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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Bring in the New — Adrienne Chan, OIPA President

Spring is in the air, flowers are blooming, and things look pretty green in Old Irving Park! Now is a great time to participate in one of the many “green” initiatives in the neighborhood.

Clean & Green

OIPA and the Irving Park Garden Club are sponsoring a “Clean & Green” along Irving Park Road on May 8 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Meet at the Tripp Garden at the Northeast corner of Irving Park and Tripp. We will have some brooms and rakes available, but please feel free to bring your own tools and gardening gloves. Thanks to the 39th Ward for helping us secure supplies for this event from Streets & Sanitation!

Adopt A Green Space

OIPA has six “mural planters” and sixteen in-ground planting beds on Irving Park Road that need to be maintained over the warmer months. For the past couple of years, we have asked neighborhood residents and businesses to “adopt” one or more of these plots

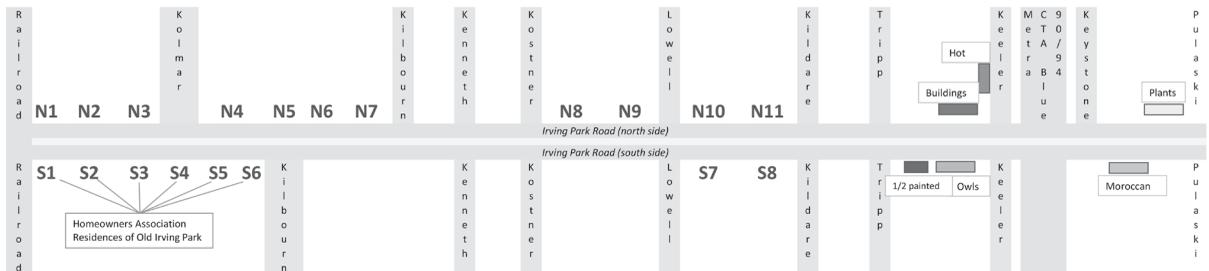
and take care of plant upkeep and trash clean-up. We ask our community to step up again this year and adopt one of these green spaces (see map).

This year, sponsors will have the option of naming their garden bed for the season; OIPA will provide identification signs for in-ground garden bed plots for those interested. All sponsors will be identified on Facebook and in the Newsletter.

We will also have an In-Ground Garden Bed contest again this year. We will take “Before” pictures in late April. The Irving Park Garden Club will review the in-ground garden beds in early June and again in August and determine which beds earn bragging rights (at least until next season). Sponsors of the “Best Overall” garden bed will receive their choice of admission for two to the next Neighborhood All-Stars Cocktail Party or a One Month Full Page advertisement in the OIPA Newsletter. Honorable mention awards will also be granted for “Color,” “Creativity,” and “Design.”

The In-Ground Garden Bed is a FUN opportunity for a family, group of neighbors or local business to get out and improve our streetscape. You do not have to be a

Planters and In-Ground Garden Beds In the Program





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master gardener to take this on—any maintenance and improvement you can provide are appreciated! And, you'll have a tangible impact on the beautification of our stretch of Irving Park road and enjoy a sense of pride and ownership whenever you walk, bike or drive past “your” green space. To adopt a planter or bed, contact Adrienne at adrienne.chan@oldirvingpark.com to find out what's available.

Openlands Tree Grant

As previously mentioned, OIPA will be partnering with Openlands to replenish the tree stock in Old Irving Park. OIPA Board member **Michael Cannon** will be spearheading this effort. The Spring planting has rescheduled to the Fall. If you would like a tree planted in your parkway and you have not already signed up for one, please reach out to Michael by May 31, 2021 (michaelcannon@gmail.com). He will also be making his way around the neighborhood and may knock on your door if he thinks the tree cover would benefit from a tree in your parkway!

Gratitude & Appreciation

Though off the topic of green initiatives, the OIPA Board would like to say thank you to a few people:

- Thanks to **John Dzielski, Chicago Fire Department**, for his March presentation on fire safety (see page 32 for more information).
- Many thanks to **Catherine of Fearless Cooking** for her fun, interactive, instructional cooking presentation on April 12. Check out Fearless Cooking's website for information on upcoming virtual classes and date nights.
- Thank you to **Kathleen Kearns**, editor and designer of the Old Irving Park News, for her tireless efforts

producing this newsletter, accepting the Board's often-late submissions, and being such a valuable member of the OIPA team. We appreciate and support you!

- Big thank you to **Annie Swingen**, OIPA Vice President and now interim Secretary, for stepping in for Bart in his retirement. Don't worry—she also has a good sense of humor.
- We extend gratitude to **Bart Goldberg**, for his many years of service to OIPA, on the Board, writing thoughtful, detailed, and entertaining minutes as Secretary, heading up South of IP Newsletter delivery, and so much more—we will miss you so very much!



Honor Your Graduate in the *OIPA News*

OIP Parents, do you have a child or two or more that will be a 2021 graduate? This year, we will have a special section in the June Issue of the *OIPA News* to celebrate our graduates. If you have a child graduating from 8th grade, 12th grade, or higher ed and would like to honor them, please send your child's/ren's:

- name(s)
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- picture (optional)
- and anything else you would like included, such as a short message

Send to Annie Swingen via email at calnearthey@gmail.com. We celebrate OIP 2021 graduates in both our print newsletter and online. ***The deadline to submit is Monday, May 10, 2021.***

Upcoming OIPA GENERAL MEETINGS

We hope to "see" you at one of our upcoming OIPA Virtual General Meetings!

Zoom Meeting | May 10 at 7p.m.

- **Lincoln Park Zoo Rat Public Health Study** – Jacqueline Buckley, M.S., One Health Research Coordinator and Dr. Maureen Murray will host a presentation about rats and how their research project can help improve rat management in Chicago.
- **Schurz High School** – Dee Barrett, OIP resident and Parent and Community Outreach for Schurz High School and IB Coordinator Lori Kingen-Gardner will provide exciting updates regarding Schurz

Join at <https://zoom.us>

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Zoom Meeting | June 14 at 7p.m

- **Irving Park Garden Club**
- **Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen** – "Do You Know How a County Commissioner Serves The Public?" District 12 Commissioner, Bridget Degnen, will provide insight into how she shaped her role, including her environmental initiatives, small business loans, and the COVID relief and vaccination progress.
- **Upcoming Officer Elections** – Submit your candidate statement to hello@oldirvingpark.com. by July 8 for inclusion in August newsletter].

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Do you receive our almost-monthly newsletter and wonder what magic puts it on your porch each month? A team of fabulous volunteers makes it happen. We have more than 600 member households, which we separate into 39 routes that are approximately one block long. For many years, two volunteers (**Barbara Chadwick** and **Bart Goldberg**) have delivered the bundles of newsletters to our team of route delivery volunteers, who then drop off newsletters to their respective blocks. With Bart's planned move out of the neighborhood, we need volunteers to replace Bart's efforts. The Delivery Coordinators looked at the routes and determined that we need to separate the south into two groups. **So we are looking for TWO volunteers for the new Southeast and Southwest groups.**

What does the volunteer job entail?

Someone from the newsletter coordination team will drop off bundles of newsletters that are sorted, wrapped, labeled and ready for each route in your group. We attempt to get the newsletter bundles dropped to the group deliverers by the last Friday of each month. We hope that you drop off the newsletter bundles to each route deliverer by Saturday morning so they in turn can deliver them to each household over the weekend. The *OIPA News* is printed ten months of the year (excluding January and July), so this is something you will do ten times a year.

Helpful hint, recruit a buddy: From our experience, it's nice to have a buddy in your vehicle. You drive, and the buddy drops the bundle to the doorstep of the deliverer. Having a buddy is not necessary, but we find it makes the job quicker and more enjoyable.



OIPA News Delivery Routes

- North (of Irving Park Rd)
- Southeast (of Irving Park Rd)
- ◆ Southwest (of Irving Park Rd)

The three delivery groups

NORTH: Barbara Chadwick will continue to take care of the north side of Irving Park Road deliveries (the squares on the map). We are always looking for backup volunteers, if you are available to help with these deliveries, please let us know.

SOUTHEAST: The newly created southeast (the circles on the map) is south of Irving Park Road and heading east from Tripp Avenue. There are currently 13 addresses in this group.

SOUTHWEST: The new southwest group (triangles on the map) is also south of Irving Park Road and is west of Tripp Avenue. This group contains 11 addresses.

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Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

on March 30, 2021 — Bart Goldberg, former OIPA Secretary

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

Commencement: President Chan commenced the meeting, which was again conducted via Zoom at 7:03 PM. This was our “April” meeting which we were holding early because of spring travel plans for several members. (It is odd that children seem to cause both nesting and migratory behaviors in their parents, even though they sure do not eat or otherwise act like birds). Surprisingly, no one seemed the least bit confused by the early meeting.

OIPA Scores a Better Secretary: Some of you may recall that I had chosen to resign my post as Secretary due to having knowingly accepted a gift (a very nice bar of soap) from a local business that I had touted in the Minutes. A few on the Board had suggested that I could stay on if I would agree to wear a bar of soap (possibly as a hat or as a necklace) for the next five years when out in public. I declined their offer due to the constant reminder of my shame and the mess that would be created every time it rained. Instead, I have chosen to move to Michigan where I can while away my remaining days in relative tranquility and obscurity.

I am writing these Minutes one last time because of the time it took for the Board to find a suitable replacement. They initially scoured some of the local secretarial schools without any success. It seems that the lack of a salary, benefits or any chance of advancement was simply a non-starter with most of today’s graduates (don’t get me started on the

unrealistic expectations of our youth). It was then decided that the next Secretary would be selected by a lottery, and the great news for all of you is that Annie Swingen lost. Annie has served on our Board for several years, and I think the world of her. Once she masters short hand, I know that she will make a killer Secretary!

Treasurer’s Reports and Membership: There was no Treasurer’s Report or membership figures to review since less than a month had elapsed since our last meeting. At this point you may be wondering why we had a meeting, but we did have a lot to talk about concerning the proposed GW development. In fact, that project was essentially the sole subject of discussion at this meeting.

Correspondence: Several readers have written the Board for additional information concerning my imminent departure. A representative example stated in part: “I think that you are simply too young to retire. Are you going to give up your law practice when you move to Michigan? You seem to have a particularly logical mind and I am concerned that you are just going to get bored. Such a waste...” (I was tempted to answer that first question with braggadocio such as “When you are as good as I am you no longer need to practice, but I am not that good and we all know I could use more practice). So instead, I replied as follows:

“Thanks Mom. Yes, for the foreseeable future I will continue practicing Illinois law from my home in

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Michigan. However, that will not be the only outlet for my logical mind. I have long wanted to take up an additional career as a medical researcher and the lack of relevant regulation in Michigan is ideal. A major focus of my research will be in the area of genetics and its expression in the sexes. For example, the ability to multitask is a skill that we all know is possessed only by women. My theory postulates that any task is first performed by the "X" chromosome. When a task has utilized all of the capacity available in that first chromosome it then tries to engage the second chromosome. For women, that second chromosome is also an "X" and multi-tasking is therefore seamlessly achieved. In contrast, the second chromosome possessed by men is a "Y" chromosome. Since that chromosome is good for little outside of interest in sports and other aggressive activities there can be no conventional multitasking. I am also interested in implanting a third "X" chromosome in female cells. If the increased capacity would prove to be increased geometrically, the "improved" woman would have the ability to function on four tracks simultaneously, and if two women were to marry the couple would have the same capacity as an 8 track tape (and the older amongst us will remember that those tapes made some beautiful music). The benefits for mankind from the "XXX" woman would be enormous.

This discovery could yield many other productive results. Another example will surely suffice. My wife often asks me to perform a given task or chore. (Maybe it's a Sunday and she has forgotten how exhausted I am from sitting at my desk all week). I listen attentively and then either don't respond or

eventually respond with "Why"? When my wife's initial chromosome becomes overburdened she shifts to her second one, but since they are the same type of chromosome she continues with the same line of conversation. This creates what is known as an "X Chromosome Loop" which is perceived as what is colloquially known as "nagging". This in turn causes my "X" Chromosome to overload leading me to shift to my "Y" and then to exit the house to go golfing (even if it is raining). An understanding of such phenomenon could be very helpful to couples. I hope to write a book about these issues entitled: "The Why Chromosome – "Y" Men and Women are Different".

So as you can see, I will stay busy. "

Newsletter: The Board discussed content for future issues including the continuation of something we had started last year due to the pandemic, which was a feature to provide recognition of local school graduates. The "Message From the Board" sections were also discussed.

Former People's Gas Site: This is the retail project being proposed by **GW Properties** on the site that used to house People's Gas. We have already conducted many meetings with regards to this project and I have written about it many times in the Minutes. Last month we had discussed a meeting that we had with the Developer earlier on the day of that Board Meeting on March 1, 2021. Similarly, earlier in the afternoon of the date of this Board Meeting we had another pleasant zoom meeting with **Mitch Goltz** (the owner of GW) his attorney, the Alderman and about five of us on the Board. At this meeting Mitch provided us with some



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considerable pieces of important new information:

- In response to our prior comment that the design did not look sufficiently urban, GW added a second floor to two of the five buildings: those being the one that is at the NW corner of the project (Irving Park Road and Kilpatrick Avenue) and the other being the building attached to the grocery at the SW corner of the project. On the first of these buildings the second floor is largely ornamental as GW has no present plans to build that space out for tenants. On the second building they are planning to build out spaces for possibly professional offices on this new second story.
- As mentioned last month, GW had agreed to purchase the property south of the development along Milwaukee Avenue that was previously the

site of the Electric Motor Company for the purpose of adding a residential component to the project. Increased residential density had been previously requested by us, the Chicago Department of Planning and Development, and others. At this meeting they were able to provide additional information about the residential space though they stated that the details of the plan had not yet been cemented. The building would be a triangular shape and would be four stories tall and would feature balconies all around. The ground floor would be parking for the apartments and would contain about 30 parking spaces. The top floors would contain about 36 apartment units that would range in size from studios to two-bedroom

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units. This would not be a condominium development.

- The Developer added a new public green space that runs along Kilpatrick Avenue. This was in addition to the two public spaces that had already been proposed; those being at the NW and SW corners of the development. The revised project now contains over 11,000 square feet of public greenspace.

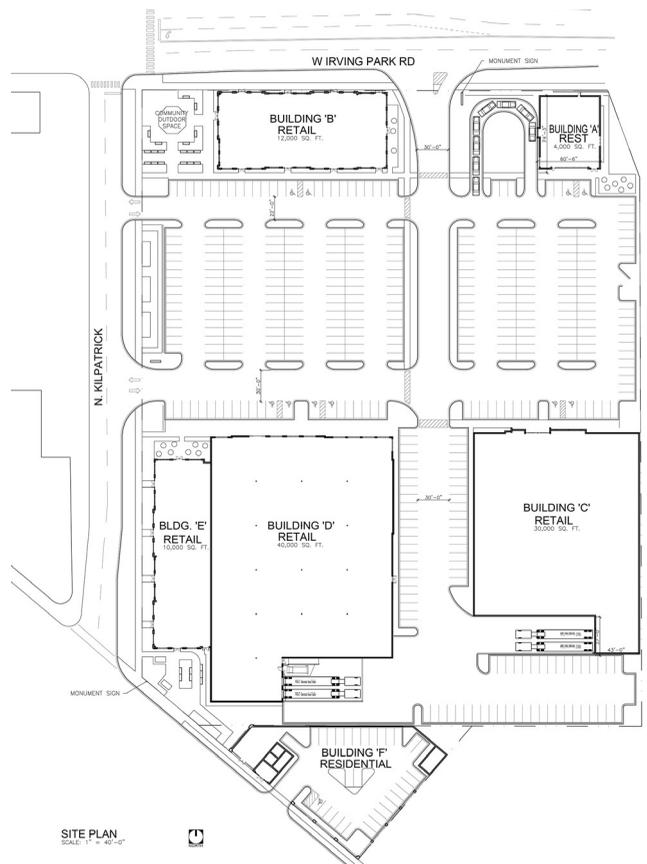
At our Board Meeting that evening we again had a long and spirited discussion concerning the desirability of this project for our neighborhood. A vocal minority argued when considering all of the improvements that had been made to this project since it was first presented that we should support this latest iteration subject to some reasonable conditions such as a review of the traffic study. This minority felt that while this project may not be perfect it was an opportunity to secure a large development project for this neighborhood that had been clamoring for development for a generation.

The great majority of our Board felt that the latest revisions were a further step in the right direction, but that the new proposals did not sufficiently move the needle away from our prior opinion that we had issued on January 21st that had not approved of the project. The Board had many concerns and still had an overall lukewarm feeling towards the project. Most importantly the Board wanted the project to be presented to our membership, the other neighborhood groups, and we wanted to see further feedback from the Chicago Department of Planning and Development

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(DPD). Appreciating the wisdom of the great country of Switzerland, the Board wrote a letter on April 3rd to GW, Alderman Gardiner and the DPD where we withdrew our prior opposition and took a present position of neutrality on the project until we were able to get further feedback from all stakeholders. The Board looks forward to continuing with the vetting of this potential project for the benefit of OIP.

On April 8th three of us attended a subsequent meeting with the Developer where several other organizations were invited including the Six Corners Association, the Six Corners Chamber of Commerce,

the homeowners associations for The Pointe, Base Camp, and Old Irving Village, as well as SCOPE. Much of the discussion was repetitive for us, and the other groups were mainly in listening mode at this time though there seemed to be a lot of questions about the residential component. Some people felt that it was too car-centric of a development, and in response Mitch said that the approximately 380 parking spaces could not be reduced any further and still retain his prospective tenants. Since then some members of OIPA have conducted a subsequent meeting with these groups as well.

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At the April 8th meeting the Developer told us that we were now able to disclose the identity of the tenants to our membership. The three confirmed tenants are:

- (1) Amazon Fresh – they are a new grocery concept in the Chicago area that features fresh foods and technology that one would expect from Amazon such as being able to exit without visiting a checkout counter;
- (2) Panera Bread – This is a restaurant that I am confident that nearly all of us are familiar with and this one would be on the NE corner of the property and would include a drive through; and
- (3) Burlington – this is the modern version of the former Burlington Coat Factory, and they are presently expanding aggressively across the nation.

Clean & Green OIP ***Spruce up along Irving Park Road!***

May 8 • 9 a.m.–12 p.m

Sponsored by OIPA and the Irving Park Garden Club

Meet at Tripp Garden (Northeast corner of Irving Park and Tripp).

We will have some brooms and rakes available, but please feel free to bring your own tools and gardening gloves.

Thanks to the 39th Ward for helping us secure supplies for this event from Streets & Sanitation!

Beyond these three that they can confirm, they expect to have about 12 to 14 restaurants and retailers including a mix of local establishments and national chains.

Future Meetings: We are still not scheduling any public events and the subject matters of our forthcoming General Meetings to be held via Zoom will be announced shortly, so please check your emails and our social media sites for further information. Our next Board meeting will be on May 3rd.

Farewell: I can't really convey how much I have enjoyed serving on this Board and writing these Minutes over the last many years. Primarily, I have tried to inform, but while also adding a bit of levity. Many of you have been very gracious to go out of your way to praise my efforts (really). This has meant a great deal to me and I thank you profusely. Of course, I often had to worry that there were many more people that were simply too polite to express their distaste for the Minutes. Only one person was direct enough to inform me. (At a General Meeting a couple of years ago a neighbor berated me for something she felt was disrespectful and asked me "Who told you that you were funny?"). To any of you that have suffered my writing in silence I offer both an apology and the talented Annie Swingen! Hopefully we shall meet again Down the Road A Piece, but until then...

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This meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.



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| | Miranda McCoy | 20 | Christine Stypka |
| | Jose Frau | 21 | Carolyn Jensen |
| 2 | Andrew Sarros | 21 | Brad McDowell |
| 2 | Vicci Rodgers | 21 | Cindy Malin |
| 5 | Joyce Owen | 21 | Phil Timberman |
| 5 | Seth Duncan | 21 | Theresa Mueller |
| 6 | Kara Wagner Sherer | 21 | Tim O'Sullivan |
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| 9 | Allison Clark Young | 23 | Adeline Krohmer |
| 10 | Megan Stalder | 24 | James Slowikowski |
| 13 | Chelsea Looby | 24 | Anna Ware |
| 13 | Sinisa Rasberger | 24 | Steve Warmbir |
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| 18 | Mary Kane | 31 | Freddie Crenshaw |
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May Anniversaries

- Rosemarie & Thomas Clohisy
- Thomas Keith & Sheryl Nichin-Keith
- 3 Susan Lulich & Randall Coe
- 5 Katie & Damian Jackson
- 5 Lisa & Mark Kelly
- 7 David & Katie Kozisek
- 10 Ed Caplan & Gina Iliopoulos
- 11 Lindsey & Josh Evans
- 11 Sue & Hank Strozewski
- 11 Thomas & Therese Jezuit
- 14 Kathryn Janicek-Wright & Ted Wright
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| 5 | Melia Pitts | 25 | Charlie McDowell |
| 7 | Andrew Chan | 25 | Sam O'Mara |
| 13 | Georgia Quinlan | 26 | JP Hicks |

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 or 773-551-4533, so she can add your name and dates to the list.

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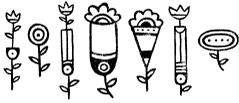
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Gardens Wanted — Claudia Hine

The Irving Park Garden Club is seeking Old Irving Park neighbors who are interested in being part of our annual garden walk on Saturday, June 26. You do not have to be a member of our club to participate.

Is being on the walk a positive experience? Here is feedback from Jan Jones, a showcased gardener last year: "Being on the Garden Walk was a lovely experience — everyone was great! Thanks for including me."

We like to find a mix of properties: large lots, small lots, container gardens, vegetable patches, quirky

spaces, and more. We are seeking gardens on the northwest side of Old Irving within the boundaries of Montrose to the north, Kolmar on the west, Irving Park Rd. on the south, and the Kennedy expressway as the eastern border.

If you are in our target area and would like to be considered for a spot the garden walk, please contact **Mike Basile** at mike_basile@sbcglobal.net or call/text to 773-331-5131 and he will explain the benefits of participating. If you want to nominate someone else's garden, send Mike the address and he'll take it from there.



Expect the unexpected at the Irving Park Garden Club's annual garden walk, such as this bicycle planter in Joe Pintor's yard. The club is seeking gardens now for our June 26 event. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB



The garden club's Irving Park Rd. planters will be filled on May 15 as part of a collaborative effort among IPGC, OIPA, and FMGC. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

IPGC provides the labor. The plants are picked up the evening before Community Planting Day. Then on Saturday, May 15, our "planter adopters/members" meet at the Tripp Garden to gather their flowers, planting scheme, and jugs of water to complete their mission of making our main drag of Irving Park Rd. brighter for our pedestrians and road traffic.

So who's doing the heavy lifting? Here are the members that have agreed to plant and water the Irving Park Rd. containers this spring, summer, and into fall: **Mike Basile, Gayle Christensen, Carolyn Frazier, Sue Geisler, Claudia Hine, Trish Hinkes, Lynne Huston, Peggy Krischer, Madelyn Ryan, Laura Marie Sanchez, Eileen Stern, and Bill and Karen Whitehead.** Thanks to all.

Staying Sharp

In April, the garden club made plans to bring Sharpening by Dave into the neighborhood to give our members an opportunity to get their pruners, shovels, and trowels sharpened for the garden season ahead. Sharp tools do make the chores much easier, especially when members dig up and divide their perennials for the club's May plant exchange.

Also in April, members took a field trip to Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse to explore its seven-acre nursery in Grant Park, IL, and bring home some sought-after plants.

New Members Always Welcome

Garden club meetings are for members only, but we welcome new members all season long. The cost to join is just \$20/year per household. If you are interested in joining us, send an email to claudiahine@icloud.com.

IPGC & OIPA Collaborate in May

For the past several years, the Old Irving Park Assn. has supported the Irving Park Garden Club's Community Planting Day, which falls on May 15 this year. IPGC works with our neighborhood nursery, Farmers Market Garden Center, to arrange for plants to fill 12 square concrete containers along Irving Park Rd. with funds provided by OIPA. In addition, the garden club funds the two planters in front of the Chicago Fire Dept. station on Tripp Ave.

Farmers Market Garden Center has been a great partner for us. Each year they provide two design schemes, one for sun and one for shade, as a few of our containers are in shady locations. "We love working with you guys on those containers," said FMGC's Jen Paravola. "I'll have the layouts drawn up for both types of plantings, and I'll include time-release fertilizer and moisture retention medium for each box."



Huskie Headlines — Renee Klimkiewicz, Assistant Principal

It has been wonderful to welcome students and staff back into our building. Teachers and students have transitioned smoothly and safely. Our Scammon Huskies have been plenty busy this Spring. Read on to learn more!



Accomplishments

Our very own 2nd-grade teacher, **Mrs. Rodriguez**, was selected as a finalist for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. Mrs. Rodriguez fosters an extraordinary bond with her students and families. Students are actively engaged by the virtual lessons and end their day with an invigorated passion for learning, thinking, and inventing. Just last week, Mrs. Rodriguez was featured in *Chalkbeat Chicago*. Check out the article at <http://bit.ly/scammon-spring>. We are so proud of Mrs. R!

Enrichment Opportunities

This Spring, we will offer an array of virtual after-school opportunities for students in grades 4 through 8. The after-school programs will allow students to receive extra support, build new relationships, and spend time doing something they love! We will offer reading and math tutoring, Disney+ reading, book clubs, homework help, crafts, and anime club.

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School Priorities

Our work as a school should be centered around our areas in need of growth. Last year, a team of twelve stakeholders met regularly to identify the areas in need of improvement, which lead to our current Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP). The three priorities identified are primary literacy, writing, and relational trust. We know this has been a rather challenging year for everyone, yet we are dedicated to progressing in these important areas as we look ahead.

Stay safe and well! Go Huskies!



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Scammon School



Teaching Values

Mrs. Kozlov and Mrs. Gomez's PreK class is studying the importance of reusing, reducing, and recycling. While on their afternoon walk, students noticed some garbage near the sidewalk of our school, and they decided to do something about it. Our students use their garbage grabbers to keep our neighborhood clean and reduce the amount of trash outside. We are so proud of our students for making healthy choices for the Earth!

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The Scene @ Schurz — Dee Barrett, Parent & Community Outreach

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At Schurz we believe that all students should have access to rigorous coursework to prepare them for success in life after high school. The MYP IB program provides a proven structure and network of support for accomplishing this. For this reason, we are bringing IB MYP to all 9th and 10th-grade students.

The Schurz International Baccalaureate Coordinator will be giving a short presentation at the OIPA meeting on Monday, May 10. We invite you to join us to learn about these exciting changes!

Important Information Regarding Frank Preo Field

Spring has sprung, and activity on Frank Preo Field has kicked into high gear! Our students are out there daily, bringing the field to life, and it's a beautiful sight. We are equally as excited that the community has been taking advantage of this amazing asset to the neighborhood.

Frank Preo Field is open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to sunset. Individuals are welcome to use the track and field anytime they are not used by Schurz athletic programming. Access the Frank Preo Field calendar at bit.ly/frankpreofield; please note the schedule is subject to change. *Use of the field by organized groups is prohibited without prior approval of Carl Schurz High School.*

The green space adjacent to Frank Preo Field is open to the public anytime. If you are using this space to

exercise your dog(s), PLEASE pick up after them. Our students use this space during practices. If there are dog feces in the grass, it will (and has been) tracked onto the turf. Please be good neighbors and Scoop the Poop. And please, PLEASE do not run your dogs on the turf field!

Lastly, please use the trash cans (located in several places both inside and outside of the field) to clean up after yourself. Please help us keep Frank Preo Field beautiful for years to come!

Wednesday, May 12—Friends of Schurz Present Panda Express Dine & Donate.

Join us at Panda Express located at 6420 W. Fullerton Ave. (across from the Brickyard Mall) anytime between 10:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. 20% of the proceeds will support the students, staff, and programs at Carl Schurz HS! Participating is easy!

Option 1: Order in-person or at the drive-through on the event day and show a paper or digital copy of the event flyer to the cashier

Option 2: Order online through the Panda Express website (order.pandaexpress.com) or mobile app. Find the store location by entering the store's address (Store #3282). Make meal selections. Input the unique Online Ordering Code (319682) and complete checkout. **ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ON THE EVENT DATE!**

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To keep up on the latest happenings at Carl Schurz High School, visit us at www.schurzhs.org, or follow us on Twitter and Facebook @CarlSchurzHS.

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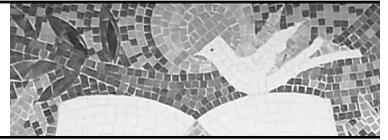
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Viator Vibrations — Sara Yoest

Spring is in the Air!

St. Viator continues its commitment to our full-time, in-person (86%) and remote learners (14%) as we finish up the 3rd and final trimester of the school year. With dedicated in-person and remote teachers, each family has been able to choose a style of learning this school year that best met their needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Living Our Faith

The spirit of service thrives at St. Viator. The 2021 St. Viator Elementary School & Parish Lenten service project was a clothing drive to benefit Lydia Home. The clothing drive produced nearly 1000 pieces of NEW clothing in addition to almost \$3,000 in cash and gift cards to be used to purchase clothing for children ages 6-18 in residence at Lydia Home. We are proud of the generous spirit at St. Viator and help raise awareness of the needs in our community!

Gifts of the Spirit

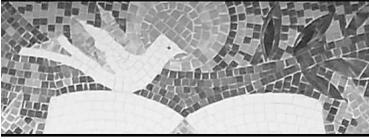
We celebrated our 8th-grade students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 1st, and we look forward to celebrating our 2nd-grade students who will be receiving their first communion on May 15th.



Photo by Sara Yoest

St. Viator Elementary School and Parish

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Something is Soon to be Blooming at St. Viator

An exciting addition is coming to the St. Viator campus! Thanks to the dedication of the Ohmes family, St. Viator Girl Scout troops, our STEM teacher Mrs. Goslin and Principal Lisa Rieger, St. Viator will be installing a schoolyard habitat and pollinator garden this spring. This beautiful space on the corner of Addison and Kedvale will include a pollinator garden, raised vegetable garden, and unique outdoor learning space.

Apply for 2021-22 School Year

St. Viator is still accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year. In-person tours are available Monday through Thursday from 2:45–4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email Marge Tiritilli in the school office at mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org or call 773-545-2173. Marge would be happy to answer your questions or schedule your private in-person tour. We look forward to connecting with you!

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Major Grants Aid Pantry

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry received a \$7,500 grant through the Charities Aid Foundation America (CAF America) to support our COVID-19 purchases of equipment, fixtures, and other needs to achieve our protocols. The Cargill Fund in Minneapolis suggested the grant, and we appreciate their continued support in many ways.

The Pantry has also received a \$3,000 grant from Whole Foods to help us continue to buy more difficult foods from our traditional sources. We are grateful for their support in both money and regular donations of food.

Staff & Volunteer Safety a Top Priority

Many Pantry volunteers received vaccinations in March thanks to **Mariana Wrzosek** and Amita Resurrection Medical Center staff. Mariana arranged appointments in a partnership with New Hope Food Pantry in Norwood Park. The program was instigated and coordinated for the Pantry staff and volunteers by Volunteer Manager **Betsy Minor**, who also works at New Hope. We appreciate their efforts to ensure our frontline workers have a higher level of safety for themselves and our clients.

Loading Zone Dilemma Solved

Thank you to Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa and his staff for obtaining a loading zone for the Pantry



Matt Marton loads his car with help from Client Services Coordinator Elvia Esparza at the Pantry. The Pantry provides monthly delivery service to long-time clients who have become homebound. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

outside our main Cullom Street door. The 50-foot zone prohibits parking on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 7 a.m. and noon, making it easier for us to receive our key deliveries and help clients load their cars if needed.

Easter with Help from Our Friends

The Pantry distributed Easter baskets to 196 clients' children up to 10 years old. Special thanks to **Pastor Erin Bouman** and the **Irving Park Lutheran Church congregation** for assembling and donating 160 Easter baskets. And thanks go to **Wintrust Bank-Mayfair's** staff for their donation of 50 crafted Easter baskets.

Article submitted by Craig Shutt (773-282-3627; craigshutt@ameritech.net).

John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry



Publicity & Special Events Coordinator Craig Shutt helps assemble baskets for the Pantry's Easter program, which provided baskets to clients' children up to 10 years old. The program ran throughout March. *Photo by Vicci Rodgers.*



Left: Patricia Eldridge (center), vice president at Wintrust Mayfair on Elston and her team, including Leslie Villasenor (right), universal banker, delivered 50 Easter baskets to Executive Director John Psiharis for the Pantry's Easter program. *Photo by Kathy O'Neill.*

Thanks also to volunteer **Lorrie Ide and her daughters** for organizing an Easter basket drive in their Villa neighborhood, and **Megan Stalder and her family**, who assembled 20 Easter baskets. We also appreciate the work of volunteers **Vicci Rodgers, Ann Marvin, Barb Youngberg, and Gloria Flores**, who came in to make our initial group of baskets.

We appreciate the contributions in money, materials, and assembled baskets from everyone who participated. We had an abundance of baskets, so we donated the extra baskets to New Hope Food Pantry, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Salvation Army, Lydia Home, and Cornerstone Community Outreach. Your support allows us to achieve our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Above: Pantry volunteer Anna Zoklowski Sobor shows off some of the Easter baskets we gave to clients with children up to 10 years old. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*



Fire Safety Notes from the March General Meeting

— Merry Marwig

Thank you to Chicago Firefighter and EMT, John Dzielski for the informative residential fire safety tips. Below are safety notes from the meeting.

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- A smoke detector should be installed on every level—basement, first floor, 2nd floor, etc
- It's not just the battery that expires; the unit itself expires. Test all smoke alarms once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarms are working.
- Change batteries every Spring and Autumn (reminder tip: use daylight savings "spring ahead" & "fall back")
- Beeping means low voltage. Time to change the battery.
- The law requires smoke detectors.

Types of Smoke Detectors:

- **Photoelectric smoke detectors** are best for detecting smoke
- **Ion smoke detectors**; detect heat (more for commercial areas)
- Some new construction homes have hardwired smoke detectors with battery backups for power outages. The batteries need to be checked.
- Chicago Senior Risk Assessment Program. CFD will put in smoke detectors. Call 312-747-6691 for details.

Bedrooms:

- Put a smoke detector in the hallway (15 feet away from bedroom max)
- Sleep with the door closed. Doing so will protect residents for a time from fire/smoke.

- Don't wear earplugs to bed, if you can avoid them.

Fire Extinguishers:

- Get a small, handheld fire extinguisher. Small aerosol ones are okay, too.
- Don't put the fire extinguisher above the stove; put it on the counter. Decorative holders exist. Make it visible. Remember—every single second counts.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the bedroom closet.
- ABC Fire Extinguishers are good for residential. (Generally, residences, don't need to worry about metals/commercial kitchen fires.)
- ABC Fire Extinguishers use monoammonium phosphate, a dry chemical with the ability to quickly put out many different types of fires (electrical, grease, and garbage/paper products) by smothering the flames. This pale, yellow powder can put out all three classes of fire:
 - Class A is for trash, wood, and paper
 - Class B is for liquids and gases
 - Class C is for energized electrical sources
- Fire extinguishers do expire, check dates.
- Know how to use a fire extinguisher. When operating a fire extinguisher, remember to PASS:
 - P** Pull the pin (to activate it)
 - A** Aim it (extinguisher it doesn't last long, so you want to hit the fire)
 - S** Squeeze
 - S** Sweep it at the fire
- Suggestion: Practice with an extinguisher (outside), so if you ever have to use one, you know what to expect.



Kitchen Fires

- Using a fire extinguisher is BEST. Never throw a dry towel on a fire (if you must, a wet towel is better... but a fire extinguisher is best.)

Pets

- Pets like to chew on cords, which is an electrical fire hazard, make sure they are no accessible.

Electrical Fires & Precautions

- Don't overload an outlet/power strip. Fires can start behind the wall (electrical fire).
- Firefighters take the walls down for electrical fires. They also have thermal imaging.
- Do you smell something electrical? Follow up and be aware.
- Be careful with candles and pets. If you use candles, place them on a non-flammable base and where they can't be knocked over by pets.
- Utilities are in the basement! Potential for smoke and fire!

Getting Out of the House and Planning

- Do not go back into the house for toys, pets, siblings—anything.
- Choose an outside meeting place. It should be a safe distance from the home and visible from the street.
- Tell the firefighters about the pets. They have oxygen covers that cover dog snouts.
- If there is a fire, put your hand against the door; if no heat, you can crawl out (keep below the smoke). Note: there could be a 500-600 degree difference between the floor and ceiling.
- Put hand against the door, if there IS heat, go out the window on 1st floor. If on the 2nd floor, yell to get the firefighter's attention.

- Firefighters do a 360 review of the home upon arrival. If they can see you, they can get to you with a ladder
- ***See page 36 for illustrated instructions on "7 Steps to Practicing Your Escape Plan."***

Think About an Escape Plan

- Your home should have at least two exits. In the event of a fire—get away from the house—call 911. Note that cell phone numbers don't register locations like residential phone lines, so you need to know the address. Talk about the plan with everyone in your home. Have a fire drill in your home twice a year. Tell everyone to meet up at the same place. All family members should know where to meet.
- When you call 911, specify situational need: police or fire department or medical emergency.
- If you need a key to get out—make sure the key is nearby! Right by the lock!
- **Kids want to hide.** Tell kids NOT TO HIDE and to scream out the window for help.
- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows. Find at least two ways out of every room.
- Make sure all exits can be opened easily from the inside. This includes barred doors and windows.
- Choose security bars that have quick-release devices. Make sure everyone in the home can open them.
- If you're visiting someplace, KNOW THE ADDRESS as well. When kids are at friends' homes, they should know the address of the home.
- Emergency ladder ropes for windows aren't a good solution—they're rickety—not well balanced. Just get to the window and shout for help.
- It's the smoke that kills you. A heated, toxic smoke (hot air that burns your lungs)

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Additional Info:

- Some buildings have sprinklers but do not preclude life-threatening situations (it takes a while for the heat to set off a sprinkler, but you will get smoke. Sometimes a lot of smoke, but not enough heat.

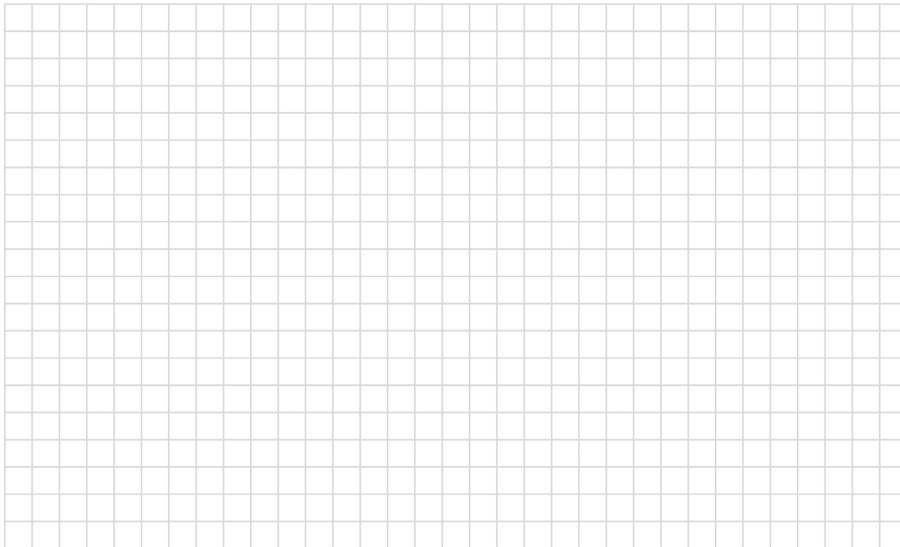
Difference between a fire engine and a fire truck?

Although most people use the terms interchangeably, a

fire engine is actually different than a fire truck.

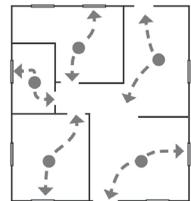
- **A fire engine** is typically the first vehicle that arrives at the scene of a large fire. It helps firefighters fight the flames with water and chemical flame-retardants. Fire engines usually have a pump, a water tank, and hundreds to thousands of feet of powerful hoses. The water tank contains hundreds of gallons of water and serves as a water source until the firefighters can connect to a fire hydrant. Fire engines also carry nozzles and other tools that are needed for the hoses.

Our Home Fire Escape Plan



Fire department number:

Example



Outside meeting place



How to make a home fire escape plan:

- ➊ Draw a map or floor plan of your home. Show all windows and doors.
- ➋ Mark two ways out of each room.
- ➌ Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.
- ➍ Write the emergency telephone number for the fire department on your escape plan.
- ➎ Practice your plan at least two times a year.



Download a pdf of escape plan grid at
<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/escape>





- **A fire truck**, on the other hand, is a vehicle that transports firefighters and their equipment—ladders, rescue gear, and power tools—from the fire station to the fire. Fire trucks are auxiliary vehicles that carry tools such as ground and aerial ladders. Some of these ladders extend upward from the truck, using the vehicle as a base. Some fire engines may also carry ladders, but you'll find the majority of firefighters' ladders on their trucks.
- Depending on the situation, firefighters who arrive on a fire truck focus less on directly fighting the flames and more on supportive tasks such as roof ventilation, monitoring the fire's movement, and rescuing any victims. Because fires can be highly unpredictable, fire trucks contain ample emergency equipment that firefighters can use if the fire spreads quickly,

an explosion occurs, or if people are trapped in a collapsed building. Chainsaws, fans, extra protective gear, breathing masks, and strong lights can all help firefighters do their jobs. Firefighters on the truck, then, coordinate with their coworkers on the fire engine to efficiently extinguish the fire and prevent loss of life.

- Both fire engines and fire trucks offer medical treatment with EMTs. Do the same thing as ambulances, except cannot transport.
- You only get charged a service fee if the ambulance transports you to a hospital. Onsite care from CFD/ EMT are free.

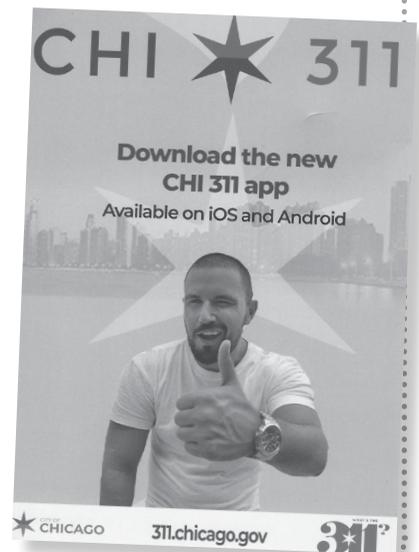
Fire Truck & Fire Engine Source: <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/8309>. All other notes are by Merry Marwig.

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>.

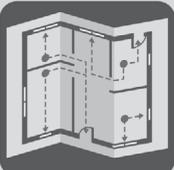




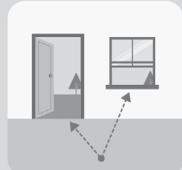
Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!™

How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

7 steps to practicing your escape plan

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1

Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.
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2

Find two ways out of every room.
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3

Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.
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4

Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.
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5

Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.
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6

Practice your drill with everyone in the home.
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7

Get outside to your meeting place.

<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/escape.html>



For more information about escape planning, visit:
www.usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org.



The Buzz at Belding — Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS

City Wide Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Belding 8th grader Rosie West; after fifteen rounds and over five hours of spelling, she placed 2nd overall in the city-wide spelling bee! Way to represent Belding!

IB Community Projects

Congratulations to Belding's 8th graders for completing their IB community projects for the Middle Years Program! Students selected a topic and goal to help raise awareness in their school and community. After months of research and hard work, students produced some fantastic products on climate change, BLM, homelessness, women's rights, healthy habits, animal shelters, and supporting healthcare workers, to name a few.

Virtual School Tours

Each month Principal Heather Yutzy offers virtual school tours for prospective parents. Tours are a great opportunity to learn more about our school and Belding community. Upcoming tour date is May 18th. Virtual tours begin at 8:00 a.m. There is also a library of school tour videos on the Belding website. Go to www.beldingelementary.com for more information on how to join the virtual tour!

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 hello@oldirvingpark.com.



Virtual Trivia Night Results In! — Liz Mills

Congratulations to “Spiked Proteins” on winning Carlson Community Services’ 15th Trivia Night and second virtual event, held on March 19th. Carlson treasurer, and Old Irving Park resident **Melanie Zech and husband Rod** led their team to victory. When awarded their \$200 prize, the team generously donated their winnings back to Carlson. The bragging rights and glory remain theirs! Rod and Melanie’s team has been victorious in five out of 15 Carlson contests.



While we missed being together in person, a virtual good time was had by all. Thanks to organizers **Helen Lira, Melanie Zech, Maria Dimond, and Jennifer O’Grady** for their help, and to **Elena O’Grady** for serving as the quiz grader and scorekeeper. Thanks to **Pianoman Dan Gillogly** for providing musical entertainment as the crowd gathered on Zoom. And of course to the 150 contestants who participated!

Thanks to **Old Irving Brewing** for donating back to Carlson 10% of orders placed by hungry and thirsty Trivia Night contestants. In all, over \$5,000 was raised for Carlson’s after-school program, community garden, and concert series. During a year when our fundraising ability diminished sharply, the money raised will help Carlson manage through these challenging times.

Introducing MAP Summer Camp!

The Magic After-School Place will host a Summer Camp for students in 1st through 5th grade from June

Spiked Proteins were the winners of Carlson’s Virtual Trivia Night, led by Old Irving Park residents Melanie and Rod Zech. Clockwise from left are: Matt Alesci & Katrin Varner, Melanie & Rod Zech, Dave & Laura Zehner and Dan & Dena Tranen’s dog. *Photo by Melanie Zech.*

28th through July 23rd. The four-week camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 3938 W. Belle Plaine Ave. The camp will feature small group games, science experiments, Olympic games, water days, arts and crafts, and character development. The cost of the camp is \$160 per week, and campers must attend all four weeks. Tuition assistance is available. Have you worried that your child missed out on essential socialization activities? The MAP Summer Camp may be just what you are looking for this summer. We will provide engaging, COVID-compliant opportunities for your child to build friendships and create memories to last a lifetime! **To learn more and to register, visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org/events.**



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Carlson Community Services



Registration for MAP Summer Camp is open now. Visit carlsoncommunityservices.org/events/ for information about this fun and engaging four-week camp. Photo by Rachel Lockhart

Calling All Gardeners!

We're eager to begin work in Three Brothers Community Garden. Garden clean-up and planting are on the schedule for late April and early May. If you'd like to be notified of garden workdays and events, send us a note at carlsoncommunityservices.org/contact, and we will add you to our mailing list. All vegetables grown in the Three Brothers Garden are donated to the Irving Park Food Pantry.

Carlson Community Services connects the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture, and service. For more information, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766 or lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org.



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St. Edward Scoop — Jenny Dreyer

Big Red Thanks!

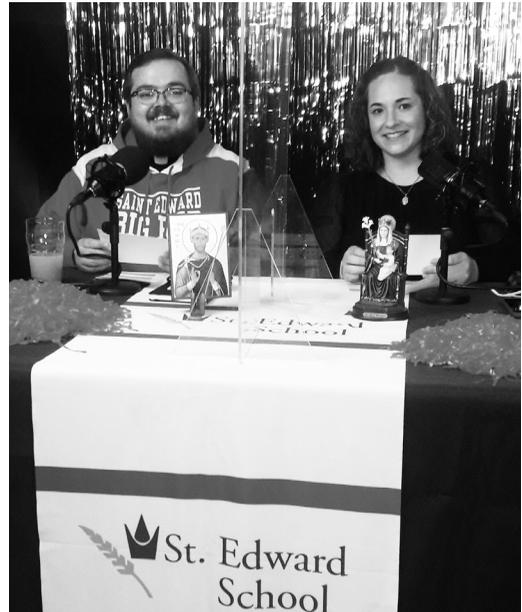
St. Edward School's biggest annual fundraiser Big Red House Party, was a huge success! The school community thanks everyone who tuned in and donated. Proceeds from the Big Red House Party event include the support of educational resources and school improvements.

Everybody Likes Donuts

Mark your calendar for this upcoming Community Event that benefits St. Ed's on Saturday, June 12, 9 – 11 a.m., Stan's Donuts, pick up at St. Edward School.

Watch for more information on the Community Days page on St. Edward School's website.

Thank you for your support!



Welcome Wednesday—Discover all that St. Edward School offers!

Join us for our next virtual Welcome Wednesday tour on Wednesday, May 5, from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. This information session, Q&A, and conversation with the principal and current school parents will offer you the opportunity to learn all about our 2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. You can also contact office@stedwardschool.com to schedule an in-person tour or individual Zoom tour with our principal. Discover all that St. Edward School offers!

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SCHOOL TOURS**



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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

May

Submit your event for our calendar.

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- 8 "Clean & Green" sponsored by OIPA & the Irving Park Garden Club | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Meet at the Tripp Garden at Northeast corner of Irving Park and Tripp. See page 2 for details.
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- 10 OIPA May General Meeting | 7 p.m. on Zoom | Lincoln Park Zoo Rat Public Health Study and Dee Barrett, Parent and Community Outreach for Schurz High School
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June

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- 14 OIPA May General Meeting | 7 p.m. on Zoom | Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen
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- 26 Old Irving Park Garden Club Annual Garden Walk
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ANNIVERSARY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
 expire August 31 and are due by September 1.
 Membership dues received after May 1 will be applied to the following year membership.

MEMBERSHIP DUES (per household)

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

- \$25/year Standard - \$15/year Standard Seniors (age 65+)
- \$75 Good Neighbor: Standard membership plus — name(s) and birthday(s) of your child(ren) and/or pet in newsletter, and an OIPA Tote Bag.
- \$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)

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 Lynn Ankney, OIPA Treasurer, 4313 N Keeler Ave, Chicago, IL 60641.

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

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://wetransfer.com>. You can send several files at a time using [wetransfer](https://wetransfer.com).
- 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.oldirvingpark.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. 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
June	5/4	5/6
August	7/6	7/8
September	8/3	8/5
October*	8/31	9/2
November	10/5	10/7
December	11/2	11/4

* Earlier submission date to accommodate delivery schedule



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