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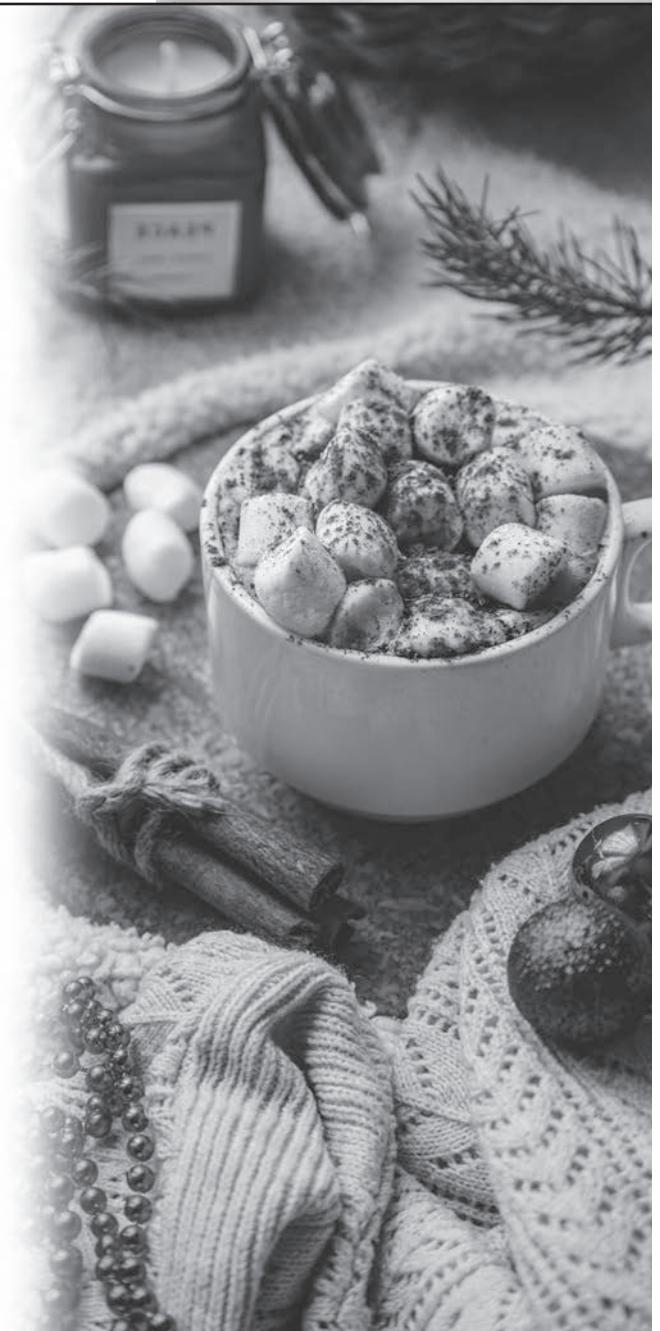
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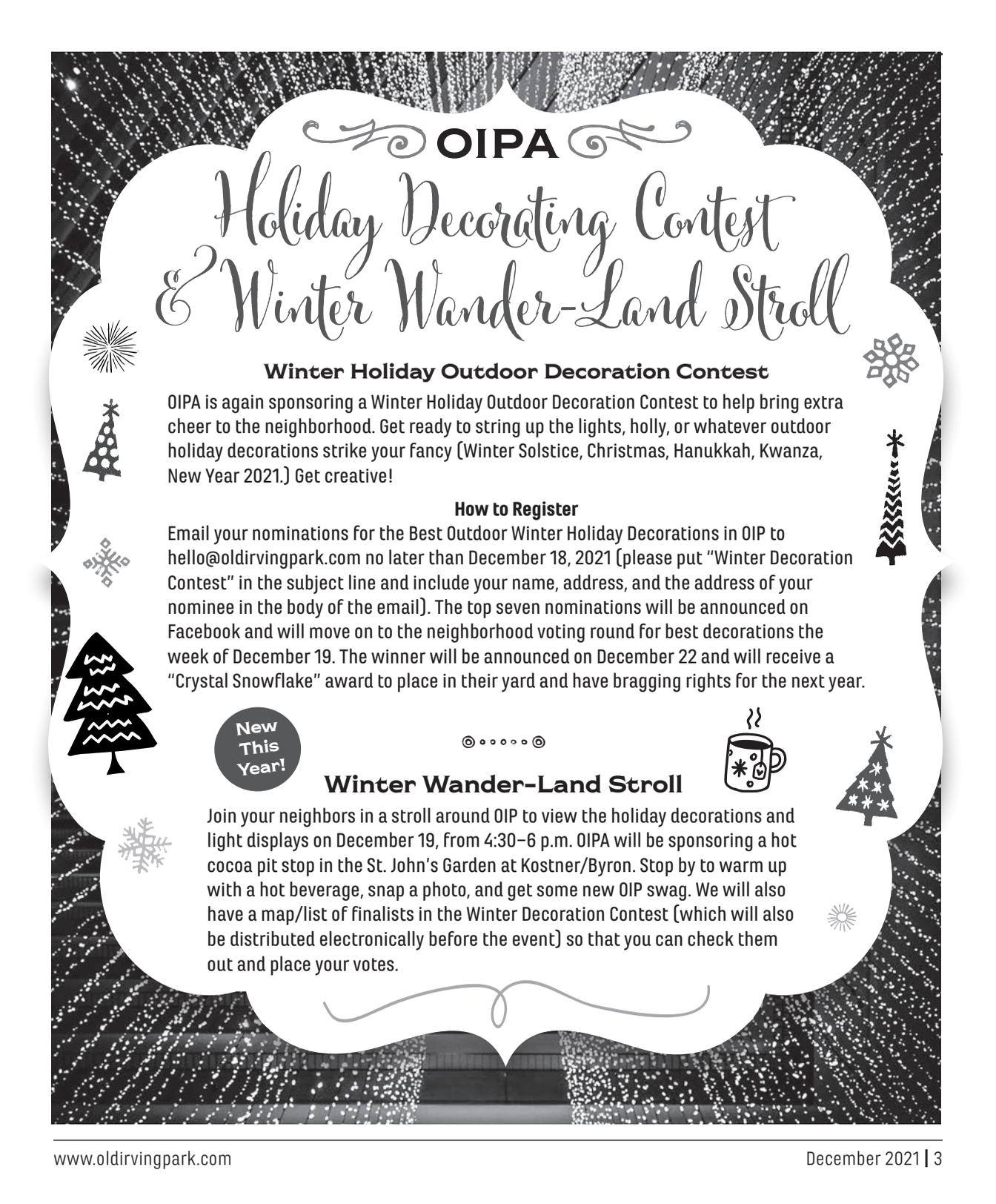


HOLIDAY OFFERINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

– Adrienne Chan, OIPA President

The holidays are just around the corner. If supply chain issues have you worried, try shopping local this holiday season. There are lots of great retail shops and artists in OIP and the surrounding Northwest side neighborhoods. 🛍️ A great way to hit all local options and explore nearby neighborhoods is to catch the **Northwest Side Holiday Trolley** on December 4 (see page 5 for more details). 🎄 You can also visit a local holiday bazaar or craft show to get holiday decor and shop local vendors in one spot. 🪵 See page 36 for information about **St. Edward's Big Red Christmas Bazaar** and page 30 for details about the **St. Viator Winterfest**, both local school fundraisers. ❄️ Also, consider giving "experiences" this holiday season, such as gift certificates to one of our local restaurants, salons, or theaters (check out the classes and play-dates at **Filament Theater**), a membership to one of the nearby gyms or yoga studios, or a favorite Chicago museum. 🎁 Did you know you can even gift an **OIPA membership**? It is the perfect welcome gift for a new neighbor, and it even comes with a "We ❤️ OIP" yard sign!





OIPA

Holiday Decorating Contest & Winter Wander-Land Stroll

Winter Holiday Outdoor Decoration Contest

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

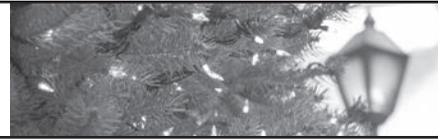
How to Register

Email your nominations for the Best Outdoor Winter Holiday Decorations in OIP to hello@oldirvingpark.com no later than December 18, 2021 (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 19. The winner will be announced on December 22 and will receive a "Crystal Snowflake" award to place in their yard and have bragging rights for the next year.

New
This
Year!

Winter Wander-Land Stroll

Join your neighbors in a stroll around OIP to view the holiday decorations and light displays on December 19, from 4:30–6 p.m. OIPA will be sponsoring a hot cocoa pit stop in the St. John's Garden at Kostner/Byron. Stop by to warm up with a hot beverage, snap a photo, and get some new OIP swag. We will also have a map/list of finalists in the Winter Decoration Contest (which will also be distributed electronically before the event) so that you can check them out and place your votes.



*Photo provided by
Brandy Corboy*

Brandy Corboy

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

I am brand new to volunteering with OIPA, but a long-time philanthropist. I always had an internal urge to give back to the community or the earth as a whole.

Tell us more about you:

Born and raised in the city of Chicago, I have lived in my fair share of neighborhoods. In order: Bucktown, Belmont Gardens (Kelvyn Park), Lincoln Square, Palmer (Logan) Square, and University Village. After searching for almost two years, we are glad to have found our forever home here in OIP in the fall of 2018.

What block(s) do you deliver newsletters?

4300 block of Kildare.

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

I'll probably walk my dog, Lucas. Feel free to say hello!

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

None yet! I have only been delivering for one month so far.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Culinary Delights

A few favorite recipes
from OIPA Board of Directors
and members.

Chocolate lovers!
Share your favorite
chocolate-inspired recipes
with us by January 6
for inclusion in our
February newsletter.

Mint M & Ms Cookies

Submitted by Adrienne Chan

These cookies will surely sweeten a cozy winter day. Enjoy! I make this cookie year round, but I especially like it with the mint M & Ms that come out for the holidays. You can use any seasonal flavor or color variety for a theme, or just regular milk chocolate or peanut butter varieties.

Ingredients:

- 1 C (2 sticks softened) butter
- 3/4 C packed brown sugar
- 1 C granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 C flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 3/4 C M&Ms

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, cream butter and both sugars. Beat in eggs and vanilla extract.
2. In a separate bowl, combine flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt. Add dry mixture to the butter mixture.
3. Fold in M & Ms. Chill dough for 1 hour or overnight.
4. Preheat oven to 350F
5. Drop dough by rounded tablespoons onto a lightly greased tray, about two inches apart.
6. Bake for 7-9 minutes (longer for crispier cookies).

Photo by Visual Stories Michele on unsplash



Butternut Squash Soup

Submitted by Emily Plagman



Directions:

1. Cut the butternut squash in half, de-seed, and peel each half; chop each half into 3-4 smaller pieces, place into crockpot
2. Peel and halve the onion and garlic, place into the crockpot
3. Add the 32 oz of veggie stock into the crockpot
4. Turn the crockpot on high and let the squash, onion, and garlic soften in the veggie stock; I usually let it go for a few hours until the squash is soft enough to break apart when you poke it with a fork
5. Using either a hand or countertop blender, blend the ingredients in the crockpot (squash, onion, garlic, & veggie stock) until smooth; if you are doing this when the soup is still hot, be careful of steam when blending; I use a countertop blender for this process and crack the lid a little while blending to allow for steam to escape
6. Pour the blended soup back into the crockpot; you may need to use a 2nd bowl to hold the excess soup base that may not fit entirely into a countertop blender before transferring it all back to the crockpot
7. Turn the crockpot to medium and mix in the pint of heavy whipping cream; let it sit for an hour or so
8. This next step is where you get to create your preferred flavor, and it's based on how I was taught; add salt, pepper, and seasoning salt in small amounts (no more than a tablespoon at a time). Each time you add seasoning, stir it into the soup and taste it, asking yourself, "what else does it need?" If you want more salt, add a little more and repeat the mixing/tasting process; do the same thing if you want more pepper. Do you think it needs spice? Grab some cayenne! Love Tarragon - go for it! Continue this seasoning/tasting process until you get the flavor profile you prefer.
9. Let the soup sit for a few hours in the crockpot on medium so that the flavors can set in with each other.
10. Do another round of seasoning/tasking for any final touches before serving with your favorite bread or cracker

When I shared with a lawyer friend that I was going to submit a recipe to the neighborhood newsletter, she offered to write a disclaimer on my behalf. The last time I shared a recipe with her for my amazing meatloaf, her attempt was more along the lines of baked, candied meat. You see, I'm a great cook, but I don't use recipes unless it's for baking. When I was in my early 20s, I had a part-time job as a banquet chef at a hotel. The trained chefs took me under their wing and taught me how to cook based on flavor, not recipes. It means I have grown up using recipes to inspire me but cook based on what I think is the best tasting food. To that end, dear readers, you have been warned that this "recipe" assumes some testing, tasting, and experimentation to get you the soup that you will like the best. Enjoy and live large!

Ingredients:

- 1 medium butternut squash
- 1 medium onion
- 2-3 cloves garlic (2 for garlic enjoyers, 3 for garlic lovers)
- 23 oz veggie stock
- 1 pt heavy whipping cream
- Salt, pepper, and seasoning salt

Photo by Nick Frank

Culinary Delights continued on page 8

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Culinary Delights, continued from page 7

Rosemary Shortbread

Submitted by Lynn Ankney,

Recipe from Leah Eskin formerly a special contributor for the Tribune's Food & Dining section.

Prep: 15 minutes

Bake: 12 minutes

Makes: About 4 dozen cookies



Photo by Heather Barnes on unsplash

Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 1/2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh rosemary leaves

Directions:

1. Whisk:

In a small bowl, whisk together flour, cornmeal and salt.

2. Mix:

In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat together butter and sugar. Mix in egg yolks, then rosemary. Add dry ingredients and mix just until dough holds together.

3. Chill:

Roll dough into 2 logs, each about 6 inches long and 2 inches in diameter. Wrap in wax paper and chill until firm, at least 1 hour.

4. Bake:

Slice logs into 1/4-inch thick disks. Settle shortbread disks on parchment-lined baking sheets. Slide into a 350-degree oven, and bake until golden at the edges, about 12 minutes. Cool.

Serving Suggestion

Nice before dinner with cheese, after dinner with fruit, or anytime with a smile.

Provenance:

Recipe passed along by my friend Laura, who got it off *Epicurious*, which adapted it from *Ready for Dessert*, by David Lebovitz, who — given that his job is to live in Paris and write about dessert — is a genius.

— Leah Eskin

SHARE A FAVORITE RECIPE! Our next culinary theme will be chocolate! Please share your favorite chocolate-inspired recipes with us by January 6 for inclusion in our February newsletter. Email your recipe to hello@oldirvingpark.com.



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Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting on November 2, 2021

Submitted by Annie Swingen, OIPA Secretary

Meeting commenced at 7:35 p.m. CDT

Attendees: Lynn Ankney, Adrienne Chan, Nick Frank, Scott Legan, Merry Marwig

Not attending: Michael Cannon, Colleen Kenny, Meredith O'Sullivan, Annie Swingen

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for October was presented by Lynn Ankney and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors. Thanks to our fantastic members and advertisers, we had an incredible month, and receipts combined with September equaled \$8,000!

September 2021	
Starting Balance	\$63,386.97
Receipts (e.g., Membership/ Advertising)	\$8,080.45
Disbursements (e.g., printing costs, insurance, charitable contributions)	(\$ 2,162.47)
Ending Balance	\$69,304.95

Membership

Our membership drive over the last month has been successful, with over 70 new and renewing households in October alone! We are putting together a delivery team to distribute the "We love OIP" yard signs to all new members. As of October 31, we have a total of 614 members, including comps and advertisers. Last month we reported 147 lapsed members from 2021, and we have reduced that to 112 lapsed members.

If you want to get some extra time outdoors before winter is upon us, we need volunteers to deliver "Oops" fliers (membership renewal fliers) to 4000 – 4300 Kedvale + Belle Plaine, Berteau, and Cullom on either side flanking Kedvale.

New Businesses / Developments

39th Ward Business

- **4300 Kedvale** – 12 townhomes are under construction (this was a change from seven single-family homes, all with front-loaded garages and curb cuts). One curb cut along Kedvale only.
- **Cullom** – New curbs and roundabouts have been poured, but the repaving has yet to be complete (as well as the installation of the "no truck" signs). 39th ward continues to follow up on the completion
- **4200 Block of Keeler** has submitted documentation for speed bumps with 80% of the residents approval.

45th Ward Business

- **People's Gas** – Following the October 13 meeting, OIPA received a handful of emails from residents. None of the emails from residents supported the proposal presented at the Schurz community meeting.

Community Mural Update

We are thrilled to announce the Irving Park Road mural is complete! Many thanks again to our co-sponsors, Ryan Companies (developers of The Clarendale at



OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

Six Corners aka “the Point”) and the Six Corners Association.

Openlands Tree Grant

Thanks to our industrious board members Michael Cannon , we look forward to hugging some new trees in spring 2022. Stay tuned for updates!

New Meetings / Planning Ahead

- **Board Meetings** – The next meeting is scheduled for December 6

- **General Meetings** – We typically do not hold a general meeting in December due to the “annual” holiday party. However, this year, we have decided not to hold the holiday party due to the continued uncertainty around COVID numbers and regulations. Instead, we are sponsoring what we hope is the first of a new tradition of a “Winter Wander-land” lights stroll (see page 3 for more details). General meetings will resume in February.

Meeting ended at 9:11 p.m. CDT



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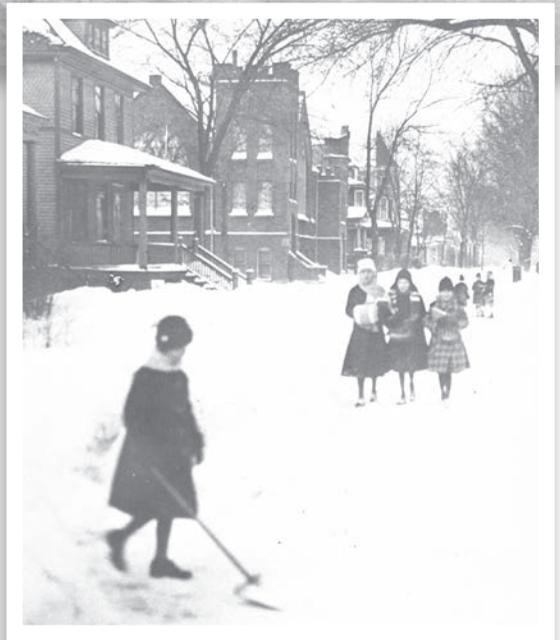


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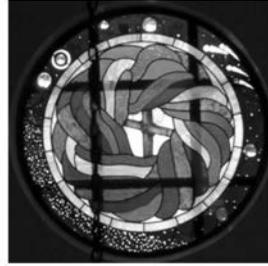


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Demian Christiansen	Victor Lewis	Mark Yoest
Sabrina Cimo	Bertha Magana	Jocelyn Zolna-Pitts
Brian Clark	Helen McDowell	
Molly Clayton	David Melzer	
Caleen Coli	Dana Moran	
Mark Crumrine	Allison Mutlu	
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Silvia DiSera	Gina Oderda	
John Dowd	Tiffany Owen	
Sean Elliot	Laura Ozog	
Terry Fallen	Rolando Rivero	
Wilfredo Figueroa	Laura Marie Sanchez	
Gerald Gierke	Erin Sarris	

January Anniversaries

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Lindsay & T.K. Horeis
Rhys & Liz Jones
Karen McCormack & Rob Luna
Bryan & Miranda McCoy
Leanne & Jack Neurauter
Bryan Pitts & Jocelyn Zolna-Pitts

January Birthdays

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A: A cookie sheet!

Q: What did the peanut butter say to the grape on Christmas?

A: 'Tis the season to be jelly.

A woman goes to the post office and asks for 50 Hanukkah stamps.

"What denomination?"
asks the clerk.

The woman says, "Six Orthodox, 12 Conservative, and 32 Reform."

Q: Where do snowmen put their money?

A: Snowbanks.

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite.

Q: Why does Santa have three garden plots up at the North Pole?

A: That way he can hoe, hoe, hoe!

Did you hear about the man who stole an Advent Calendar?

A: He got 25 days.

Send us your best corny jokes! OIPA members, how about sharing some of your best wholesome jokes? Please send in your funniest, clean and corny jokes (plus the name of who we should credit for the zinger if you're submitting the joke on behalf of a child) to us at hello@oldirvingpark.com. Use the email subject line, "Corny Jokes Submission." We will print a selection of jokes in our upcoming newsletters.

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A History of Mulling Spices

By David Beets
Co-founder, Dell Cove Spice Co.



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There is nothing better to warm up — and share the holiday cheer with friends, employees and customers — during this time of year than with a cup of mulled wine or mulled cider. The cocktail definition of “mulling” is to slowly heat a beverage with a variety of warming spices — typically cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and clove — in a simmering pot on the stove, which has the added benefit of filling the room with a delicious scent.

The history of mulled beverages is steeped in tradition. In medieval England, people served a variety of mulled apple cider called wassail. Mulled wine was more widespread through the centuries, thanks in part to the Romans: They were drinking back in the second century AD, and brought the recipe with them as the Roman Empire expanded.

To make Mulled Wine: 4 cups apple cider; 1 (750-ml) bottle red wine, such as Cabernet Sauvignon; 1/4 cup

honey; 2 whole cinnamon sticks; 2 oranges, zested (or ½ cup dried orange peel); 4 whole cloves; 3 star anise; 4 whole allspice

Directions: Combine all ingredients – spices can be put into a cheesecloth pouch – into a pan and heat to a simmer over medium heat. Simmer for 45 minutes, or until the cinnamon sticks begin to unravel. Remove from heat and let it sit over night for maximum flavor. Strain out solids, or remove bag of cheesecloth.

A few thoughts: If you’re missing a spice ingredient other than cinnamon, it’s not the end of the world – just adjust to taste. Whole spices are best. The longer your batch simmers, the more intense the spice flavor will be.

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AROUND TOWN | HOLIDAY LIGHTS & SITES TO DELIGHT



A list of some of holiday activities in and around Chicago—old favorites and a smattering of new holiday offerings and shopping.

ZooLights

Lincoln Park Zoo | Nov 19, 2021–Jan 2, 2022

One of the largest displays of holiday lights within city limits, where the annual ZooLights display strings up millions of LED bulbs. Enjoy hot beverages and snacks at stands throughout the park. \$5 admission fee will be charged throughout most of the week—free admission tickets are offered on Mondays and Tuesdays.
www.lpzoo.org

City of Chicago Christmas Tree

Millennium Park | Nov 19, 2021–Jan 9, 2022

Every year, Millennium Park is adorned with a twinkling Christmas tree near Washington Street and Michigan Avenue. Bring a pair of skates and take a spin around the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink while soaking in the view.
www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca

Illumination: Tree Lights at Morton Arboretum

Lisle, Illinois | Nov 20, 2021–Jan 2, 2022

The Morton Arboretum's annual holiday light show is returning this year as a mile-long, walk-through spectacle of LED lights and music, featuring a blend of new and returning light displays set amid 50 acres of trees. New for 2021 is a special light-up display of "Hallow," one of artist Daniel Popper's large-scale statues, "Human+Nature" exhibition, plus a collection of 150 colorful lanterns, an "enchanted gateway" of glowing lights leading to Meadow Lake.
mortonarb.org/explore/activities/family/illumination

Light Up the Lake

Navy Pier | Streeterville | Nov 26, 2021–Jan 2, 2022

Navy Pier brings all of the winter fun indoors, filling its gigantic 170,000-square-foot Festival Hall with a regulation-size Alpine ice skating rink, a holiday beer garden, kiddie train rides, Santa's Village and a gift market. The centerpiece of Light Up the Lake is a collection of oversized light sculptures, including a giant Teddy Bear, 25-foot-tall deer, a 60-foot light tunnel and 40-foot tree. Plus, each Light Up the Lake ticket includes a ride on Navy Pier's 200-foot Centennial Wheel.
navypier.org/light-up-the-lake

"Christmas Around the World"

Museum of Science & Industry

Hyde Park | Until Jan 2, 2022

The Museum of Science and Industry puts up its 45-foot-tall Grand Tree and surrounds the towering pine with more than 50 trees that represent Chicago's various communities and their respective holiday celebrations. This year's exhibit celebrates the golden age of travel, with themed décor and a spotlight on the Pioneer Zephyr train and the 727 in the "Take Flight" exhibit. Plus, visitors will be able to take in even more seasonal cheer at the accompanying "Holidays of Light" exhibit, which recognizes the traditions of Chinese New Year, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Hanukkah, Visakha Puja Day and St. Lucia Day.
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Lightscape

Chicago Botanic Garden | Until Jan 2, 2022

The Chicago Botanic Garden hosts this annual (and quick to sell out) display of festive lights, giving guests a host of shimmering reasons to visit the forest preserve during the holiday season. Set along a 1.25-mile path, the after-dark experience features a series of installations to explore, including a 110-foot tunnel made up of 100,000 lights and a group of trees festooned in bulbs that “sing” holiday songs.

www.chicagobotanic.org/lightscape

Amaze Light Festival

Rosemont | Until Jan 2, 2022

Amaze Light Festival brings a twinkling display, a holiday market and a tubing hill to near-suburban Rosemont. Situated in Impact Field (the home of the Chicago Dogs), this seasonal attraction features light shows and seven illuminated worlds to explore, plus a variety of separately-ticketed experiences, including visits to Santa’s Workshop and Polar Peak tubing rides. Guests can also fill up on food and hot beverages, and a candy shop stocked with festive treats.

Holiday Magic at Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo | Nov 26, 2021–Dec 31, 2021

More than one million lights cover the trees, fences and structures in the Brookfield Zoo. Guests can walk through a 600-foot-long tunnel featuring colored lights synchronized to music, spot larger-than-life illuminated animal sculptures. Warm up with concessions such as funnel cakes, pizza, spiced wine and hot cocoa. New features this year—an illuminated gingerbread house and “Sea of Lights,” a mile-long display of colored lights along the zoo’s West Mall.



Holiday Market Shopping

Christkindlmarket Chicago

Two location: Daley Plaza and Wrigleyville.

The Daley Plaza market will remain open through December 24, while the Wrigleyville market will remain open through December 31. Both markets are open seven days a week, through hours vary.

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Holiday Market Pop-Up

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Ugly Sweater Holiday Market

Dec 4, Sat, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Workshop at 4200, 4200 W Diversey Ave.

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Holly Jolly Holiday Market

Northcenter Town Square, 4100 N Damen Ave
Friday, Dec 11 and Sat, 12 – 8 p.m.

The Holly Jolly Holiday Market features 16+ vendors, food, beer, mulled wine, hot cocoa, Santa, Winter Queen, entertainment, and bands. Fun for the entire family! www.northcenterneighborhood.org

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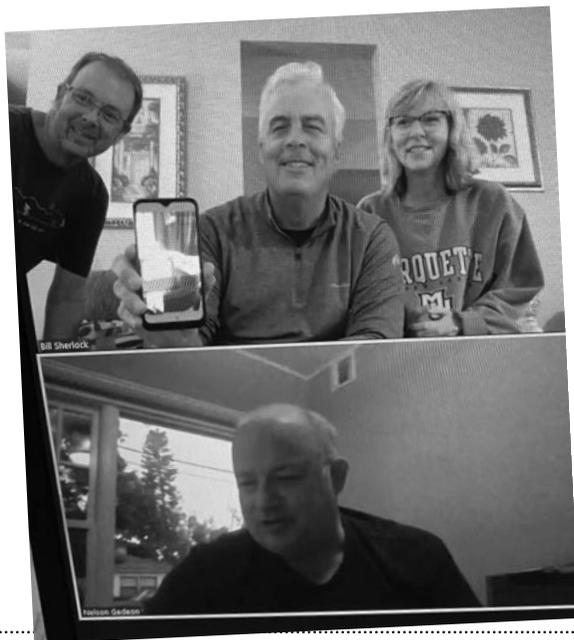
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Trivia Fundraiser Winners— Liz Mills



Team Sherlock was the decisive winner of Carlson's Third Virtual Trivia Night on October 23. Sixteen teams vied for the \$200 cash prize and bragging rights in a fun and fast-paced game. Thanks to all the contestants who participated and **Helen Lira, Melanie Zech, and Jennifer O'Grady** for their help organizing the event. Congratulations to **Bill Sherlock, Michelle, and Phil Hiestand, and Nelson Gedeon** on their victory! Bill and teammates generously donated their prize winnings back to Carlson.

"Team Sherlock" took the top prize in Carlson's Virtual Trivia Night 3.0. Pictured are Phil Heistand, Bill Sherlock, Michelle Heistand and on the phone from California, Nelson Gedeon. *Photo by Liz Mills.*

Three Brothers Garden News

Three Brothers Garden had a great season! In addition to providing neighbors served by the Irving Park Food Pantry with fresh vegetables, the garden served as a Covid-safe outdoor space for neighbors to gather weekly for a common purpose. We welcomed several new volunteers and students looking for service hours, all under the guidance of our Garden Intern, **Hannah Negray**. Thanks to all who volunteered throughout the season, including Old Irving Park residents **Laurie Paliga** and **Lizz Bisesi**.

For the season, we've donated 455 lbs. of vegetables to the Food Pantry. Our generous neighbors bolstered our home garden surplus donations, which we gladly took to the Food Pantry Wednesday mornings. See you in the garden next spring! Thank you.



Closing out the season at Three Brothers Garden are from left: Bill Sherlock, Rebecca Haneberg, Ruth Olech, Liz Mills, Sara Anderson, Koen Schaad and Hannah Negray. *Photo by Marty Anderson.*



Northwest side resident Russ Green kicked off the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee's 2021-2022 season with a blues harmonica performance. *Photo by Dominick Maino.*

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Gaudete Brass Quintet, December 12, 2:00 p.m.

Following up on the successful October in-person concert (the first since the pandemic began), the Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present its second concert of the season on Sunday, December 12, at 2:00 p.m. The concert will feature the Gaudete Brass Quintet performing sacred and seasonal favorites. Musicians in the quintet are Charles Russell Roberts and Bill Baxtresser, trumpets; Natalie Douglass Grana, horn; Paul Von Hoff, trombone; and Scott Tegge, tuba. The free concert will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. Donations are always welcome! Please note that the concert's date is subject to change—please check our website or Facebook page for status updates. The church is spacious, so there is plenty of room for social distance! Masks are required.

Gaudete Brass will perform in a free concert sponsored by Carlson Community Services on December 12 at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church.



Enriching Lives | Carlson Community Services connects the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture, and service. For more information, visit [carlsoncommunityservices.org](https://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org) or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766 or lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org. Follow us on Facebook or sign up for our newsletters at [carlsoncommunityservices.org](https://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org) if you'd like to stay informed about all that is happening!

Viator Vibrations — Sara Yoest

St. Viator's Winterfest Celebration

Friday, December 3, 5:00–9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 4, 11:00–9:00 p.m.

BOTH DAYS

- **Outdoor Skating** - Weekend pass \$75.00 (includes \$15 in tokens), Family Pass \$50.00 ice skating for whole family both days, Ice skating only \$20.00 per day/person.
- **Cookie Decorating** – \$2.00 per cookie
- **Crafts & Games FREE**
- **Food & Beverages.** Lunch & dinner & snacks
- **Hot Chocolate Tent**
- **North Pole Bar** – Friday, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday 1:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- **Fresh Trees and Wreaths** – Beautiful trees and wreaths, fresh cut available.

SATURDAY

- **Santa Fun Run** through the neighborhood Saturday morning starting at 9:30 a.m. \$15.00 per person. Festive attire strongly encouraged!
- **Photos with Santa** – 1:00–3:00 p.m., \$10.00 per family
- **Letters to Santa with Gingersnap the Elf** – 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., \$5.00 per letter. Letter will be given to Santa at 2:00 p.m. who will reply back by Christmas.
- **Christmas Karaoke** – 4:00–7:00 p.m. **Free!**

It's time to deck the halls!

In the Spirit of the Holidays

St. Viator has long been home to Daisy, Brownie, and Juniors Girl Scout troops. The Girl Scout mission of “building girls of courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place” is consistent with the overall mission at St. Viator. The 2nd and 3rd graders in our Brownie troop have been collecting items to donate to **Share Our Spare**, a non-profit dedicated to making sure children in Chicago have the essentials they need to thrive during their first years of life. The 4th and 5th-grade girls in our Juniors troop collected birthday supplies for the clients at the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. Both troops got into the holiday spirit by making ornaments and decorating a tree at the 2021 Brookfield Zoo Tree Trim.



Mark your calendar!

St. Viator will be kicking-off Catholic Schools Week with an open house on the afternoon of Saturday, January 29, followed by a 5 p.m. family mass. Prospective parents and students are encouraged to attend! Watch our Facebook page for details.

Photos by Sara Yoest

See Us in Action. The Best Way to Get to Know Us Is to Visit!

Contact Marge Tiritilli in the school office at mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org or call 773-545-2173 with questions regarding admission for the 2022-23 school year or schedule a private in-person tour.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Belding School



The Buzz at Belding — Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator

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Our Mission The Belding community works and dreams together to inspire, cultivate and engage the hearts and minds of our diverse students, families and staff.

Belding Elementary School | 4257 North Tripp Ave. Chicago, IL 60641
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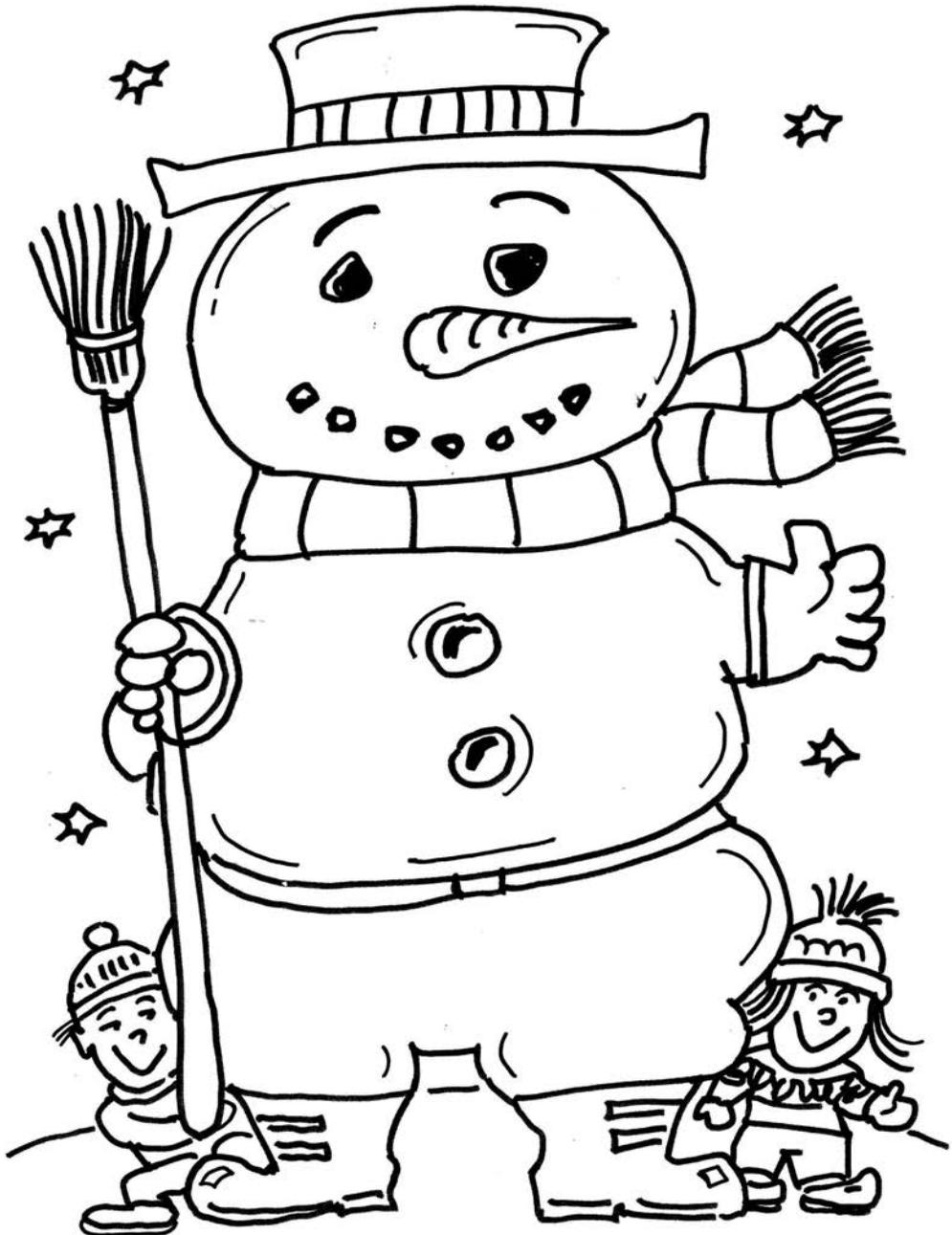


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Help the Pantry Celebrate the Holidays

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry provides clients in the 60641 and 60618 ZIP codes with an entire holiday meal this month, including meat, stuffing, vegetables, potatoes, and desserts. Holiday meals are in addition to its regular array of groceries during our four distributions this month. The Pantry is closed on December 22 and 29. 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 shortages have forced us to use a variety of sources this year. That has increased our costs to purchase the needed food. At the same time, restrictions due to pandemic protocols make it more difficult for groups to run food drives and deliver the proceeds to the Pantry. So your monetary donations are more critical than ever.

Our annual holiday gift program also will run as it did last year; supporters are asked to buy items from our Amazon and Target registries and have them shipped to the Pantry's coordinator. QR codes for easy links to online registries are on page 35. The program will reduce contacts and ensure we receive the needed number of age-appropriate items to go into stockings given to each child up to 12 years old. Our Facebook page has the links. We appreciate your understanding and generosity.

Mimi Nguyen (left) and Anna Zolkowski Sobor prepare bags of Thanksgiving food to be given to Pantry clients based on family size during the Pantry's November holiday program. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*



Craig Shutt, Meredith O'Sullivan, and Sara Yoest show off the stockings given out to clients' children up to 12 years old as part of the Pantry's holiday program in 2020. The program also provided a holiday meal to all families. *Photo by John Psiharis.*





NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry

Coat Drive a Success— Thanks to Our Volunteers

Thank you to **Renée Linnemeyer**, our coat-drive coordinator, and all of her volunteer crew for their hard work during our coat drive! Renee and her team promoted the campaign, picked up coats from dropoffs, helped clients select coats, and put all the racks away (only to get them all back out again the following week) through the end of the program in November. We were able to give our neighbors hundreds of men's, women's, and children's coats along with hats, scarves, gloves, and other accessories. We appreciate all of the organizations that served as dropoff points and everyone who donated to the program.

Thank you to everyone for helping us meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Dan O'Donohue, co-owner of Jet's on Kimball Ave., delivers coats with volunteer Laura Barnes that customers had brought in to be delivered to the Pantry for its coat drive in November. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*

Annual Holiday Gift Program



This QR code will link you to the Pantry's Target registry for gifts that can be donated to its holiday program for children under 12 years old.



This QR code will link you to the Pantry's Amazon registry for gifts that can be donated to its holiday program for children under 12 years old.

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

John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry
e-mail: info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org, | www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org.

Holiday Hours

The Pantry will be closed on December 22nd and 29th so our volunteers can celebrate the holidays with their families.



St. Edward Scoop. — Jenny Dreyer

BIG RED CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

December 4

At St. Edward School in Buckley Hall
(gym, corner of Sunnyside and Lowell)

- Holiday Market and Tree, Wreath, and Poinsettia
Pre-order pick-up time starts at 3:00 p.m.
- Santa and Refreshments 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Join the St. Edward School community to celebrate the Christmas season! We've decked the halls, the lights are hung, and now it's time to have some fun! Eat, drink and be merry at the Big Red Christmas Bazaar. You can shop at our holiday market of local vendors and pick up your Christmas trees, wreaths, and poinsettias

while supplies last. The St. Edward sugar plum fairies have been working overtime, so make sure to pick up a box of holiday desserts. All proceeds support our teachers! Then visit Santa, make crafts and join in the reindeer games! And don't forget to step outside to sip hot cocoa and enjoy holiday treats.



You can pre-order your Christmas tree, wreath as well as cookie boxes for the cookie walk on St. Edward's website by going to the Support St. Ed tab and selecting Christmas Bazaar 2021: <https://stedwardchicago.org/christmas-bazaar-2021>.

OPEN HOUSE – SAVE THE DATE

St. Edward School Open House
Sunday, January 30, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

The 7th-grade girl's basketball team is the undefeated conference champions! Additionally, the 6th and 8th-grade teams advanced to the playoff brackets. We are BIG RED proud of all our girls' basketball teams this season!

Community Events

Participate in these upcoming Community Events that benefit St. Ed's and give you a night off from cooking! Thank you for your support!

- **Chipotle Mexican Grill**, Wednesday, December 1, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; 4657 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Mention St. Edward School or provide the flyer (retrieve on the St. Edward School website under Community Days) or order online and enter the promo code: JH48YVT
- **Panda Express**, Wednesday, December 15, All Day. 2949 W. Addison St., Chicago. Show the flyer when ordering in person (retrieve on the St. Edward School website under Community Days) or order online and enter the promo code 326939 (orders can be placed in advance of the actual day).

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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

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- 3-4 **St. Viator's Winterfest | 2-day holiday festival**, held on Friday, December 3, 5:00–9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 4, Fun Run at 9:30 a.m.; other festivities 11:00–9:00 p.m., at the St. Viator Elementary School campus, Addison & Kedvale. [See page 30]
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- 4 **St. Edward's Big Red Christmas Bazaar | 3:00–7:30 p.m.** | in Buckley Hall (gym, corner of Sunnyside & Lowell). Holiday Market, and Tree, Wreath, and Poinsettia Pre-order PU starts at 3:00 p.m. Santa & Refreshments 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. [See page 36]
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- 4 **Six Corner's Association • Northwest side Holiday Trolley & Event** | Noon–5 p.m. www.sixcorners.com [See page 5]
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- 18 **Nomination Deadline: OIPA Winter Holiday Outdoor Decoration Contest** | Email your nominations to hello@oldirvingpark.com no later than December 18, 2021 [See page 3 for details].
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- 19 **New! OIPA Winter Wander-Land Stroll | 4:30–6 p.m.** | Hot cocoa pit stop in the St. John's Garden at Kostner/Byron | Join your neighbors in a stroll around OIP to view the holiday decorations and light displays. [See page 3 for details]



City of Chicago Emergency Heating Repair Program

Applications are being accepted from Nov. 1, 2021 until April 1, 2022.

Program Overview

The Emergency Heating Repair Program (EHRP) provides qualified homeowners with a one-time grant to repair or replace their furnaces or boiler heating systems. The program is administered by the Department of Housing (DOH). Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The grants are available to owner-occupants of one-to-four unit residential buildings. A site inspection will be performed by a DOH rehab construction specialist to determine the heating system's condition after a completed application is processed and approved.

How to Apply

An application is available upon request by calling 311, through the CHI311 app, by visiting DOH's offices at City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St., Room 1000 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or download the entire application packet at this link. Follow the detailed information on completing the forms and submitting copies of all required documents, including proof of ownership, income, and identification.

Homeowners can call DOH's customer service line at 312.744.3653 for further assistance.

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/doh/provdrs/homeowners/svcs/emergency-heating-repair-program>

2021-2022 OIPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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

This is a: New Membership Renewal Gift Membership

NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTH MONTH

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTH MONTH

ANNIVERSARY MONTH

CHILD OR PET NAME (FIRST), BIRTHDAY MONTH (LAST NAME OPTIONAL)

CHILD OR PET NAME (FIRST), BIRTHDAY MONTH (LAST NAME OPTIONAL)

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

E-MAIL 2

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

expire August 31 and are due by September 1.

Membership dues received after May 1 will be applied to the following year membership.

Membership Level (per household)	In area DUES	Out of area DUES	Benefits
Standard	\$25	\$42	Monthly meetings, newsletter delivery, member/spouse and anniversary published in newsletter, ice cream social event, holiday event
Senior (Age 65+)	\$15	\$32	Same as Standard membership
Good Neighbor	\$75	\$92	Standard + kid/pet birthdays in newsletter and OIPA tote bag
Neighborhood All-Star	\$150	\$167	Good Neighbor + admission for two to an exclusive OIPA cocktail party

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 a gift membership 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: oldirvingpark.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 months of January and July. 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://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.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.

NO JANUARY ISSUE. OIPA NEWS RESUMES IN FEBRUARY.

SUBMISSION DATES	2022	
Publication Month	Advertising	General
February	1/4	1/6
March	2/1	2/3
April	3/1	3/3
May	4/5	4/7
June	5/3	5/5
August	7/5	7/7
September	8/2	8/4
October	9/6	9/8
November	10/4	10/6
December	11/1	11/3



Jaime ANDRADE

Illinois State Representative • 40th District

My staff and I are here to serve you and our community. We encourage you to reach out with your thoughts about issues that we face together. If you need assistance with constituent services, please let us know and we will work to the fullest extent of the abilities of this office.

Please share your ideas on ways we can improve our community and state.

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Happy New Year Reminder

The *Old Irving Park News* is not published in January. We'll be back in production for February 2022. Submission deadline for the February issue is January 6.