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**The OIPA News will resume in February 2021.**

**Happy New Year!**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



# COMMUNITY IS KINDNESS

The OIPA Board of Directors is pleased to make our annual donations a bit earlier this year. While we usually issue contributions in January, the Board voted to make our annual charitable giving ahead of the December holidays. We contacted the local schools and non-profit organizations of our intent, asked how they intend to spend the funds, and requested they share any specific immediate needs.

We think distributing the funds earlier is an excellent way to round out a challenging 2020. We hope this action gives our members a tangible sense of how their OIPA membership directly impacts other local organizations.

Best wishes for a holiday season filled with good health, gratitude, and peace,

Lynn Ankney  
OIPA Treasurer



## Expressions of Gratitude from Our Annual Donation Recipients

### Belding School

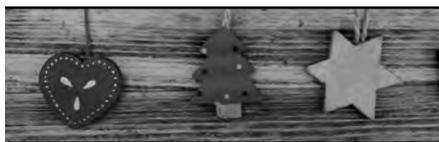
*Heather Yutzy, Principal*

Thank you so much for the generous annual OIPA donations to Belding School! In the past, we've utilized the OIPA donation to fund plantings around our school. Our recent gardening day on October 17th was such a hit. I want to propose that we use these funds again for a gardening improvement project in the spring. Neighbors might notice our continued week to beautify the perimeter gardens both around the school and around the playground/track.

### Carlson Community Services

*Liz Mills, Executive Director*

The Board of Directors of Carlson Community Services would like to thank the Old Irving Park Association for its \$500 donation. With so much of our ability to raise funds disrupted at this unprecedented time, your donation is important to our continued operations. It helps us prepare for the return of our after-school program when CPS in-person classes resume, providing 60 children a safe, engaging place to go after school. With OIPA's support, we'll begin planning for the 2021 season at Three Brothers Garden, where our 2020 harvest for the Irving Park Food Pantry totaled 400 lbs. And at a time when we all need some soul-soothing, we'll continue to provide virtual concerts as part of our Irving Park Fine Arts concert series. Watch for our virtual holiday concert in mid-December. Financial support of our mission is always appreciated. Go to [carlsoncommunityservices.org/giving](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org/giving) if you'd like to donate. We wish the best for the holidays and a happy NEW year to the OIPA members and Board!



### **Disney II**

*Katie Speth, Principal*

Disney II Friends is a newly formed parent organization at Disney II Magnet School. We support our community by providing opportunities for parent engagement, fundraising, and socializing. Our parent organizations have been instrumental in supporting the school's arts and technology magnet focus in the past. Most recently, our organization helped provide vital technology to students as they embarked on remote learning.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Old Irving Park Association and appreciate their generosity.

### **Irving Park Food Pantry**

*Craig Shutt, Publicity & Special Events Coordinator*

Thank You, OIPA Members! The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is grateful to OIPA for its \$500 donation at this time of year. We will split the funds between two holiday programs that OIP residents can help ensure are successful. As always, we're providing clients with a special holiday meal in December that includes meat, stuffing, vegetables, potatoes, and desserts. We also will be running a "virtual" toy drive to provide each child up to 12 years old with a stocking of holiday goodies. Due to COVID-19 protocols, we cannot run our usual gift program. We ask for monetary donations for both programs (and you can indicate which, if you prefer) through PayPal at [irvingparkfoodpantry.org](http://irvingparkfoodpantry.org) or via check to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway, Chicago IL 60618. We also have gift registries at Amazon and Target to purchase specific items to help fill the stockings. Links are on our Facebook page. We appreciate the community's help to ensure we meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

### **Independence Branch, Chicago Public Library**

*Rory Brown, Branch Manager*

The Friends of the Independence Library and the staff of the Independence Branch are deeply grateful for the Old Irving Park Association's generous donation. We plan to use a portion of the gift to purchase much-needed AV equipment to help improve our online programming and supplies to provide take-home holiday craft kits for our patrons. We're so thankful to be able to use your donation to spread a little joy during these difficult times. Thank you so much for including us as part of your annual donation!

### **Irving Park YMCA**

*Ron Anderson, Executive Director*

Many thanks to the entire OIPA board of directors and community for considering the Irving Park YMCA as part of your annual donation. Our promise has always been to never turn anyone away from the Y because of their inability to pay. Through the pandemic, the Y stood strong and continued to offer essential childcare programs for the community. The OIPA donation goes straight towards our scholarship fund, which helps make it possible for children, adults, and the entire family to continue participating through membership and programs regardless of their financial abilities.

Our Y appreciates the continued love and support of OIPA and the community. We anticipate 2021 will be a challenging year on many levels, so if you, or anyone you know, are interested in learning more about volunteering, donating, or other ways to our cause, reach out to Ron Anderson (Executive Director) [randerson@ymcachiago.org](mailto:randerson@ymcachiago.org). We look forward to serving the community for many more years to come!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

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### **Community Is Kindness**, *Continued from page 3*

#### **Scammon Elementary**

*Renee Klimkiewicz, Assistant Principal*

Scammon Elementary sends immense appreciation to The Old Irving Park Association for the generous donation. As we are all aware, this year has presented unexpected events and unforeseen challenges, which we see in the world at large and within our Scammon community. It is with a grateful heart we share with you that this donation will provide health-related services to Scammon students in need. For others interested in supporting our Scammon community,

please email us at [ScammonElementarySchool@gmail.com](mailto:ScammonElementarySchool@gmail.com) for information on ways to help. Again, thank you for thinking of us during this season.

#### **Schurz High School**

*Anthony Rodriguez, Principal*

Schurz High School will use these funds to support the academic engagement of students who are experiencing hardships during the current pandemic. It is difficult to narrow down the kind of difficulty because, unfortunately, there are so many. Thank you so much for thinking about Schurz!



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# OIPA Winter Holiday Outdoor Decoration

## CONTEST

As promised, OIPA is sponsoring a Winter Holiday Outdoor Decoration Contest to help bring extra cheer to the neighborhood. Get ready to string up the holly or whatever outdoor holiday decorations strike your fancy (Winter Solstice, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, New Year 2021.) Get creative!

### **How to Register**

Email your nominations for the best Outdoor Winter Holiday Decorations in OIP to [oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com](mailto:oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com) no later than December 19, 2020 (please put "Winter Decoration Contest" in the subject line and include your name, address, and the address of your nominee in the body of the email). The top seven nominations will be announced on Facebook and will move on to the neighborhood voting round for best decorations the week of December 20. The winner will get an "All Star" Goodie Bag and choose either a \$100 gift certificate to a local business of their choice OR a \$100 donation to their local charity of choice.

### **Contest Eligibility**

While everyone is encouraged to decorate, only OIPA Members (with an active membership as of 12-20-20) are eligible to win this contest.



# Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting on November 2, 2020

— Bart Goldberg, OIPA Secretary

**Attendees:** Adrienne Chan, Lynn Ankney, Scott Legan, Merry Marwig, Meredith O'Sullivan, Colleen Kenny, Michael Cannon and Bart Goldberg.

**Commencement:** President Chan commenced the meeting, which was again conducted via Zoom at 7:06 p.m. First off, for the three of you that were concerned, I am happy to report that I am not in exile. There was no need for me to move. At least not yet. I was actually appreciative that we held this meeting on Election Eve as it gave me a chance to get the types of worries that I have obsessed over for the better part of this year off of my mind for a couple of hours. As always, meeting with my fellow Board members was a pleasure.

**Treasurer's Reports:** The Treasurer's Report for October was again a very happy one. Due to a ton of renewals being received during the month, including nearly \$1,700 at the premium levels, and only relatively modest expenses this month, our coffers grew by approximately \$4,200. That is great, but of course we should not get used to it. Next month we will have made our annual charitable contributions to neighborhood schools and NFP's, as described on page 2 of this Newsletter. The October financial report was unanimously approved by the Board.

**Membership:** Meredith O'Sullivan reported that 509 of our members are presently paid up. This means that approximately 150 of our beloved (truly) members are once again proving themselves to be inveterate laggards. This is troubling because each of those delinquent members did not receive our November newsletter. They may not find this troubling; perhaps due to a lack of interest or perhaps they realized

that they can always catch up on the old news on our website. However, I was more than a little miffed when I found out that my compensation for writing these Minutes might be based upon the number of newsletters that are actually delivered. I had noticed that I was not paid at all this month and after bringing this to the attention of the HR Department I found out that I have never been paid, and that in their view I am receiving fair compensation. But enough of my problems; so if you have not yet renewed, please do. On behalf of the Board, I can assure you that all of ye sinners shall be welcomed back into the fold.

**Merry Marwig Initiatives:** Merry first updated us with the status of two issues she has taken the lead on, those being the proposal to re-dedicate Kolmar Park, and her efforts to help people obtain replacement trees for their parkways. At the time of our meeting she was still waiting for responses on each issue. (However, since then Merry has received a very positive response from Openlands regarding planting trees so it looks like a great result). Merry then pivoted to something else that she has been working on for the better part of the year, which is transitioning our Board and Association from a Yahoo account to a Google for Nonprofits site. The next three pages of our Agenda was gobbledygook relating to this transition. Silently, I muttered "Good Grief!" Upon further reflection I realized that this was an altogether appropriate thought since only grief has more stages than this transition. Moreover, it turns out that we are still in Phase I of a four stage process! After discussing it for a bit, a few decisions were made. I doff my cap to Merry for her persistence on this incredibly boring project.

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**Zoning and Building Developments:** This month there was a lot to report on this subject.

- **4524 W. Irving Park Road:** This project involves the construction of a nine unit apartment building next to the "Chicago Pizza" on the north side of Irving Park Road. Alderman Gardiner's office has kept us in the loop on this proposal and we had the opportunity to make suggestions that led to a few modifications to the project, the most important being the addition of windows on the west side of the building. They were seeking a zoning change, and we issued a letter of support for the project. On November 10th, which was subsequent to this

Board meeting, five of us attended a community meeting that the Alderman held on Zoom with the Developer and many interested neighbors. About 30 people attended that virtual meeting.

- **4441 W. Irving Park Road (the Sabatino's Block):** At our meeting we discussed the latest iteration of the proposed medical facility being built by Northwestern Memorial ("NM") at this site. Our Board has been afforded several meetings concerning the proposal and I have written about it in previous newsletters. As stated before, this project was somewhat unusual in that they purchased the property without prior community involvement. NM may have done this because they needed little in the way of zoning or aldermanic approval, or perhaps they were confident that their proposed project would ultimately be approved by all stakeholders. They initially presented their plans to our Board on July 15, 2020. They then had a meeting with neighbors where we were not involved on August 3, 2020. There was then a community meeting with neighbors near the property where we did participate on August 31, 2020. Most recently, we had a meeting that included just NM, the Alderman, and our Board on October 27, 2020. At that meeting we were presented with the most recent plan. We were also informed that since we had last met that NM had met with the Alderman on three occasions. The Alderman had been insistent on two primary concerns: (1) the traffic problems that could emerge, particularly with the cars exiting only onto Kenneth Avenue which many neighbors had feared would cause traffic problems and (2) the sheer

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## Advent Sundays

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Worship at 10:00 A.M.

November 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20

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November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15 and 22

## A Festival of Lesson and Carols

December 8, 7:00 P.M.

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## Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

Worship at 4:00 P.M.

Worship at 10:00 P.M.

## Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

Worship at 10:00 A.M.



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size of the project and in particular its height. The new proposal addressed both of those concerns. As to the traffic issue there would still be only one entrance which would be on Kilbourn Avenue, but now people could also exit on Kilbourn. This meant that there would now be two ways to exit which they felt reduced any traffic concerns. As to the size of the complex, they have agreed to a major modification. The prior version contained five stories above ground and a single below ground parking floor. At a cost of approximately seven million dollars they have essentially lowered the entire building by one floor. By this I mean that they will have two floors below ground and just four floors above. They also made other modifications that would diminish the perception of the scale of the building. The result of this modification was that they did not have to reduce the square footage of the structure, so that there would be no loss of functionality. All of the practice groups

and services that they were previously planning would still be included. The building contains approximately 350 parking spaces so parking will not be affected in the neighborhood. In my view the aesthetics of the building still looked quite nice, and the thoughtfulness that they invested in their design was once again evident. Our Board did not yet vote on whether to support this proposal, but will probably do so in the near future. However, we want to view the traffic study before doing so. Meanwhile, I believe that there are plans for at least one more additional meeting with the immediate community, the Alderman and the property owner (NM), before the Alderman makes his decision.

- **Former People's Gas Site:** This is the proposed retail project being built by GW Properties on the site that used to house People's Gas. We had our first meeting concerning this project on June 30, 2020 with the Developer and Alderman, and I wrote

### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLANS

*Formerly Peoples Gas Facility*

#### **The Shops @ Six Corners**

Revised Nov. 16, 2020

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*See page 14 for more details.*

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# OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

about it in the August newsletter. Since then we met with only the Developer on November 9th, and then there was a subsequent meeting on November 16th. We considered that to be our November General Meeting of OIPA as all members were invited. Please see the separate minutes for that meeting that also appears in this Newsletter. (See page 14)

• **Sears Site Development:** This is the very important Six Corners site where a mixed use development had already been vetted and essentially approved. It was an eight story structure that was going to contain some commercial spaces along with over four hundred

residential units. The site was to be developed by Tucker Developers, but subsequently the owner of the property changed course and sold it to Novak Construction. At this point there is no information concerning the future of this site, though the Board is hopeful that a future development will contain a substantial residential element.

**Murals:** The Board was very pleased that **Cyd Smillie** had agreed to perform restoration work on our murals on Keeler and Kostner, as well as removing a significant amount of graffiti from the mural that is on

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Irving Park Road just west of Kolmar. After consulting with the Board as to content she also added additional “dream” quotes to the west side of Kostner mural. Lynn also made a request to get several of our murals power washed by the City, and we intend to hire Cyd to do more restoration work next spring.

**Zoom-Miliation:** Late in our call I looked up at the screen and Lynn Ankney was clearly waving and smiling at me in an “overly friendly” manner. Somewhat surprisingly, I am not at all experienced with such things. While I was of course flattered my

first concern was wondering if I had a duty to report this to our respective spouses. But then I remembered the closing scene from a favorite movie of mine (Swingers) where Vince Vaughan thinks a woman in a diner is flirting with him when she is really trying to get the attention of a small child behind him. Yes, Lynn was only “goo-gooing” over someone’s child who had just entered the background on our Zoom call. I was too humiliated to recall their identity, but I have now learned that it was one of Scott’s young daughters.

**Cancellations:** The Board was sorry to conclude that we had to add the annual Holiday Party to the list of things that had to be canceled due to the virus. After considering some ideas analogous to the way we handled the ice cream social it was ultimately decided that with the recent worsening of the outbreak that it was just imprudent right now. However, if things improve we may try to do something similar around Valentine’s Day. As previously reported the All-Star Party has also been canceled and we again discussed the contents of the gift bags that we are going to deliver to our All-Star members.

**Get Your Flu Shot!:** I know that this is recycled news every month, but it is just so important. December is still a great time to get the shot. It is also excellent practice for the vaccine.

**Future Meetings:** No other public meetings have been scheduled at this time. Our next Board meeting is on December 7, 2020.

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# Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

on November 9, 2020 — Bart Goldberg, OIPA Secretary

**Zoom Community Meeting:** This was our second attempt to hold a virtual General Meeting for our membership. The meeting was held on pretty short notice because we had only recently found out that GW Properties was ready to present their ideas to the community for the old People's Gas Site. The meeting commenced at 7:06 p.m. and President Chan started it with a few brief community announcements. The bad news was the cancellation of the annual Holiday Party, and the good was a newly created Holiday Outdoor Decoration Contest which is described further elsewhere in this Newsletter. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting. The information presented below is a combination of what was presented at this meeting, along with the meeting that our Board had with the same presenters on November 9th.

**Proposed Development at Former People's Gas Site:** Our main speaker was **Mitch Goltz** who is the principal of GW Properties (the proposed developer), and he was accompanied in his presentation by Sara Barnes (a partner with the Law Offices of Samuel V.P. Banks, the zoning attorneys for the project). They were here to share the details for the proposed commercial development that they are now referring to as THE SHOPS @ Six Corners.

THE SHOPS @ Six Corners is proposed to be located at the former People's Gas site, which is one of the largest sites in the vicinity of Old Irving Park. It is approximately 6.5 acres and is located just south of Irving Park Road and east of Kilpatrick. It is strictly a commercial development that will contain primarily retail stores and restaurants. There will be no residential component.

GW Properties does not yet own the property. However, they have a binding contract, and expect to close on the purchase in late January of 2021 after People's Gas has completed their environmental work at the site. GW already has the funds for the project in place and Mitch stressed that they are not using TIF funds or government financing of any type for the acquisition. He estimated that after construction their total investment will be in the range of 50 million dollars. He estimated annual sales of 40 million per year. There will be countless construction jobs involved, and on this point Alderman Gardiner pressed him for a PLA contract that would require unionized labor. He estimated that it will create about 200 permanent jobs when completed. Importantly, since it is located within the Six Corners SSA, part of the real estate taxes at the site (which will obviously be substantial) will be flowing to the SSA, which will benefit the Six Corners area in general.

The amount of retail space is approximately 100,000 square feet contained in five separate buildings. He says that it is already about 80% rented. That includes the two biggest spaces: one being a 30,000 square foot space that will contain an apparel store, and the other being the anchor for the project which is a 40,000 square foot grocery. His materials say that grocery will feature a "unique and innovative design... with prepared meals and some seating for onsite dining." He has told us that while he has a strict non-disclosure agreement with this tenant, and therefore cannot share their identity, he thinks that the community is going to be very pleased. (My perception was that he emphasized the word "very"). Those two buildings



# OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT

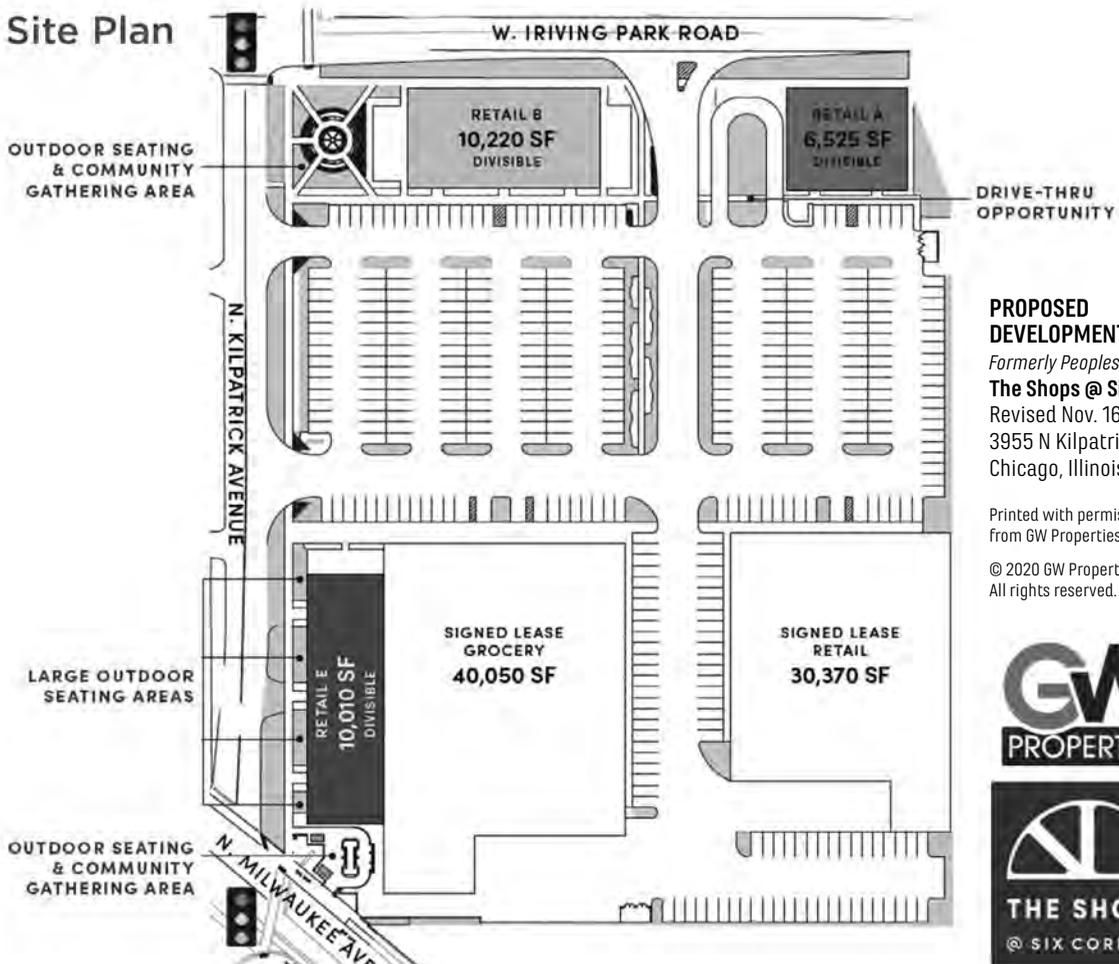
are located at the rear of the parcel. Two of the other buildings (that have a combined square footage of about 17,000 square feet have frontage on Irving Park Road. They will of course also have entrances facing the parking lot as well. Both of these spaces will presumably house more than a few restaurants, as Mitch says that demand for such space for restaurants is strong even in this pandemic. The last building

which is about 10,000 square feet is in the rear facing Kilpatrick and is attached to the grocery. In total, Mitch expects that there will be 10 to 14 stores/restaurants in the finished project.

The materials presented by GW also included renderings of the designs of each of the five buildings. It included a description of materials that would be

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## Site Plan



**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLANS**  
 Formerly Peoples Gas Facility  
**The Shops @ Six Corners**  
 Revised Nov. 16, 2020  
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# OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT



## Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting on November 9, 2020, *continued from page 15*

used in the facades, and Mitch stressed that there would be quite a bit of brick used. James Harris, who is with the City's Department of Planning and Development, and was one of the presenters at our last General Meeting, was also present at this meeting. He will be involved in reviewing this project, and the Department also has urban design professionals on staff, and together they will be presenting feedback on the aesthetics of the design to the Developer.

The development will also include two very nice public spaces. There had been no public space in the original iteration that had been presented to us back in June, and this had been a real sticking point with our Board and I know that it was with others as well. The larger public space will be located right at the corner of Irving Park Road and Kilpatrick. That space measures

80 x 60 feet (about 5,000 square feet). The design for the space has not yet been finalized, but it should be quite attractive and welcoming to our neighborhood and it is certainly nice that it will in essence be the pedestrian entrance when approaching from Six Corners. The second public space is a bit smaller and located at the rear of the project (SW corner) along Milwaukee Avenue. That space will include a wall for a public mural, and both spaces will be available for community events without charge.

The project has been designed so that it is convenient to bus transportation, as well as to pedestrians and bicycles. It should be noted that while the parking lot in the middle is quite large, Mitch has assured us that it has been decreased to the bare minimum required by the tenants. Very importantly, it should





# OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT

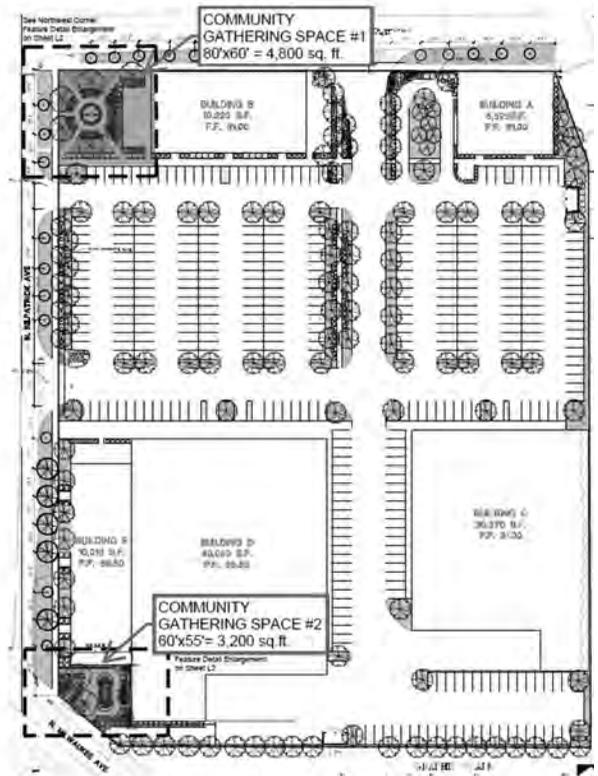
have a reasonably natural appearance thanks to an abundance of vegetation. It will feature over 150 new trees, over 300 shrubs, over 1,000 flowers, and over 200 ornamental grasses.

If GW is able to get prompt approval from the Alderman, the City of Chicago and the various stakeholders, they intend to break ground this coming spring and hope to have a Grand Opening in late 2021 or the spring of 2022. That is very fast, and he pointed out that they may well be the first project to be completed amongst the new projects planned for Six Corners.

We have asked to see the traffic study for the project and Mitch has told us that we will have it soon. We expect to meet in the near future as a Board to discuss whether or not we are able to issue a letter of support to the Alderman. Of course, I would guess that the Alderman is continuing to examine the details of the project before he makes any final determination.

We thank our guests for an exciting presentation and their thoughtful responses to all questions. Our meeting ended a little after 8 p.m.

## Landscape Plan



### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLANS

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# OIPA | ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



## December Anniversaries

- 5 Amanda Hennessy & Ryan Gettler
- 6 Linda Townsend & Michael Polzin
- 11 Gayle Christensen & Michael O'Brien
- 17 Frank Diaz & Patricia Hernandez
- 17 Patrick & Mary Beth Driscoll
- 20 Beth Valukas & Peter Barash
- 28 James Natoli & Kate Meints
- 28 Kate & Jeff Cain
- 29 Andrew & Carol Finkenstadt
- 29 Kimberly & Thomas Danahy
- 30 Colleen & Rich Kenny
- 31 Anne Bennison & Carlos Eguis-Aguila
- 31 Brian Pearson & Stephen Stockley

## December Birthdays

- |                       |                        |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Liz Breen             | 13 Gina Oderda         | 22 Sean Elliot         |
| 1 Gerald Gierke       | 14 Jocelyn Zolna-Pitts | 23 Allison Mutlu       |
| 1 Helen McDowell      | 14 Linda Higham        | 23 Laura Marie Sanchez |
| 1 Demian Christiansen | 14 Matthew Crnich      | 23 Zarah Chan          |
| 2 Rob Starmann        | 15 Terry Fallen        | 24 Christine Vertucci  |
| 3 Dana Moran          | 15 Robert Tataryn      | 24 Michael Innocenzi   |
| 4 John Dowd           | 16 Chris Chan          | 24 Nate Tovo           |
| 4 Mark Yoest          | 16 Laura Boggioni      | 25 Laura Ozog          |
| 5 Erin Sarris         | 17 Lucy Diaz           | 25 Jeanette Schrader   |
| 6 Molly Clayton       | 17 Debbie Cook         | 26 David Melzer        |
| 6 Warren Abrahamson   | 17 Elpitha Lambros     | 26 Sarah Kamp          |
| 6 Jessica Grossnickle | 18 Demetri Lambros     | 29 Ann McHale          |
| 6 Patrick Ginnan      | 18 Bryan Anderson      | 29 Jill Bruzzini       |
| 7 Scott Gustafson     | 19 Susan Strong-Dowd   | 30 Barbara Cohn        |
| 9 Brian Beaugureau    | 20 Robert Szalacha     | 30 Tim Tuten           |
| 12 Rolando Rivero     | 21 Patty Gustafson     |                        |
| 12 Steve Cohn         | 21 Sabrina Cimo        |                        |



## Kid & Pet Birthdays

### December

- 1 Molly (pet)
- 15 Xavier Unzueta
- 15 Tais Torres
- 17 Matthew Horeis
- 17 Frank Lynch
- 20 Alice Isadore

### January

- 1 Isaac Cox
- 1 Seamus Greene
- 25 Traolach O'Sullivan
- 28 Claudio, the cat
- 29 Talulah Quinlan

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 [membership@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:membership@oldirvingpark.com) or 773-551-4533, so she can add your name and dates to the list.



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### January Anniversaries

- Bryan Pitts & Jocelyn Zolna-Pitts
- 17 Leanne & Jack Neurauter
- 25 Emily & Jeremy Sermersheim
- 30 Lindsay & T.K. Horeis

### January Birthdays

- |                      |    |                     |    |                         |
|----------------------|----|---------------------|----|-------------------------|
| Daniel Degnan        | 7  | Emily Sermersheim   | 21 | Lia Orellano            |
| Michael Sebastian    | 9  | Michael O'Brien     | 22 | Anne Morrissy           |
| 1 Kim Starmann       | 11 | Alberto Ilustre     | 22 | Susan Gidley            |
| 1 Sharon Graham      | 13 | Brian Kelly         | 23 | Diane Ehrhart           |
| 1 Wendy Jo Harmston  | 13 | Dave Miska          | 23 | Eileen Lysaught Elworth |
| 1 Denise Ghilarducci | 13 | Dee McDonough       | 24 | Bob Jones               |
| 2 Lynn Ankney        | 14 | Abby Ernst          | 24 | Mike King               |
| 2 Rosa Baez-Lopez    | 14 | John Newlin         | 24 | Jessica Kelly           |
| 2 Joanne Krakora     | 16 | Richard Ghilarducci | 25 | Emily Coakley           |
| 3 Dean Wolf          | 17 | Mete Mutlu          | 25 | Kathy Liebich           |
| 3 Joe Jamrosz        | 18 | Jason Isadore       | 27 | Renee Linnemeyer        |
| 4 Jonathan Calfee    | 18 | Peter Barash        | 27 | Kathryn Kleisch         |
| 5 Matt O'Brien       | 19 | Rachel Allmen       | 29 | Joan Bychowski          |
| 6 Lis Dankovich      | 20 | Tadeusz Czajko      | 31 | Andrew Finkenstadt      |
| 7 Annmarie Handley   | 21 | Audre McGinnis      | 31 | Michael Lee             |

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 4137 N. Tripp..... \$1,440,000



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 4243 N. Kedvale, 1F..... \$200,000  
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# Keeping Your Pets Safe During the Holidays

— Merry Marwig

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### Emergency numbers:

- Your local veterinarian's phone number:

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- **ASPCA 24-hr Animal Poison Control Center**, call (888) 426-4435 for poison-related emergencies. [A consultation fee may apply]
- **Pet Poison Helpline**, (855) 764-7661, \$59 fee applies

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### Holiday items that can be dangerous to pets:

- Holiday ornaments
- Tinsel
- Lilies, holly, and mistletoe plants
- Poinsettia plants (though mild)
- Alcohol
- Foods with grapes, raisins, and currants, such as fruitcakes
- Chocolate
- Sugarless gum and candy with xylitol
- Leftover fatty meat scraps
- Imported snowglobes containing antifreeze
- Liquid potpourri



*Photos by Adrianna Calvo (top) and Jessica Lewis (bottom) on Pexel.com*



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1. Chocolate
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5. Grapes & Raisins
6. Antidepressant Medications
7. Acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol)
8. Vitamin D Overdose
9. Stimulant Medications (e.g., for ADD/ADHD)
10. Fertilizers

#### Cat Poisons:

1. Lilies (Lilium species)
2. Spot-on flea/tick medication for dogs
3. Household Cleaners
4. Antidepressant Medications
5. Essential Oils
6. Anti-inflammatory Medications
7. Mouse & Rat Poisons (rodenticides)
8. Stimulant Medications (e.g., for ADD/ADHD)
9. Onions & Garlic
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# Safely Apart—OIP Neighbors Pull Together to Make Halloween Memorable

It's almost time to start putting up holiday lights but neighbors are still talking about how the OIP community made a socially distanced Halloween celebration be a bright light during unprecedented times, so we decided to share a few more photos.

Mark Palmieri's note (below) reflects how small things can make an impact. We can raise community spirits, and make good things happen, even during a pandemic.

Are you ready to create more neighborhood magic? OIPA is sponsoring a Winter Holiday Outdoor Decoration Contest (see page 5 for details). Join in the fun and light up the neighborhood. And, of course, stay safe, and maintain social distancing.

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Thanks to a local parent (Julie Ann) for organizing a socially distanced Halloween parade through the neighborhood. Just wanted to reach out and thank the people who setup the parade this morning. It was a great time! ...

We really enjoyed getting to do something with the community during this challenging time, so thanks again.

Also, our neighborhood looks amazing with all the decorations. Shout out to the Pumpkin Patch Drive In house. Super creative.

— Mark Palmieri

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# Help Pantry Clients Celebrate the Holidays

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry provides its clients with a full holiday meal this month, including meat, stuffing, vegetables, potatoes, and desserts. The holiday meal is in addition to its regular grocery array during our four distributions this month (we are closed on December 23rd and 30th). This year, we are asking for monetary donations via PayPal or check rather than direct food contributions.

We can purchase food at great discounts (approximately 4 cents per pound) from the Greater Chicago Food Depository, but the increased need and resulting shortages has forced us this year to use various sources. That has increased our costs to purchase the needed food. Simultaneously, restrictions due to virus protocols make it difficult for groups to hold food drives. Barriers to access make it challenging for the Pantry to receive food drives.

## Annual Toy Drive

Our toy program will change significantly from years past when clients picked specific gifts for children up to 12 years old. Instead, we will provide each child with a stocking of holiday goodies. As a result, we will forgo collection sites for gift donations and encourage supporters to use our online registries for specific, age-appropriate items that fit the stocking. Our Facebook page and other media have links. We appreciate your understanding and generosity.

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## Pantry Pilot Program

The Pantry is working with Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge on a pilot program to introduce a hospital-based food pantry for discharged patients who need food to get back on their feet after their hospital stay. The Pantry provides the hospital with 20 bags of various foods and replenishes as needed for six months during the evaluation period.

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## Grateful for Community Support

Thank you to the congregation of St. Viator Church for making one of their regular food donations to the Pantry in October. Thanks also to the congregation of Park Ridge Presbyterian Church for delivering food from an October food drive, arranged in advance.

Jackie Dupon dropped off a donation at the Irving Park Food Pantry from the congregation of St. Viator Church. She was aided by Steffanie Weil of CaptionCall. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry

### Technology Supports a Classroom's Visit to the Pantry

Teacher **Frank Kadri** at Prussing Elementary School brought his class to the Pantry via Zoom in October. During an earlier class, the students learned techniques for making face masks for pantry volunteers. Frank brought in their mask donation, and his students received a tour of the Pantry via his laptop.

Prussing Elementary School teacher Frank Kadri brought his class to the Pantry via Zoom to present Executive Director John Psiharis with the variety of masks each student had made during their class study. *Photo by Craig Shutt*



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## The Buzz at Belding — Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator

### Belding becomes one step closer to becoming an authorized IB World School.

After a successful and productive IB consultant visit, Belding is now moving forward to the final authorization stage. Teachers and the administration received very positive feedback that included their substantial knowledge and dedication to the program, teachers' strong sense of collaboration and creativity, and the active engagement of both parents and community members. Belding will now work on the application for authorization and plans for the final authorization visit in late spring 2021, with the final goal of becoming an IB World School for the 2021-2022 school year!

### See what Belding Elementary has to offer your child!

Each month Principal Heather Yutzy offers virtual school tours for prospective parents. School tours are an excellent opportunity to learn more about Belding school and the community. Upcoming tour dates are December 15, January 19, and February 16 and begin at 8:00 a.m. Check out the Belding website: [beldingelementary.com](http://beldingelementary.com) for more information on how to join the virtual tour!



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## A Bounty of Gratitude — Liz Mills

The Carlson Community Services board of directors wishes to acknowledge and thank the Old Irving Park Association for its \$500 donation. At this unprecedented time, the generosity of our neighbors is greatly appreciated!

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### Final Harvest

Three Brothers Garden closed out its growing season on Oct. 27th with the final harvest. We donated 398 lbs. of vegetables through the end of the season to the Irving Park Food Pantry. We're grateful to the volunteer committee that oversees the garden, led by **Rebecca Haneberg** and **Ruth Olech**. Apologies to our occasional harvest volunteers who didn't have an opportunity to participate due to Covid-19. We'll see you in 2021!



### Christmas Concert

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present a special virtual Christmas concert in December. Saxophonist **Max Bessesen** and his trio will perform holiday favorites, jazz standards and Max's original compositions. You won't want to miss this local resident's music! Visit [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org) in mid-December for a link to the video!

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Independence Park resident and saxophonist Max Bessesen. *Photo courtesy of Max Bessesen.*

### Student Support

The Magic After-School Place staff continues to evaluate ways to support our students and families during remote learning. We look forward to resuming the program when CPS returns to in-person learning.

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Rebecca Haneberg (left) and Patrick and Ann McHale weigh vegetables that have been harvested at Three Brothers Garden. *Photo by Liz Mills.*



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### We Made It! — Renee Klimkiewicz, Assistant Principal

**O**ur Scammon Community can all breathe a sigh of relief and pat ourselves on the back, for we made it through quarter one of remote learning. No one could have anticipated all the twists and turns, yet together we thrived. We must take a moment to recognize parents for the amount of dedicated time spent encouraging and assisting their children in this process. We also thank our parents for communicating with us to foster a robust school-to-home connection. And to our huskies [students] who knocked our socks off!

Not only did students learn to navigate online platforms, but they allowed their personalities to shine by sharing their positive energy through the screen with their new classroom friends. Other students took the opportunity to build leadership skills, walking their peers through online lessons and discussions. Meanwhile, we all learned valuable lessons about the benefits of taking a risk and trying our best in this new digital world. We greatly appreciate the partnership and hope to see this continue into the second quarter.

#### Celebrate the Good

We can all recognize that 2020 provided many events and experiences to agonize over and contemplate. Yet, we see the good through it all, we honor the beautiful, and we celebrate our students and families.

At Scammon, we host several activities to share the joy and celebrate the good. Some highlights include:

- **Student of the Month:** Each month, we acknowledge students that exemplify outstanding characteristics. From community builders to successful learners to empathy experts, we want to recognize our students' contributions.
- **Fun Friday:** We got Scammon spirit! On the last Friday of the month, we host a school-wide spirit day. Even though we cannot be together in person, we can show unity in spirit.
- **Creative Contest:** Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) invites students and families to collaborate to feed their curiosity by entering creative contests, from photography contest to artistic drawing contest. The goal is to share the joy and encourage a little friendly competition!
- **Scammon Connections:** We see the beauty in creating connections, whether through virtual engagement events, outdoor socially distant activities, or breakout groups to foster friendship. We hope to develop a sense of normalcy in a world far from ordinary.

The good is out there, and we plan to honor and celebrate it. Go Huskies!

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## St. Edward Scoop — Jenny Dreyer

### A Note of Thanks During a Time of Thanksgiving

St. Edward School students and staff are grateful for our teachers and staff who continue to maintain our students' safety and well-being.

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### Experiment, Play, and Best of All, Fun!

One of the gems of St. Edward School is our art program lead by Ann Marie Greenberg. The students are practicing the Studio Habits of Mind and working with different materials such as paint, oil pastels, and colored pencils.

### Tour Our School

St. Edward School is a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. We are accepting 2020-2021 registrations for new families. Scholarships are available through our parish, the Archdiocese, and the government.

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# Securing Your Online Accounts with 2-step Authentication

— Merry Marwig, OIP Resident

**M**aintaining good security habits for online accounts is important to protect against identity theft. Consider adding 2-step or multi-factor authentication to your online accounts.

Most online accounts require a username and password for access (passwords are known as single-factor authentication). But in today's world where passwords are easily guessed or hacked and sold on the deep web to cybercriminals, passwords are not enough. Many online accounts now require users to adopt 2-step verification, known as two-factor authentication (2FA), or even more steps, known as multi-factor authentication (MFA). 2FA and MFA aim to prove that the user is indeed who they say they are and that it's not an imposter trying to gain access to your account.

### Ways to prove you're you online, via:

- **Single-factor authentication — something you know:** Such as a username & password or "challenge questions" such as "what was your mother's maiden name?".
- **Two-factor authentication — something you have:** Such as access to a phone, text-message sms, email account, or an app on your cell phone, proving you are in possession of the device or account.

- **Three-factor authentication — something you are:** Biometrics such as a faceprint or finger-print.
- **Four-factor authentication — somewhere you are and when:** Considers a user's geographic location and the time it took for them to get there.
- **Five-factor authentication — something you do:** Gestures such as swiping on your phone or how hard or soft you type (called keystroke dynamics).

### Common types of authentication you may see:

- SMS text message notification with a code to input
- Email notification with a code or magic link
- Phone call notification with a code
- Mobile-app push notification
- Hardware token (it's like a mini USB stick that belongs to only you and you have in your physical possession to prove you are who you say you are)
- Biometric authentication like face, finger, or voice prints.
- Risk-based authentication takes factors such as your location, your device, how you hold that device, your IP network's reliability, and more to develop patterns and risk scores.

Setting up multi-factor authentication can be a bit of work upfront, but it gets easier with practice and is worth the long term security of your online accounts.



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# CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

## OIPA NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

**Advertising:**  
First Tuesday  
of the month

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

## December

**Mid-December** **Irving Park Fine Arts Committee, Special Virtual Christmas Concert |** Saxophonist Max Bessen and his trio will perform holiday favorites, jazz standards and original compositions. Visit [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org) for a video link.

**December** **Celebrate the Season with St. John's |** Join by Zoom, Facebook or phone to participate in Advent and Christmas worship. Visit [stjohnschicago.com](http://stjohnschicago.com) or [facebook.com/stjohnschicago](https://facebook.com/stjohnschicago) for links to all events and activities.

## January

**Happy New Year! The General OIPA Meeting is not held in January. Watch for updates in February.**

**NOTICE: COVID-19 in Chicago.** The State of Illinois imposed new mitigation measures that went into effect on Friday, November 20 at 12:01 am. Visit [www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19](http://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19) for city-wide updates. As Phases are revised, please watch for community updates from OIPA and the individual organizations that usually post events in our calendar. Information can be found on Facebook or the organization's website. Stay safe.

**A note about the advertisement featured in this issue.** Check with the individual advertiser by calling or visiting their website for information on their open status and hours of operation.

## When to Call 311 vs. 911

Call 911 while the incident you are reporting is in progress and the on-site presence of a police officer is necessary to help resolve the matter (e.g., burglary in progress, incident involving injuries, quieting loud neighbors, etc.). You should contact 311 if the incident you are reporting has occurred and the offender is gone from the scene.

Use 311 to find information, request non-emergency services, or report non-emergency issues. You can call 311 to find out what Police District and beat you live in, as well as the date, time and location of your next beat meeting. Contacting 311 gives you easy access to non-emergency police services, from filing police reports to talking to police personnel in your district.

**For more information and to download the app or use the services visit <https://311.chicago.gov>.**



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- New Membership
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Joining or renewing your membership is easy with our online membership form at [www.olderirvingpark.com/join-us](http://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+)
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- \$150 Neighborhood All-Star: Good Neighbor membership plus — admission for two to an exclusive cocktail OIPA party.
- 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)

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**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](http://olderirvingpark.com/join-us)

# Contribute to the OIPA News | SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All members are welcome to submit letters, photos, and articles for publication. Ten newsletters are produced annually (newsletters are not published in the month of January. We extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who continue to submit articles, photos and purchases ad space for the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you.

## General Submissions

### Community Calendar, Articles & Photos

- Please send articles and calendar items as a Word document, in an email or Google doc. **Include in the document the author's name, company or organization (if applicable) and contact information. If submitting images, please include photo captions and photographer credit.**
- 400 words maximum without photos, 300/325 with photos and captions.
- Submissions as Links to websites or Facebook are NOT accepted.
- Articles should be information-based and should not contain advertorial content. Bylined articles should be written in third-person, unless the submission is an opinion piece or a personal story. Byline includes the author's name, business name and contact info. **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN THE DOCUMENT.**
- Photos and images should be provided as separate files. **We cannot use photos or images that are embedded or placed in a Word document. We need the original image file.**
- Photos should be accompanied with photographer credit and a caption(s). If submitting photos for an article, please include captions and photo credits in the same document as your article.
- If your files are too large to email, please use <https://wettransfer.com>. You can send several files at a time using wettransfer.
- The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions. Information printed in the newsletter may be reproduced with Old Irving Park Association cited as the source. Opinions in this publication do not necessary reflect the official position of the Old Irving Park Association.

## Advertising Submissions

- **Purchase ad space and upload your ad at:**  
[www.olderirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad](http://www.olderirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad)
- **AD SIZES:** Full Page: 6.25" X 7.5"  
Half Page: 6.25" X 3.75"  
Quarter Page: 3" X 3.75"
- **ACCEPTABLE AD FILES:** High Resolution (minimum 300 dpi) gray scale; jpg, PDF, or eps. **Microsoft Word files are NOT acceptable.**

## Submission Deadlines

- **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](mailto:k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com). Please include **"OIPA submission"** in the subject line of the email. Also include the category of the item you are submitting—advertisement, article or community calendar.

SUBMISSION DATES		2021	
Publication Month	Advertising	General	
February	1/5	1/7	
March	2/2	2/4	
April	3/2	3/4	
May	4/6	4/8	
June	5/4	5/6	
August	7/6	7/8	
September	8/3	8/5	
October	9/7	9/9	
November	10/5	10/7	
December	11/2	11/4	

# OIPA MEMBERS, WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR IDEAS!

- » 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.

If you are interested in a topic, chances are others will be too.

Send ideas to  
[oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com](mailto:oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com).

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### 10 ISSUES PER YEAR

We publish ten issues per calendar year (omitting January and July).

### SPECIAL PERKS

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## TAKE A WALK AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Do you enjoy architecture, local history, and walking around our neighborhood?

Then grab your phone, log onto [www.oldirvingpark.com/house\\_history](http://www.oldirvingpark.com/house_history) and hit the sidewalks of Old Irving Park. We've recently uploaded highlights from the first five years of the Irving Park Historical Society's house walk program. Every featured home includes the address and picture, architectural details to be observed, and fascinating historical information ranging from notable inhabitants and original construction costs.



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