravestones of loved ones lost. Others display a US flag at their homes. When doing so, please keep in mind these guidelines, according to the Federal Flag Code:
- During times of mourning, the US flag is flown at half staff. However, there are special rules for Memorial Day. On Memorial Day, the flag should be flown at half staff from sunrise until noon,

then quickly raised to the top of the staff until sunset to honor our nation's heroes who died while serving in our armed forces.

- Flags should be flown from sunrise to sunset if displayed in public. If flown at night, however, clearly illuminate the flag with lighting.
- If displaying a flag from a building, the flag's union (the blue section) should be at the peak of the staff.
- If a flag is hung from a wall, window or door, the flag's union should be to the observer's left.
- The US flag should not be displayed on a vehicle unless it is flown from a staff or antenna.
- No other flags—including other countries, states, or city flags, should be placed above a US flag. Place other flags below or to the right of the US flag.
- When saluting the US flag, place your right hand, palm open, over your heart. Remember to take off any hats if you are wearing one, as well.

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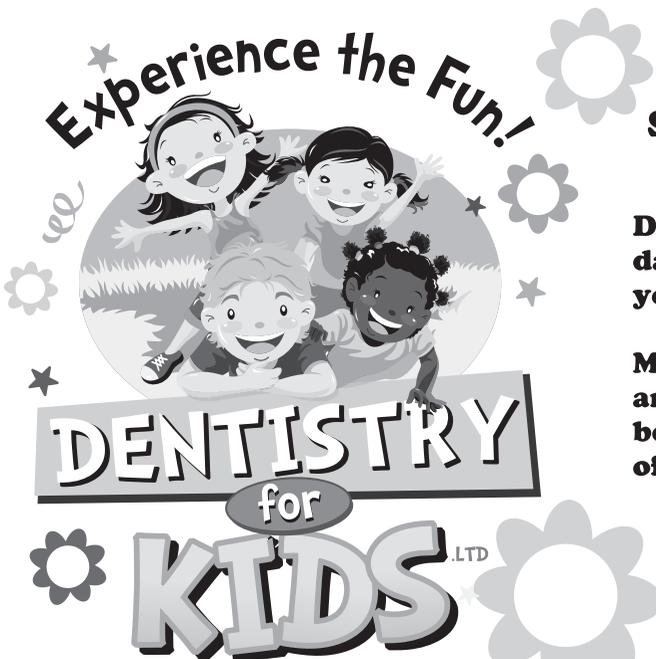
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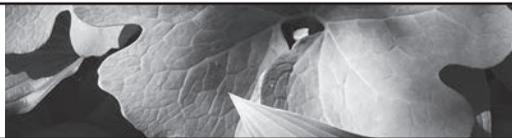
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Summarized Minutes of the Meeting on April 6, 2020

Bart Goldberg, OIPA Secretary

Commencement: President Chan commenced the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Due to the pandemic we followed the suggested protocol by conducting our meeting via Zoom for the first time. Once Jonathan Ankney was able to get Lynn logged in we proceeded without a hitch. The first order of business was unanimously refusing his polite suggestion that he should be compensated for his IT work. I am pleased to report that the entire Board behaved professionally throughout the meeting without any tasteless jokes about not wearing pants. However, Annie Swingen did seem to be doing yoga or some other exercise throughout.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Ankney presented her Treasurer's Reports for March. Our receipts for the month were about \$2,000 less than our revenues for the month. This was entirely expected and was due to the expenditures for the OIPA yard signs and handbags. The financial report was unanimously approved by the Board.

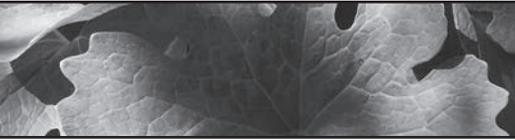
Charitable Donation: Our annual \$500 donation the Garden Club was approved unanimously.

Newsletter: We discussed whether or not it was appropriate to produce our Newsletter in a paper format for the month of May. While we could have easily just distributed it as a PDF we knew that many people would not be able to access it that way. Moreover, we found out that we really had little impediment from producing our paper newsletter since the printer that we used was still open (they work for a lot of hospitals) and our delivery volunteers did not mind taking on their usual delivery assignments. We also hoped that during this highly

irregular time that at least some of our members would appreciate the familiarity of receiving the Old Irving Park News. We also discussed a couple of suggestions for new features for our newsletter, including some graphics that can be colored by children, and a really interesting idea from Scott Legan to create an OIP version of Restaurant Bingo. The idea is that we would produce a bingo card consisting of the names of local restaurants and businesses. A person would "win" the game by visiting five places in a row on the Restaurant Bingo card, and would be eligible to receive a comped admission to the Annual All-Star Party.

Old Irving Park Signs: As previously discussed, Merry Marwig has been spearheading a project to create and distribute signs proclaiming our love for Old Irving Park. By the time you read this the signs will have almost certainly have been distributed. In fact, Merry volunteered her husband and herself to personally deliver the vast majority of them! They look great and we can't thank Merry enough for her efforts on this. It is our hope that people will continue to display them for some time, and of course we hope to obtain additional members who want one of those spiffy signs.

Zoning and Development: Concerning the Urgent Care facility that is going to be built by Northwestern Memorial Hospital on the "Sabatino's Block" of Old Irving Park (the south side of the street between Kenneth and Kilbourn), President Chan was able to speak with an architect for the project. They are understandably not immediately focused on this due to the pandemic that they are dealing with, but they



OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

are willing to set up a meeting with our Board at their first opportunity. After that there would be a public meeting where they can hear neighborhood concerns and answer questions.

Spring Meeting Available on You Tube: We canceled our General Meeting that was scheduled for April 13, 2020, a meeting that was going to feature Krissa Skogen speaking on pollinator gardens. Amazingly, she agreed to still help us out by recording a presentation and supplying materials about the bees and the plants, etc. Krissa holds a doctorate and is a very accomplished Conservation Scientist working at the Botanical Gardens, and she is also an adjunct professor at Northwestern University. She is a passionate and knowledgeable speaker, but you can see that for

yourself in the comfort of your own home by viewing the presentation she prepared for us, "OIPA Pollinator Garden_KrissaSkogen." It is approximately half an hour long and you can see it at the following link: <https://bit.ly/pollinatorOIPA>. We really appreciate her efforts and hope that maybe she can visit us next year.

Future Meetings: We expect that our General Meeting for May will also be canceled. As of now, the next meeting that we still expect to host is our Annual Ice Cream Social which will be held on June 7, 2020 at 4 PM at St. Johns. However, since eating ice cream is challenging while wearing a mask, we will keep you updated on that event as well. Until then Stay Safe and Stay Sane.

This meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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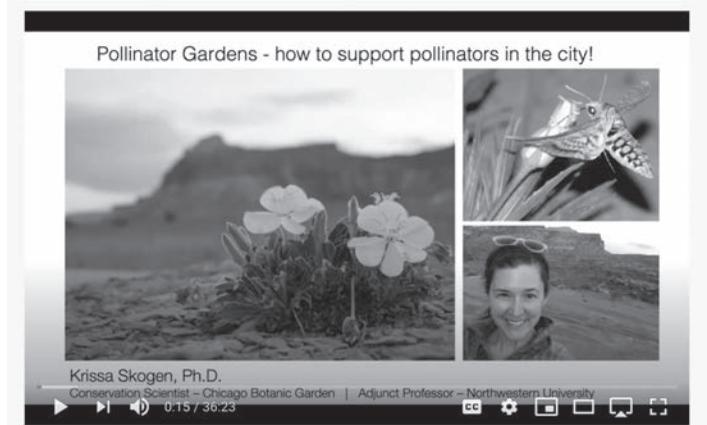
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Learn about pollinator gardens from our April General meeting presenter. The meeting was canceled, but you can still get all the fascinating details from Krissa Skogen, our presenter, on YouTube. Krissa graciously recorded the presentation for OIPA members.

Find her presentation at
<https://bit.ly/pollinatorOIPA>.



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Hi neighbors,

One of the few silver linings during this lockdown is our sense of community in our neighborhood and our city. Strangers are going out of their way to help each other. It's heartwarming to see so much kindness.

You may not believe us, but OIPA had planned a mini yard sign "We love OIP" campaign for this spring. It seems especially relevant now. We've been using our FB page to share information, promote our newsletter advertisers and other local businesses, and keep neighbors connected.

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3	Jay Hackleman	13	Sinisa Rasberger	22	Amy Isadore	30	Megan Toth
5	Joyce Owen	14	Judith Lyon	22	Craig Shutt	31	Freddie Crenshaw
5	Melia Pitts	14	Katherine Heinrich	22	Hannah Lehman	31	Wendy Lundgren
6	Kara Wagner Sherer	17	Lauren Lopez	22	Shaun Quinn		
6	Rosemary Knight	18	Burke Leshner	23	Adeline Krohmer		
7	Andrew Chan	18	Mary Kane	24	Anna Ware		
7	Elizabeth Basile	20	Christine Stypka	25	Charlie McDowell		
8	Julia Poskus	21	Brad McDowell	26	David Kozisek		
9	Allison Clark Young	21	Cindy Malin	26	JP Hicks		
9	Michael Manier	21	Phil Timberman	28	Janet Sayre		
10	Megan Stalder	21	Theresa Mueller	29	Jill Edelblute		

Pet birthday

- 1 Stewart the pet Chihuahua

May Anniversaries

3	Susan Lulich & Randall Coe
5	Lisa & Mark Kelly
7	David & Katie Kozisek
8	Kris Nielsen & John Neurauter
10	Ed Caplan & Gina Iliopoulos
11	Henry & Susan Strozewski
11	Lindsey & Josh Evans
11	Tom & Therese Jezuit
13	Gerald Pitzen & Jean Pitzen (deceased)
14	Kathryn Janicek-Wright & Ted Wright
15	Denise & Richard Ghilarducci
15	Frank & MaryPat Serpone
15	Lowell & Peggy Krischer
18	Felix & Zarah Chan
19	Vanessa & Geoff Reu
24	Cathie Van Wert & Tim Menard
24	Kelly & Jeremiah Kaye
31	Alice & Dave Sheets
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When everything around us is changing, it requires us to change. Social distancing, recent constraints or limits, and experiences of loss have required change. Anxiety is up as you reflect on your yesterdays and anticipate your tomorrows. So what do you do when the world is full of uncertainty? How do you embrace it? How do you accept it? Be in the Now.

Being in the present moment can calm your nervous system, maximize creative problem-solving, and promote a sense of fulfillment. Try these five tips.

Be spontaneous. Spontaneity may help you access your playfulness. Maybe throw a new spice in dinner, take another route on your walk, or crack a new joke when it comes to mind. All because you feel like it. That is the point. When you pay more attention to what you feel, you have more awareness of your desires and needs. Spontaneity allows you to take action without judgment, then learn something new from the result.

Engage your senses. Give intentional attention to what is versus what it is not. Using each of your 5 senses, what do you notice around you? Perhaps light a new candle, focus on the support felt by the chair underneath you, or meditate on colors and textures as you craft something from materials found in that junk drawer. Find sources of stability in what is immediately available to you.

Be curious. Curiosity allows you to approach your experience with an open mind, supporting the belief in possibility. Examine something, play with cause and effect, or pay attention to details you haven't noticed before. Curiosity may lead you to learn or try something new.

Practice gratitude. Gratitude can help you experience positive thoughts and emotions again, now in the present. Notice how your mind and body respond. What happens to your thoughts? What happens to your breath? Noticing the experience of your mind and body may make it a bit easier to access again.

Feel ALL the feelings. Honoring feelings may be most important for some. When you connect to the present moment, your experience may not be all sunshine and rainbows. You are connecting to what is present for you now, and that may be sources of sadness, anger, or discomfort. These feelings are also valid. Feeling them or expressing them creatively may allow them to flow and clear the way for you to connect with other desired thoughts and emotions.



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Pandemic Pinches Back Plans — Claudia Hine

Irving Park Garden Club members were looking forward to celebrating the club's 30th anniversary this year with expanded programming for the 2020 season. Instead, the club has been left in limbo by the novel coronavirus. Our March and April meetings were canceled, and plans for the May meeting are still on hold as our city and state shelter in place.

"I was so bummed," said Anne Halpin. "I figured this would happen, but I was really looking forward to the first meeting!"



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Volunteer Merry Marwig delivers the Irving Park Garden Club newsletter in April.

Photo courtesy of Merry Marwig.

Members are finding other ways to get their gardening fix. Several have already committed to tending some of the club's Irving Park Road planters, including **Mike Basile**, **Gayle Christensen**, **Carolyn Frazier**, **Peggy Krischer**, and **Madelyn Ryan**. **Chris and Kristie Hein** are making plans to be co-hosts of our popular Midsummer Night Stroll. Kristie explains, "It will get me motivated to plant more!" As for **Pam Rock**, she said, "I planted a few seeds at my plot at Merchant Park."

Those who do leave the house for exercise have been encouraged to go to the Tripp Garden and pick up the trash that accumulates there, while maintaining social distancing, of course. **Mike Basile**, **Claudia**, and **T. J. Hine**, and **Bill and Karen Whitehead** have been spotted there. Two of our bike-riding members, **Karen Wehrle** and **Trudy Moore**, had plans to pop over as well. Karen, who distributes the IPGC newsletter, said, "I'm looking forward to biking to deliver my route."



IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB

OIPA board director **Merry Marwig** is a new deliverer for IPGC newsletters this year. "Being a newsletter deliverer is great," she said. "Finding homes is like an Easter egg hunt, but for adults. Very welcome distraction in these coronavirus times."

Sue Geisler, who is going to work every day, says, "I am the only person who gets on the Metra at Irving Park at 6:44 a.m. There might be four people in the car. I'm alone in the car on the way home. Work is going well. We don't have any patient contact in the lab, so my staff doesn't have reservations about coming to work, but lots of hand gel is being used when not wearing gloves. I'm glad I'm working at a children's hospital. We

plan to accept the transfer of pediatric patients when adult hospitals are overwhelmed. Happy when I get to work in the yard after work."

As for me, I've taken advantage of Farmers Market Garden Center's delivery service, so when the weather is right, I'll be ready to go. I'm hopeful we'll be able to jump-start our season very soon.

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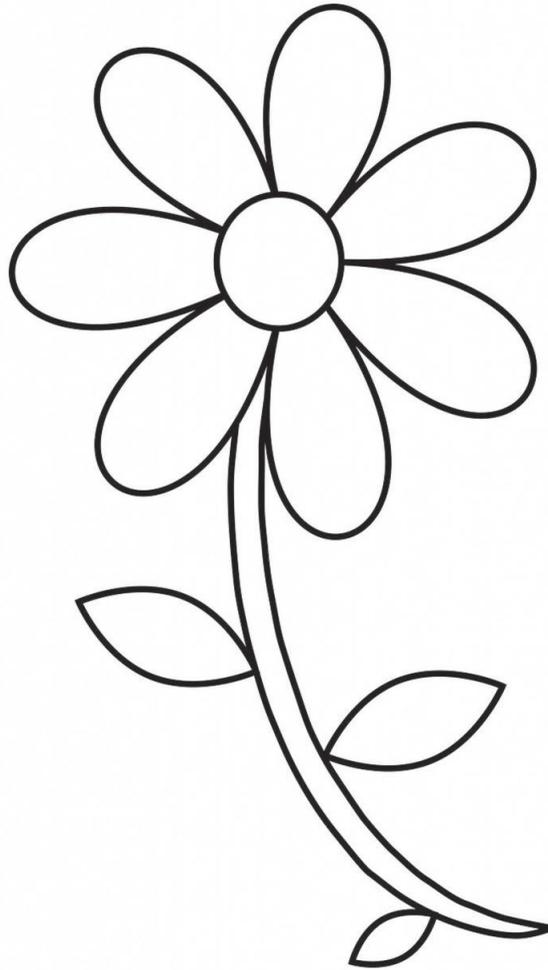
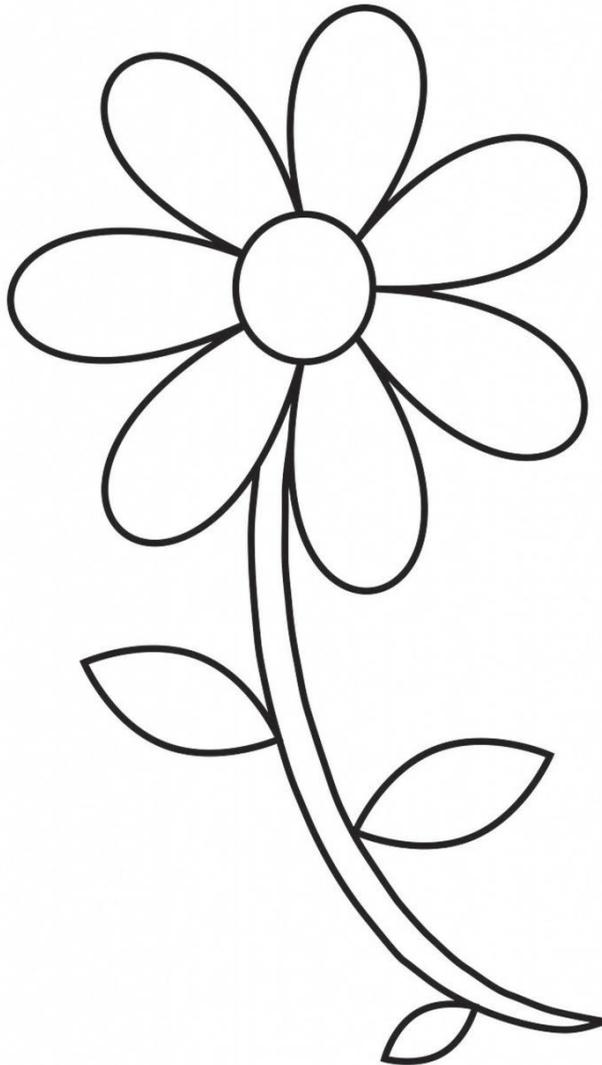


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Live from Keeler Gardens — by Gina Iliopoulos, Keeler Gardens



Welcome to May, with its lovely burst of spring blooms. At Keeler Gardens, we've been keeping busy welcoming spring and all its beautiful textures and colors. Although programs are suspended, nature had not; it just went on with the beautiful show. We began filming videos in late March, to keep our community connected to us, each other, and nature. Our goal is to engage our community of all ages to be inspired, intrigued, to ask questions and learn, and to grow with us. All the while benefiting from that connection with nature.

We are presenting these videos live on Facebook. Follow our page, facebook.com/KeelerGardens, to get notifications when we are "on-air." Join our live feed to

interact, ask questions, and let us know what you are interested in learning. And if you want to see the fine details of our visual coverage, you can check out our YouTube channel (bit.ly/KeelerGardenMay2020), where we offer each video at its highest quality.

We have a varied collection of videos, from working in our pollinator habitat to introducing cultural and artistic endeavors. One of our early videos featured a unique way to stay connected through the Tibetan tradition of prayer flags. We symbolize or write our hopes on a piece of cloth that we hang outside, and allow nature to carry that wish for all to benefit. We still have space for anyone that wants to add their message. And there will be a continuous supply of nature-focused videos from Keeler Gardens. We encourage everyone to stay connected and take advantage of everything Keeler Gardens has to offer.



Keeler Gardens is located at 3631 N. Keeler Ave, with a mission to improve the health and sustainability of urban community life through environmental experiences, supporting diversity and youth development, and building a connection to nature.

Photos of Tibetan prayer flags provided by Keeler Gardens



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Pantry Meets Increasing Needs During Coronavirus

Due to concerns about the COVID-19 virus, the Irving Park Community Food Pantry has enacted procedural changes to ensure it can continue to operate during its regular hours (9 to noon on Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month). These procedures will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

The Pantry will revert to its original system of providing bags of food based on family size. Clients log in at the Intake desk just inside the front door and then walk around the corner to our parking lot, where they wait for their number to be called.

Our numbers grew throughout March, and we expect that will continue as more neighbors found themselves facing food insecurity with the loss of jobs and reduction in resources.

We encourage supporters to make any donation possible. Secure donations can be made through PayPal at our website (www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org) or sent via check to the Pantry at 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago IL 60618.

Please do not bring donations to the Pantry, owing to the barriers to access. If you have a large donation, email info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org to arrange delivery.



Volunteers prepare bags of food based on family size to distribute to clients during the Pantry's regular Wednesday distribution. *Photo by Craig Shutt*



Pantry Board Member Sara Yoest transferred customer needs from intake to shoppers who picked up food bags for each client household. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*

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The Junior Girl Scout Troop at Disney II Elementary School, under the direction of Megan Stalder, assembled 47 Easter baskets in early March (prior to the shelter-in-place order) for the Pantry's Easter program that ended in early April.

If you have any questions about qualifications to receive food or other services, please email info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org. To volunteer, please email volunteer@irvingparkfoodpantry.org. We do not want more volunteers than necessary, but our need to fill stations changes weekly.

Easter Basket Program

Thank you to everyone who donated time, money, and materials to ensure our Easter basket program was completed. Special thanks to **Megan Stalder** and the **Junior Girl Scout Troop at Disney II Elementary School** as well as **Pastor Erin Bouman, Larry & Holly Lundquist**, and the congregation of **Irving Park Lutheran Church**. Both groups assembled and delivered Easter baskets that helped to brighten the day of many children who were sheltering at home. Thanks to our neighbors, who helped assemble baskets and hand them out to clients.

3rd Annual Neighborhood Walk

Needless to say, our 3rd Annual Neighborhood Walk has been postponed. Details will be announced when the coast is clear.

We appreciate your support as we work to remain "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."



Tuesday Night Volunteer Manager Michelle Buchecker took over the Pantry's Easter basket distribution in late March when all of the neighbor volunteers decided to shelter in place.

Photo by Craig Shutt.



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

School Closure

School closures have been hard for the community. At Belding the closure has given us opportunities to lean into our Vision Statement: Joyful Inquisitive Learners who Care For and Contribute to Our World. Belding was early to implement remote learning, and the teachers and staff went above and beyond in the first weeks to establish communication with each family, ensure technology was available, and to set up new systems for learning. These new ways to communicate, teach, and learn have stretched us! The Belding Facebook group has been a helpful portal as families post photos and videos of their joys and “lessons learned” about doing school at home.



Belding SECA Michelle San Juan gets creative with hand sanitizer for Crazy Hair Day!

Keeping Our Spirits Up!

Belding held a virtual school spirit week, which built unity and joy for our families and staff sheltering in place at home. Spirit days included pajama day, crazy hair day, art appreciation, and world language day. It was fun to see photos of staff and students participating from home. Teachers are using virtual lesson formats, including a weekly warm-up led by Belding dance teacher Kelly McCann.

Playground Closure

The Belding field and playground are closed during this time following Chicago orders to slow the spread of COVID-19. Belding served as a food distribution site during the first three weeks of school closures, but will not be a serving school following spring break.

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- Do you have any fun meeting topics or desired guest speaker requests?
- What will pull you away from home on a Monday night?
- A couple of topics to consider are: cool stuff you found during a renovation, bullet journaling in the digital age, and urban farming, composting and chicken keeping.

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During these challenging times, the Six Corners Association encourages community members to shop local and support locally owned businesses. They need your help now more than ever. Here are some ways to support businesses from the comfort of your home:

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- Purchase gift cards
- Purchase memberships for future use
- Participate in their online classes/experience
- Subscribe to their newsletters
- Like their Facebook page and posts
- Leave them a positive review online
- Give them a shout out on social media
- Recommend them to your friends

Small Business Technical Assistance

There are many financial resources available for small businesses. If you are a small business owner and need help applying for a loan or a grant, please feel free to contact

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Students Adjusting to New in Home Classroom

The students and staff continue to adjust to their new e-learning structure and pace. The students also enjoyed the Big Red Spring Virtual Spirit Week that included students dressing up as their favorite superheroes to honor medical professionals, police officers, and firefighters.

Explore All that St. Edward Has to Offer.

St. Edward School is a 2017 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon. Learn all about what this vibrant school and community offer Pre-K through 8th-grade students. Discover how St. Edward's academics and iReady instruction empowers teachers to enable students to achieve success in the classroom. Find out about the extensive fine arts programs, including visual art, music, and theater, and explore the wide variety of extracurricular activities and athletics. Before and after school care is available.

Schedule a tour, please visit our website at www.stedwardschool.com or call us at 773-736-9133. Our campus is located at 4343 W. Sunnyside Avenue, easily accessible to the Kennedy and Edens expressways, walking distance from the Blue Line, Metra station, and the Montrose and Cicero Avenue bus lines.

We look forward to your visit—when stay-at-home mandate is over, of course!



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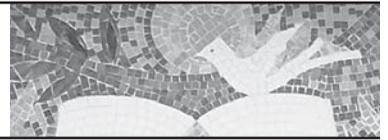
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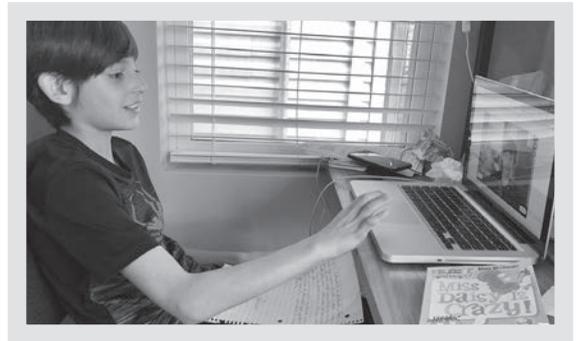
Viator Vibrations — Stacey Stevens / Kris Nielsen

Stay tuned for upcoming events at stviatorchicago.org or on our Facebook page.
Twitter: @ChiViator & Instagram: @stvschoolchi.

St. Viator Hits the Ground Running with E-learning

The school building may be closed, but school is still very much in session at St. Viator. Thanks to the internet, learning, and student-teacher interactions are still a regular part of every “school day.” Bonus—every day is Pajama Day if you feel like it!

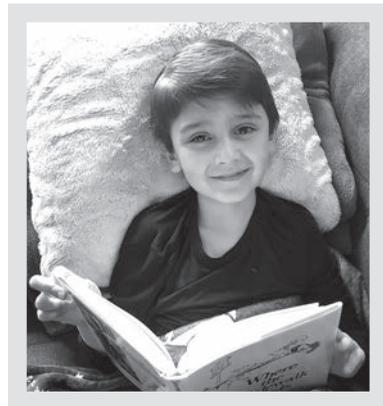
Our virtual week begins as it always does—with Monday Morning Assembly. Principal Lisa Rieger leads the assembly, with the Pledge of Allegiance, our Peacebuilder Pledge, special prayers and intentions, and announcements. The only difference is that students are watching on YouTube instead of meeting together in the gym. Then we get to work. St. Viator teachers use Google Classroom for lessons and assignments, posting work that can be completed and turned in online. Most of the classroom work is a continuation of what the students were doing before the closure. In addition to material from their textbooks and other platforms, the students are using platforms they are already familiar with, such

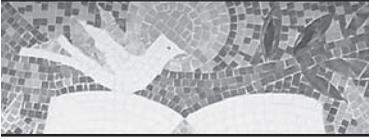


as Achieve 3000, iReady, and Lexus. Teachers are also taking advantage of several fun online learning programs to add variety. Classwork is typically posted early each morning, and teachers are then available via email, chat, or video chat until the end of the school day.

Teachers have been filming instructional videos and are hosting live Google Meet chats to interact with

Thank you to all the St. Viator families for providing photos.





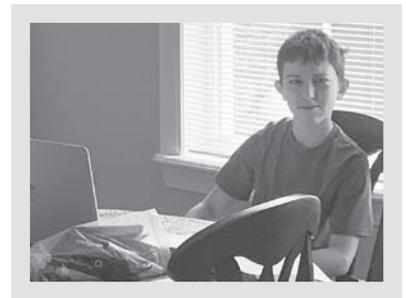
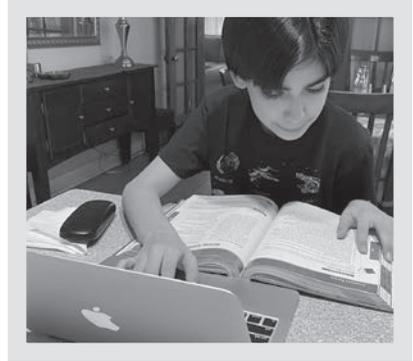
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students in real-time. Lessons are covered during the chats, but students and teachers are also discussing social and emotional issues related to the stay-at-home order and the Covid-19 crisis. The St. Viator school counselor continues to be available for students who need additional support.

St. Viator teachers began training and preparing for online lessons in September, as part of an eLearning initiative designed to cover short-term weather or other emergency closings. The current school closure is on a much larger scale than expected, but the teachers worked hard over the weekend of March 14th after Governor Pritzker announced that schools would be closed. Our eLearning program hit the ground running on March 16th. There have been a few hiccups as everyone gets the hang of this new way of doing things. Still, we are so proud of our students and teachers for their dedication to education and (virtual) community during this challenging time.

Stay safe, and be well!

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year are still being accepted.



CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

OIPA NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Advertising:
First Tuesday
of the month

**General
Submissions:**
First Thursday
of the month



NOTICE: Currently, there is a Stay-at-Home mandate due to concerns with the coronavirus (COVID-19). Please watch for updates from OIPA and the individual organizations that usually post event in our calendar.

A note about the advertisement featured in this issue. Most of the ads were placed before the stay-at-home mandate and may not reflect the current situation. Check with the individual advertiser by calling or visiting their website for information on their status—some businesses modified in some way to stay open and follow CDC guidelines.

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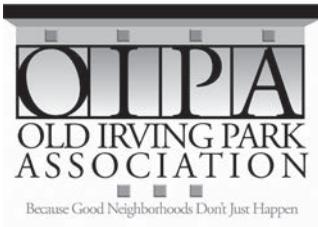
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Community Calendar, Articles & Photos

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- **Advertising:** First Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m.
- **General Submissions:** First Thursday of the month by 5 p.m.
- **Materials SUBMITTED AFTER** the deadline date will be held over to the next month's issue.
- **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 community calendar.

SUBMISSION DATES		
Publication Month	Advertising	General
June	5/5	5/7
July/No Issue	—	—
August	6/30	7/2
September	8/4	8/6
October	9/1	9/3
November	10/6	10/1
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