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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



**It's Spring Time!** — Adrienne Chan

**GET OUT YOUR RUBBER BOOTS AND GARDEN GLOVES AND  
HELP BRING YOUR COMMUNITY BACK TO LIFE.**

### **Clean & Green**

OIPA and the Irving Park Garden Club are sponsoring some “Clean & Greens” in Old Irving Park this Spring. On April 23, we will participate in a City-wide “Clean & Green” that will focus more on the “Clean” aspect—sweeping and picking up trash accumulated in our community green spaces, viaducts, and train/expressway embankments over the winter. We will hold another “Clean & Green” to get our gardens prepped and planted in May. We will need many volunteers to keep our neighborhoods looking clean and inviting; stay tuned for more details. If you are inspired, don't wait for April 23 to start cleaning things up! Next time you want to find something to do outside on a sunny Spring day, grab a garbage bag and some garden gloves and pick up accumulated trash and debris. Areas around the train lines and underpasses need the most work.

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### **Adopt A Green Space**

OIPA has six “mural planters” and 16 in-ground planting beds on Irving Park Road that need to be maintained over the warmer months. For the past few 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. 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.

This 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 master gardener to take this on—any maintenance and/or improvement is appreciated! 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 sponsor a planter or bed, contact Adrienne at [adrienne.chan@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:adrienne.chan@oldirvingpark.com) to find out what is available.

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### **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. We will need volunteers to help prep and dig holes on planting day. Stay tuned for more details.



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# Public Safety Meeting Report — Lynn Ankney

**A**t the Independence Park field house, Alderman Gardiner (45th Ward) held a public safety meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022.

**Lynn Ankney** (OIPA Treasurer) and **Adrienne Chan** (OIPA President) attended the meeting.

Lynn and Adrienne had two reasons for attending the meeting:

1. Learn and share what concrete steps residents can take when they see suspicious storefront activity;
2. Introduce themselves/OIPA to our new 17th District CPD Commander, Michelene Alexa.

## Recap of February 28, 2022 Public Safety Meeting

The Alderman welcomed residents, assured attendees the meeting would allow for Q&A, and then provided an overview of the two recent events that prompted this meeting. He noted that this meeting was the 5th such public safety meeting his office has conducted within the 45th Ward over the last couple of months.

### 1st incident (info provided by Ald. Gardiner)

[Incidences recorded in order of discussion.]

February 20 (early Sunday morning) at 4272 W. Irving Park Road (aka former Java Thai) R&R Events is the current listed business. On the night of the shooting, R&R Events had a memorial for someone who had passed away. Attendees were primarily from outside the neighborhood. An argument ensued, and three people were shot. No fatalities. Response: CPD is still investigating, but no arrests yet. The city's Department of Buildings shut the storefront down later that same day (Sunday, February 20, 2022).

### 2nd incident (info provided by Gardiner with additional commentary by one of the two attacked persons)

February 17: A violent attack on Old Irving Park residents on Irving Park Road near Avondale and Keeler in the afternoon around 4 p.m. Both victims were present at the meeting. One gave the account of what happened and did so with the hope of raising people's awareness. The resident praised CPD for their diligence and quick work. There is a person of interest, and CPD expects to make an arrest soon. (Update: a person has been arrested since writing these meeting notes).

### Commander Michelene Alexa

Approximately two weeks ago, Michelene Alexa became our newest 17th District Commander.\* Commander Alexa has 31 years with CPD. She most recently served as the 17th District tactical lieutenant. Before that, she served as a watch and field lieutenant in the 15th (Austin) District and a Saturation Team sergeant in the 11th (Harrison) and 15th districts. The Commander provided two tips:

1. Neighbors can serve as "Court Advocates," a process whereby community members can stand with victims at hearings to show support;
2. We, as residents, know when something is off or doesn't look right. CPD needs people to call things in so that CPD can check the situation.

### Chicago Department of Buildings Commissioner: Matthew Beaudet

He's an Old Irving Park resident and personally shut down the 4272 W. IP storefront following the 2/20

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event. Beaudet's team shut down illegal businesses and often has to return multiple times to "catch them in the act." The city can issue fines to these illegal "clubs," but the real punishment comes from tax evasion from the state and feds.

### **Business Affairs and Consumer Protection: Joseph Sneed**

Sneed works with a task force that works nights Thursday through Saturday. They have a team of inspectors that look at buildings and business licenses. He said all businesses have their license information online. If there's a concern, you can look up what a particular business is licensed for and then compare it to what you're observing. When in doubt, email him, Joseph Sneed of BACP, directly at [joseph.sneed@cityofchicago.org](mailto:joseph.sneed@cityofchicago.org).

### **CAPS Officer Zanders (17th)**

Officer Zanders says in-person CAPS meetings will be resumed soon. He encouraged folks to attend, and he let us know they have senior programs, student programs, and regular meetings.

CAPS: The partnership between police and community is the foundation of Chicago's own philosophy of community policing, known as CAPS — the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy.

### **17th District Officer**

CPD has a new program whereby residents can hook up their outside cameras to the 911 system. To learn more, google OEMD Private Camera Initiative or call 312-746-9111.

### **Take-aways:**

1. Pop-up party places are everywhere in the city (not just the NW side) and have been exacerbated by Covid.
2. Suspicious storefront? Contact your Alderman, 911, or email Joseph Sneed of BACP directly at [joseph.sneed@cityofchicago.org](mailto:joseph.sneed@cityofchicago.org)

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# OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT



## Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting on March 7, 2022

Submitted by Annie Swingen, OIPA Secretary

Meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m.

**Attendees:** Meredith O’Sullivan, Annie Swingen, Adrienne Chan, Nick Frank, Scott Legan, Merry Marwig, Michael Cannon, Colleen Kenny, Lynn Ankney present.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report for February was presented by and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

	February 2022
Starting Balance	\$69,103.90
Receipts (e.g., Membership/ Advertising)	\$1,365.13
Disbursements (e.g., printing costs, insurance, charitable contributions)	[\$4,795.51]
Ending Balance	\$65,673.52

### OIPA Members Weigh In!

After months of coordination, Open Lands is nearing scheduling the delivery of nearly 80 trees to residents who requested replacements following the 2020 derecho that wiped out many of our gorgeous, shady friends. But like most things, it will require a bit of elbow grease. We will need to collect volunteers and dig the holes.

OIPA is looking for volunteers to help dig holes to plant these trees. The pre-selected planting spots will be identified on our dig day (TBD). Open Lands will coordinate all volunteers from a central location, tools

and mulch will be provided. If you know of youth looking to log some service hours or are part of a Girl or Boy Scout troop who would like to lend a hand, please email [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com) for more information.

OIPA’s Secretary **Annie Swingen** has committed to providing donuts and high-fives to all those who show up!

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### Survey Results

Thanks to OIPA board member Merry Marwig’s spearheading the polling of our membership re: desired businesses to add to Old Irving. We received a fantastic number of responses. Your responses give us a great jumping-off point to share with developers and businesses looking to enter our area.

What’s next?

- Reach out to area businesses already offering requested/desired services to advertise to our membership.
- Package the list and send it to area developers (i.e., Northwestern Medical, NOVAK, Ryan, and GW Properties).
- Update OIPA’s website to include the results from our 2022 community-wide survey.
- Share results with the 6 Corner Association, local elected officials (alderman, etc.), and other civic organizations.
- Communicate concerns regarding the state of the underpass to public officials (alderpeople, Jaime Andrade, etc.) and follow up with OIPA members in the May newsletter.



# OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

## Public Safety

On February 28, 2022, Alderman Jim Gardiner (45th Ward) hosted a public safety meeting in the gymnasium of the Independence Park field house. Several city safety experts and police officials were present to discuss recent events and existing concerns. A summary of the meeting can be found on page 4.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The countdown is on! OIPA's annual Easter Egg hunt at Belding Elementary's playground and field (4257 North Tripp Avenue) is scheduled for April 2, at 10 a.m.

Want to contribute to the treat stockpile? Contact Allison Young via email at [abclark509@gmail.com](mailto:abclark509@gmail.com) for more information on where to drop off a dozen filled eggs (no loose candy, please) labeled with the child's age group.

Allison is also looking for volunteers to help out on the day of the event. Be the magic person I know you are and watch kids slip into sugar-induced comas post-hunt. Contact Allison via the above email address to lend a hand.

## OIP Business Update

- **Burt's Place** – We reached out to the building owner, and there is no movement on the plans.
- **Aldi at The Clarendale** – We've been informed that Aldi purchased property from Clark Street last month. Presumably, they will develop it as a grocery store.
- **Salvation Army (planned to be Cozy Corner)** – Lynn brought to our attention the state of the building at the February 28 safety meeting.

## Murals

Jeff Kierna proactively reached out to our board to discuss future murals. The topic was tabled until the next Board meeting. Ready to work on murals - tabled to next meeting

## Upcoming Meetings

April 11 and May 9 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N Kostner Ave.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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## Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

on March 14, 2022 — Lynn Ankney, Treasurer

It felt like a beginning to a return to normal as we welcomed between 25–30 attendees for our first in-person meeting since March of 2020 (well, we met once in September 2021, but that return was a “one and done”).

**U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley** joined us for the first 20 minutes of our meeting. He opened and closed his remarks with the following message: No matter what is going on in the world, Congressman Quigley’s office is here to serve you, including providing assistance with constituent services such as helping navigate Medicare, Medicaid, social security, veteran services, and so on.



Congressman Quigley meets with OIPA members to discuss real-world issues. *Photo by Merry Marwig.*

### Highlights of Congressman Quigley’s remarks include:

- Congress passed a \$13.4 billion aid package to Ukraine comprised of humanitarian aid and weaponry. Also, Germany has provided weapons, Switzerland has (uncharacteristically) verbally condemned Russia’s actions, and Poland’s citizens have housed Ukrainian refugees in their homes.
- The recently passed infrastructure bill will bring \$4 billion to Chicago for transportation improvements across the Metra, CTA, and PACE lines.
- Congressman Quigley fully expects another cyber-attack similar to past aggressions (e.g., Solar Winds) against the United States in the future.

Congressman Quigley, who serves on the Appropriations and Intelligence Committees, was set to return to Washington D.C. the following morning to be present for Ukrainian President Zelenskyy

President of Ukraine’s virtual address to Congress on Wednesday, March 16.

### 39th Ward Alderman Samantha Nugent

39th Ward Alderman Samantha Nugent took the stage for the next 20 minutes and provided the following updates:

- Located at 4200 W. Lawrence, the 39th Ward office hours are
  - 9 a.m.–7 p.m. on Mondays,
  - 9 a.m.– 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday, and
  - 9 a.m.–3 p.m. on Fridays.



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- In 2021, the 39th Ward received 16,500 service requests. Of those, 91% were addressed and closed. Half of the remaining 9% are related to tree trimming requests.
- Alderman Nugent pointed to improved smart lighting (LED) that she has worked with CDOT to install in our neighborhood.
- It's pothole season! Call the Ward office at 773-736-5594 with pothole locations, and they will create a 311 request for you.
- We have a new 17th District Chicago Police Commander, Commander Michelene Alexa, a more than 30 year veteran of the Department. Alderman Nugent noted that her office is in constant contact with the Commander.

### Q&A with the Alderman spanned topics regarding the following:

- Department of Forestry's future plan to move to a "grid system" when tackling requests. When this begins is TBA.
- Our underpasses are abysmal! There is a particular concern: sidewalk sloping, lighting, and pillars under the Kostner viaduct. Alderman Nugent pledged to follow up with "who owns what" (the City, IDOT, CDOT, Metra?) as we look for permanent solutions to address the filth and structural needs to make these pathways fit for our residents (including our children commuting to schools!) to use as pedestrian ways. In the meantime, streets and sanitation will be visiting next week. Note: Regular street sweeping in Chicago begins next month.
- What can the Alderman do with other Aldermen to support Schurz High School? Alderman Nugent said she would be open to working with any and all Alderman whose students reside in the Schurz attendance boundaries, but acknowledged she has nine CPS schools of her own within the 39th Ward which her office supports.
- Ward remapping. There are currently two ward maps floating around the City Council. Thirteen aldermen are holding out on a version of the map codified by the majority of the city council, including Alderman Nugent. If that map is not accepted by 41 of the aldermen, the decisions will be put to a referendum in June, where voters will decide which of the two maps will be the City's new ward map.



Alderman Samantha Nugent provides ward updates and addresses OIPA members concerns.

*Photo by Merry Marwig.*

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## General OIPA Meeting

At 7:40 p.m., OIPA President Adrienne Chan took the floor. As is tradition, Adrienne asked if this was anyone's first OIPA meeting in a while (answer: all of us) or someone's first meeting ever. We had two neighbors, Leslie and Katie, both of the 4300 block of Kostner and OIP residents for less than three years, join us for the very first time.

Following Congressman Quigley and Alderman Nugent's departures, Adrienne noted we have outstanding invitations to other elected officials and we hope to schedule in the coming months. We encourage residents to email OIPA ([hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com)) so that we can share these questions with the appropriate officials, regardless of whether or not we have them scheduled for an OIPA meeting appearance.

## Other announcements

- After a two-year absence, the OIPA Spring Egg Hunt will return on April 2 at 10 a.m. at the Belding soccer field.
- OIPA will be partnering with the Irving Park Garden Club to participate in the city-wide "Clean & Green" on April 23. As of now, we suspect the April 23 date will be "cleaning" (i.e., picking up trash), and we expect to schedule a date in May for "greening" (i.e., planting our public planters/spaces).

## Comments/requests from the meeting attendees included:

- When will the resurfacing of Irving Park Road occur? We would like a schedule, so residents know how to navigate around the upheaval. Will the trucks associated with the Northwestern Medical Center construction project be considered when scheduling the resurfacing?

- When will the south station of the Irving Park Blue Line reopen?
- We need more garbage cans placed at the Pulaski Blue line stop. And more garbage cans under the Keeler and Kostner viaducts, too.
- Mike B. of the 3800 block of Pulaski gave a "positive shoutout" to People's Gas for the efficient and capable replacement of gas meters along his block.
- What's the future of the Portage Theater?
- Let's resume those "NNO" [Neighbors Night Out] social events, where we network with other Civic Associations on the NW side.
- The new group OIP Women's Group, includes a broad age range and background of local ladies. OIPA will continue to share notice of their events as we receive them.
- Can OIPA invite our new CPD Commander Alexa to a future meeting?
- Do you suspect an illegal business operating? Call 911. (Editor's note: Write up regarding reporting illegal businesses can be found on page 4.)
- What's happening with Meta Wine? Answer: OIPA needs to follow up on Meta's plans to outfit the space for retail. As far as we know, they are continuing their wholesale business.

## Other OIP News

- The Garden Club will begin its season on Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m. The featured speaker is from Openlands regarding trees that do well in our urban environment.
- Speaking of Openlands, OIPA has coordinated a mass tree-planting effort and expects to share information about planting in early April.

Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.



# Jaime **ANDRADE**

Illinois State Representative • 40<sup>th</sup> 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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# Second City Meadery – Welcome to the NW Side

— Lynn Ankney

**D**id you know there's a new meadery, just one block outside of OIP, at 4465 N. Elston? What is a meadery, you ask? I'm happy to spread the word about this unique and beautifully outfitted tasting room close to home.

A couple of Saturdays ago, my husband and I walked over to Second City Meadery. We've wanted to visit this place ever since they started operations during the pandemic. The storefront, located just a block north of Montrose, is a cheery, light-filled space with reclaimed wood, a quartz-topped bar, and "Chicago blue and red" accents in a bee-themed motif.

I recently returned to Second City Meadery to chat with owner, former accountant, and Rogers Park resident, **Peter Schultz**:

- **What is mead?** Wikipedia defines it as "fermented honey water." Peter says to think of it as wine made with honey instead of grapes. I say it's delicious and comes in a whole spectrum of flavors.
- **Fun fact:** Second City Meadery is one of only two meaderies in Chicago (the other one is located in Beverly).
- **What should people expect to taste?** Peter offers 15–16 different meads at any given time. He ensures his offering is a wide portfolio that spans from sweet to semi-sweet to dry and adds two or three flavors per month.

When you visit Second City Meadery, you can enjoy tasting flights or full glasses of mead. To-go options



Second City Meadery owner Peter Schultz pours a taste of his delicious mead. *Photo by Lynn Ankney*

include full bottles of mead, as well. They also carry t-shirts and glassware. Admittedly, Peter said he intends to "up his swag game" in the near future.

**Second City Meadery Collaborations:** Recently, they partnered with **Back Lot Coffee** to create a coffee mead. In addition, Peter partnered with **Volition Tea** to create a tea-themed mead and even hosted an in-store side-by-side tasting of the tea-infused mead along with the tea itself.



## LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS



Second City Meadery is happy to be in the neighborhood! Peter has enjoyed meeting residents who amble in and folks outside the community who sought out his tasting room. Further, Peter acknowledged that Michelle Foik of Eris and Trevor Rose-Hamblin of Old Irving Brewing Company have been especially welcoming. Michelle and Trevor have helped Peter navigate being a new business owner in this industry and in the city of Chicago.

I encourage anyone (21 and over, obviously) to visit this beautiful space, say hello (tell Peter, "OIPA sent me!"), and discover the world of mead.

### Second City Meadery

4465 N. Elston, Chicago

Hours: Friday: 6–11 p.m.  
Saturday: 1–11 p.m.



Bright and inviting seating room. *Photo by Lynn Ankney*

Second City Meadery partnered with Volition Tea to create a tea-themed mead. Make sure you try it.

*Photo by Lynn Ankney*

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### Stay Connected

Want to keep up with new releases, learn more about their bottle club, and be the first to know about tasting room events and collaborations? Connect with Second City Meadery in any of the following ways:

**Instagram:** @secondcitymead

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**Website:** <https://secondcitymeadery.squarespace.com>

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## DINING ADVENTURES IN OIP & BEYOND

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# Mole and So Much More — Claudia Hine

If you have a taste for upscale Mexican food and a nice selection of tasty margaritas, head east on Irving Park Road to Kedzie. Just a block and a half north, you'll find **El Alebrije** in an unassuming storefront location at 4114 N. Kedzie. The word "alebrije" refers to brightly colored Mexican folk art sculptures of fantastical creatures and is pronounced "ah leh bree heh."

Step inside and you'll find a relaxed and charming family-owned restaurant and bar serving a wonderful selection of appetizers and entrees that will have you immediately planning your next visit because there are so many dishes you'll want to try.

Manager Vicente Bustos is a certified sommelier who has developed an extensive list of hand-crafted margaritas. The bar offers craft cocktails, tequila, Mexican beer, and mezcal selections.

Appetizers include delicious guacamole, of course, but you might also like to try the Surtido Rico appetizer platter that includes guacamole; enchiladas potosinas (corn mesa turnover stuffed with queso fresco and garnished with sour cream, avocado, and radishes); garnachitas (a thick flattened out tortilla pan fried, with tomato sauce, shredded flank steak, sour cream, and cheese); and chori queso (chihuahua cheese with roasted peppers and chorizo sausage).

Family-owned El Alebrije restaurant is both cozy and colorful. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*





## DINING ADVENTURES IN OIP & BEYOND

Entrees, inspired by Chef Angelica Torres's hometown of Cuauchichinola Morelos, include Enchiladas de Mole, chicken breast with freshly made corn tortillas doused in mole rojo or mole negro sauce, sour cream, and rice. Pescado a la Mexicana is pan-seared salmon with tomatoes, onions, Serrano pepper, and chambray potatoes.

In addition to pork and shrimp dishes, the restaurant serves Costillitas de Cordero con Salsa de Cacahuete, which is rack of lamb in peanut sauce served with sautéed spinach and onions. Chiles Rellenos de Verduras is stuffed poblano peppers with vegetables in roasted tomatillo sauce with melted cheese and rice.

In the mood for tacos? Tri Tacos is a trio of chicken, steak, and al pastor mini tacos served with black

beans and cactus salad. All their dishes are beautifully presented. Got kids? No problem. There is a nice selection on the kids menu as well.

For dessert, we shared the churros with sweet bitter chocolate sauce, but next time we go back, I'm saving room for Alebrije's Pay de Chocolate, sweet bitter chocolate pie served with strawberry ice cream.

El Alebrije is open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday from 4:00–9:00 p.m. The restaurant is now offering a farm-to-table style brunch on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit [elalebrijechicago.com](http://elalebrijechicago.com) for a full menu, to order online, and for more details about the family behind this hidden gem of a restaurant.



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# Soups On!

**April showers bring May flowers as we are told,  
so here are some soup recipes for rainy days.**

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## Lewis and Clark's White Chili

*Submitted by Linda Fay. Recipe from Lewis and Clark's Restaurant in Old Saint Charles k*

At Lewis and Clark's, the white chili is not terribly spicy and not too thick. They serve it with a small portion of sour cream, jalapeños and crackers on the side.

### Ingredients

- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 2 medium yellow onions, diced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground red (cayenne) pepper
- 2 (4-ounce) cans diced green chilies
- 3 (15- to 16-ounce) cans great northern beans, undrained
- 4 cups chicken stock or canned broth
- 20 ounces shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided
- Sour cream, for garnish
- Diced jalapeños, for garnish

### Instructions

- Place chicken in a large saucepan; add cold water to cover and bring to a simmer. Cook until no pink remains, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain; when cool enough to handle, cut into 1/2-inch cubes.
- In a large soup pot, sauté onions in olive oil over medium heat until translucent, about 8 minutes. Add garlic, cloves, cumin, cayenne and green chilies. Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes. Add chicken, beans and their liquid and chicken stock; bring to a boil.
- Add 12 ounces (about 3 cups) of the cheese and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Serve in bowls topped with remaining cheese; pass sour cream and jalapeños on the side.



*Photo by Sheri Silver on Unsplash*



## RECIPES FROM THE BOARD & MEMBERS

### Quinoa Vegetable Soup

*Submitted by Lynn Ankney. Recipe from [cookieandkate.com](http://cookieandkate.com)*

#### Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium yellow or white onion, chopped
- 3 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 to 2 cups chopped seasonal vegetables, like zucchini, yellow squash, bell pepper, sweet potatoes or butternut squash
- 6 garlic cloves, pressed or minced
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 large can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes
- Scant 1 cup quinoa, rinsed well in a fine mesh colander (use less for a lighter, more broth-y soup)
- 4 cups (32 ounces) vegetable broth
- 2 cups water
- 1 teaspoon salt, more to taste
- 2 bay leaves
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 can (15 ounces) great northern beans or chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup or more chopped fresh kale or collard greens, tough ribs removed
- 1 to 2 teaspoons lemon juice, to taste
- Optional garnish: freshly grated Parmesan cheese

#### Instructions

- Warm the olive oil in a large Dutch oven or soup pot over medium heat. Once the oil is shimmering, add the chopped onion, carrot, celery, seasonal vegetables and a pinch of salt. Cook, stirring often, until the onion has softened and is turning translucent, about 6 to 8 minutes.
- Add the garlic and thyme. Cook until fragrant while stirring frequently, about 1 minute. Pour in the diced tomatoes with their juices and cook for a few more minutes, stirring often.
- Pour in the quinoa, broth and the water. Add 1 teaspoon salt, 2 bay leaves and a pinch of red pepper flakes. Season generously with freshly ground black pepper. Raise heat and bring the mixture to a boil, then partially cover the pot and reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer.
- Cook for 25 minutes, then remove the lid and add the beans and the chopped greens. Continue simmering for 5 minutes or more, until the greens have softened to your liking.
- Remove the pot from heat, then remove the bay leaves. Stir in 1 teaspoon lemon juice. Taste and season with more salt, pepper and/or lemon juice until the flavors really sing. (You might need up to ½ teaspoon more salt, depending on your vegetable broth and your personal preferences.) Divide into bowls and top with grated Parmesan if you'd like.

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## April Birthdays

Zac Ahmann	Mary Kuhn
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Rhys Jones	Kitty Tataryn
Rochelle Jones	Julie Tye
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Michael Kennedy	Julie Whittington-Cirton

## April Anniversaries

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Allison & Jan-Luc DeBoer  
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Yasmine Goelzer & Daniel Alter  
Jim & Anne Gruber  
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Robert & Kathryn Kleisch  
Jessica & William Navin  
Jacqueline & James O'Neill  
Meredith & Tim O'Sullivan  
Sheila & Shaun Quinn  
Susan Strong-Dowd & John Dowd  
Angela & Martin Yorath



## April Kid & Pet Birthdays

### Kids

- Sophie Horvath
- Ellie Lynch
- Rohan Sanders

### Pets

- The Ankney Girls (flock of hens)
- Lula Boran (dog)
- Saluki (pet)
- Otis (pet)
- Rakotz: Elle Rakotz (miniature Australian Shepherd)
- Smokey "Bone Dog" Sobota
- Winston (in the O'Mara family)



Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? Not sure if you provided your info in your renewal form? If so, please contact Meredith O'Sullivan at [membership@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:membership@oldirvingpark.com) or 773-551-4533, so she can add your name and dates to the list.



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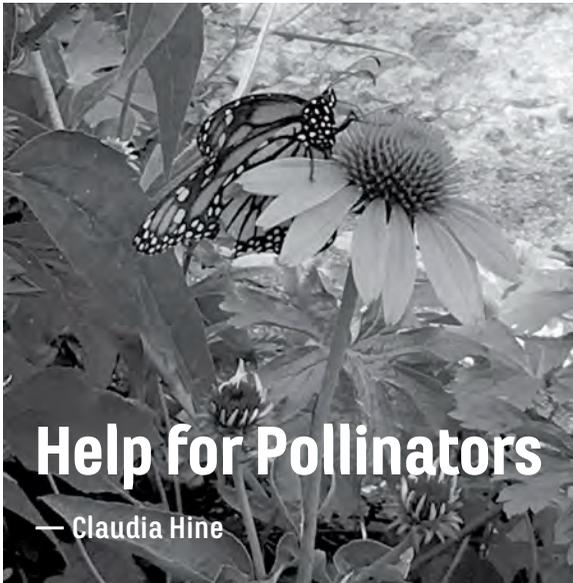


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## Help for Pollinators

— Claudia Hine

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture reports three-fourths of the world's flowering plants and about 35% of the world's food crops depend on animal pollinators to reproduce. Some scientists estimate that one out of every three bites of food we eat exists because of animal pollinators such as bees, butterflies and moths, birds and bats, and beetles and other insects. You may have heard that these important pollinators are threatened and quickly disappearing.

Habitat loss and environmental contaminants are contributing to the decline of pollinators, but gardeners in Old Irving Park are eager to do what they can to help. How? By using native and pollinator-friendly plants in their landscape and reducing or eliminating pesticide use altogether.

For the Irving Park Garden Club's April meeting, members will hear from **Irene Flebbe**, assistant director of the Trailside Museum of Natural History, Forest Preserves of Cook County. Irene will explain which native plants we can add to gardens to benefit birds, bees, and butterflies, as well as small changes we can make, such as providing clean water and leaving broken branches and twigs on the ground for wood-nesting bees and beetles.



The club will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave. Meetings are for members only. If you are interested in joining our group, email [claudiahine@icloud.com](mailto:claudiahine@icloud.com) for more information.

Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) is native to Illinois and attracts butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

Irene Flebbe—Photo by T.J. Hine.



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## With Appreciation



IPGC is grateful to the **Old Irving Park Association** for its generous donation to support our container plantings on Irving Park Rd. You'll see the results (designed by Farmers Market Garden Center) when our volunteers fill the planters to help brighten Irving Park Road next month.

A big thank you also to **Starbuck's** at Irving Park Road and Kostner Avenue, which has agreed to supply coffee for several of our club's meeting dates this year. Hurray for Starbuck's and member **Trish Hinkes**, who met with the manager and worked out all the details. Trish also maintains and waters IPGC's planter at that location. We love our volunteers!



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



### Schurz ACADEC Team Advances to State Finals!

Congrats to the Schurz Academic Decathlon team and team coach, Schurz science teacher **Judy Joung**, for their continued success! Congratulations to the Schurz Academic Decathlon team on their sixth-place finish in the city finals! Now it's on to the State Finals! Shoutout to Senior **Hayendeliz Hernandez** for placing fourth place for speech and receiving a perfect score and the highest score in interviews! Congratulations to Freshmen **Karina Reyes**, who medaled sixth place for her awesome speech. And a round of applause to our Sophomore, **Jasmine Ruiz**, for being the 7th highest scoring team member amongst all the academic decathlon decathletes that competed! Go Bulldogs!

Pictured in photo: Tamara Bekoeva, Felipe Aviles, Janelle Gonzalo, Riddhem Kapoor, Karina Reyes, Jasmine Ruiz, Edgar Sanchez, Brianna Vega, Nelly Musajeva, Hayendeliz Hernandez, Jayden Marroquin  
Photo by Judy Joung.

### Carl Schurz High School Welcomes the United States Navy Concert Band to Slocum Hall!

Join us on Saturday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. for an evening with The United States Navy Concert Band, the premier wind ensemble of the U.S. Navy, as they present a wide array of marches, patriotic selections, orchestral transcriptions, and modern wind ensemble repertoire. As the original ensemble of the Navy Band, the Concert Band has been performing public concerts and participating in high-profile events for more than 95 years.

In addition to national concert tours and an extensive local concert season, the Concert Band has been featured internationally at military tattoos [a performance of music or display of armed forces in general] and festivals in Oslo, Norway, Stockholm, and Quebec City, Canada. Recognized as one of the finest wind ensembles in the world, the Concert Band is in constant demand by the nation's foremost musical education organizations, such as the American Bandmasters Association and The Midwest Clinic.

Tickets for this event are FREE and can be secured by visiting [www.friendsofschurz.org](http://www.friendsofschurz.org).

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## New Things Happening at Keeler Gardens — Gina Iliopoulos

**K**eeler Gardens is excited to share two announcements with the community. First, we are establishing a partnership with the Bionutrient Food Association (BFA). The BFA focuses on rebuilding soil to improve nutrient density. They have a compelling story on how focusing on the soil profoundly changes our food supply chain. We have worked with the BFA in the past, learning and implementing protocols for improving soil, rebuilding it, leading to nutrient-dense flora and fauna.

Keeler Gardens will host the Chicago Chapter of the BFA, to educate our community on how soil health is the starting point and the foundation for everything we do in our natural spaces. Our partnership with BFA will bring new, exciting opportunities for learning and experimentation to our community.

The Chicago Chapter of the BFA will introduce a groundbreaking message on how to rebuild soil. We plan to offer a range of presentations for all levels, from beginners to experts. Learn more about BFA at [Bionutrient.org](http://Bionutrient.org), and watch their "Principles of Biological Systems" videos.



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### Our second announcement

If you haven't already heard, we opened our 2022 Fundraising Drive early this year. We are so grateful for the work of our interns to rebuild our content-packed website in support of the drive. Please visit [KeelerGardens.org](http://KeelerGardens.org) to read our blog post to learn what your support means for the community. Contact us with any questions about how to donate. We are so grateful for our community and happy to bring everyone a connection to nature.

*Keeler Gardens is 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization improving the health and sustainability of urban community life through environmental experiences, supporting diversity and youth development, and building a love of nature. Visit us at 3631 N. Keeler Ave., our website [KeelerGardens.org](http://KeelerGardens.org), or contact Keeler Gardens at [Gina@KeelerGardens.org](mailto:Gina@KeelerGardens.org).*



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## Captivating Warm Tones and Spirit Lifting Beats



The Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series will present percussionist Kyle Flens performing new music for marimba and vibraphone on Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church. *Photo by Ben Semisch*

### Free Concert April 24

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee will present percussionist **Kyle Flens** in the final concert of its 2021-2022 season. Kyle will perform a solo program of new works for marimba and vibraphone. The concert will be held Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Avenue, and is free, but donations to support future programming are welcome!

Kyle Flens is a percussionist based in Chicago. He is a member of the chamber music collective Ensemble Dal Niente, a collaborator with the percussion group Beyond This Point, and a former member of Projeto Arcomusical. He has performed experimental music written by composers of our time at prestigious national and international venues. Kyle received his Master of Music with a Performer's Certificate from Northern Illinois University and his Bachelor of Music from Towson University. Kyle performs on Pearl Drums and Adams Percussion Instruments and is honored to be an endorsed artist. (Program subject to change. Check our Facebook page and website for updates and any Covid-19 mitigations.)

*The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee, now in its 28th season, was created by Roger Bingaman, Director of Music at Irving Park Lutheran Church. The intent of the series is to bring high-quality, professional music and theatrical events to the northwest side of Chicago. The series is a program of Carlson Community Services*

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## Thank You OIPA and Our Supporters!

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Carlson's after-school program students prepare a seed tray with soil and tomato seeds. The tomato seedlings will be transplanted in May at Three Brothers Garden, Carlson's community garden. *Photo by Rebecca Haneberg*

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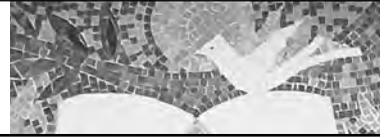
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## Viator Vibrations — Sara Yoest



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### Blue & Gold Gala

A big thank you to all those who planned and supported our 2022 Blue & Gold Gala in March! This was our biggest in-person fundraising event since the start of the pandemic. We are grateful to all of our parents, alumni, and community members who attended and to those who helped to raise funds for

St. Viator by bidding on auction items from home. The supportive, inclusive, and fun community at St. Viator is second-to-none!

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### More to Celebrate

St. Viator congratulates our 8th-grade students who received the sacrament of confirmation on April 29.

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### Open House

Looking for a preschool or elementary school for the 2022-2023 school year? St. Viator will be hosting an in-person Open House on Friday, April 8. Come visit classrooms while school is in session. Visit our Facebook page for details.

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**We wish the Old Irving Park community a happy and blessed Easter season!**

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### 2022-23 Admissions. The Best Way to Get to Know Us Is to Visit!

Contact Marge Tiritilli in the school office at [mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org](mailto: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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## The Buzz at Belding — Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator

# Bring New Books to Belding

**B**elding is launching an initiative to freshen and add diversity to classroom libraries! Teachers have created book wish lists for their classrooms and are hoping the Belding community will come together to purchase these great books.

Check out the lists and share with friends, family, and neighbors who might wish to support reading at Belding. And, don't forget, when buying anything through Amazon, turn on Amazon Smile and select "Friends of Belding" to support Belding!

For more information on teacher wish lists or any questions, please reach out to Lynn Ankney at [lynnmichelleankney@gmail.com](mailto:lynnmichelleankney@gmail.com).

## Are you curious to see what Belding Elementary has to offer your child?

Principal Mandi Cohen or Assistant Principal Erica Pacheco set aside one morning each month to give tours to interested parents. Tours begin at 8 a.m. in the main office and are an excellent opportunity to learn more about our school and the Belding community. Upcoming tour dates include April 19 and May 17. Check out the Belding website: [www.beldingelementary.com](http://www.beldingelementary.com) for virtual video information or in-person details. Complete the [cps.edu/healthscreener](http://cps.edu/healthscreener) before arriving.



**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, 773-534-3590, [beldingelementary.com](http://beldingelementary.com)

# Spring is Here!

## What color are your tulips?

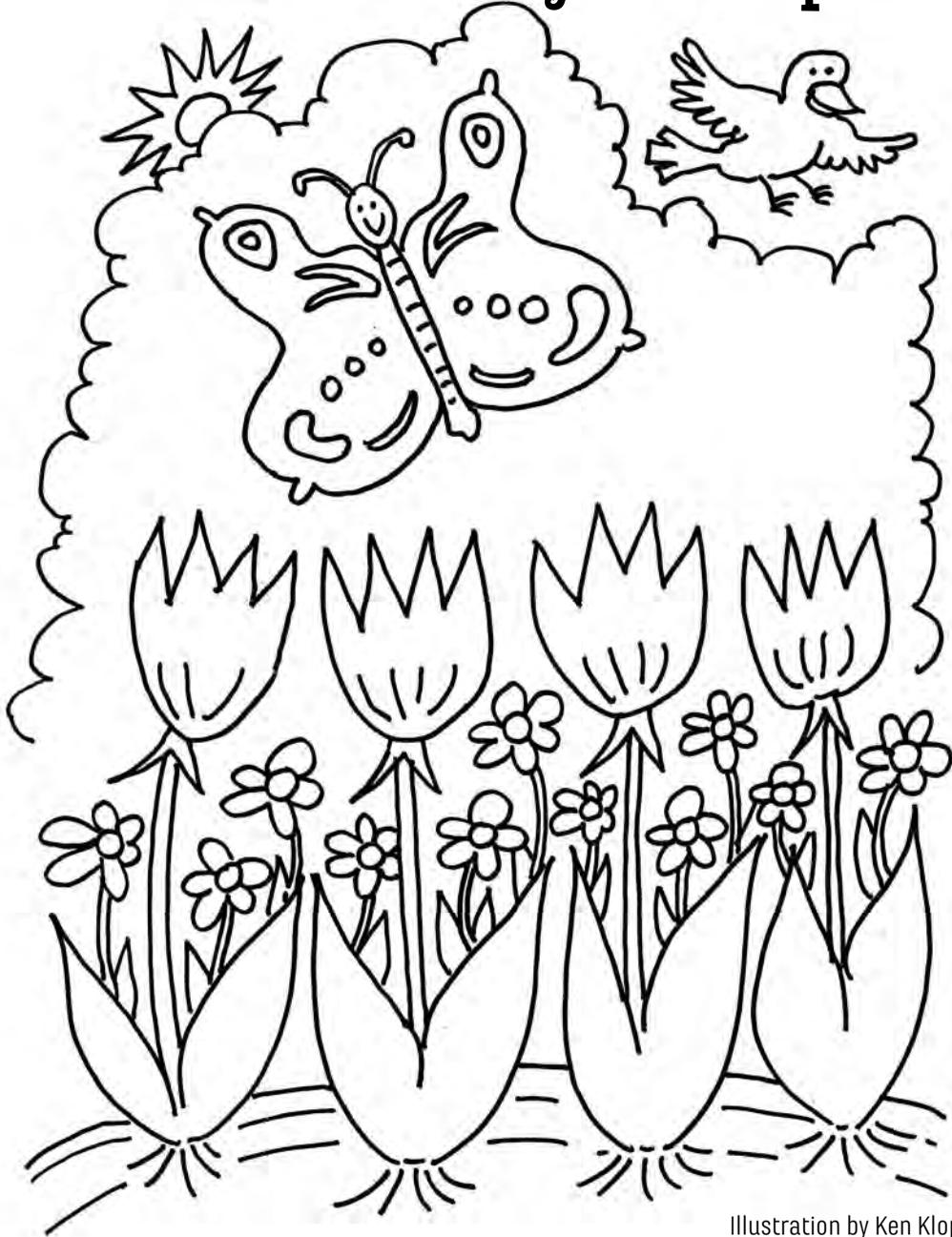


Illustration by Ken Klopack



## Pantry Continues Easter Program

The Pantry will continue giving Easter baskets to clients' children up to 10 years old until April 13. We are asking for donations of filled plastic eggs, small games and puzzles, 24-count boxes of crayons, small plush animals, party-favor-sized toys, and wrapped candies. Please do not donate baskets. We need to receive any donations no later than April 8.

Donations can be taken to Big Helpers (4184 N. Elston Ave.) Monday through Friday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or the dropbox on the enclosed front porch at 3833 N. Tripp Ave. (any time). Contact-free registries are available at Amazon and Walmart (use the QR codes below), but please order soon. The lists also can be used as ideas for similar in-store purchases.

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### Toiletries Program Still Underway

The Pantry is still collecting toiletries for its Choice table. The Choice table allows clients to select from various personal-care items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, razors, shaving cream, baby wipes, dishwashing liquid, and others.

If you would like to donate to the toiletries collection program, donations can be taken to Big Helpers (4184 N. Elston Ave.) Monday through Friday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or the dropbox on the enclosed front porch at 3833 N. Tripp Ave. (any time). Also, you can donate via PayPal at [www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org](http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org) or by check to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago IL 60618.



Sara Yoest showed off some of the baskets given to clients' children 10 years old or younger during the Pantry's Easter program last year. Photo by Craig Shutt

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry

## Thank You for Your Support

- Thank you to sisters **Kerry Brown Hasbrook** and **Mandy Breaker** of Radical Generosity Chicago for donating 120 hygiene/toiletry kits and 42 fleece blankets. The kits include a variety of in-demand toiletries and a personalized note of affirmation and encouragement. The group also has promised to donate 50 baskets to our spring program.
- Thank you to the students and staff at the elementary school at **St. Viator** and **St. Wenceslaus Church**, who held a sock drive for the Pantry. Both St. Viator and St. Wenceslaus Church collected three large bags of socks of all sizes and styles.
- Thank you to the **Greenwise** organic landscaping services crew, who volunteered at the Pantry in February. We appreciate them taking the time to help out. The Pantry is always interested in working with companies to volunteer on a one-time basis or regularly on Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon.

Thank you for all your support in helping us meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



Marge Tiritilli shows off the collection of socks donated by students and staff at the elementary school at SS Viator & Wenceslaus Church. *Photo by Craig Shutt*



Pantry Publicity Coordinator Craig Shutt looks over some donated toiletry kits and blankets provided by Kerry Brown Hasbrook of Radical Generosity Chicago. *Photo by Mandy Breaker*

Use these codes for Easter registry wish lists at Amazon and Walmart.

Code for toiletry wish list



**AMAZON:** This QR code will take you to the Pantry's Amazon Easter registry.



**WALMART:** This QR code will take you to the Pantry's Walmart Easter registry.





## St. Edward Scoop — Jenny Dreyer

# Easter Egg Hunt!

Save the date for our first Easter egg hunt! Open to current and prospective families, the fun is scheduled for Saturday, April 16. More detail will be available soon on [stedwardschool.com](http://stedwardschool.com).

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### Community Events

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

- **La Villa, Wednesday, April 27, 5–8 p.m.**  
3638 N. Pulaski Ave., Chicago  
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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

## April

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- 2 **OIPA Spring Egg Hunt** | 10 – 11 a.m. | Belding Elementary School, 4257 North Tripp Avenue
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- 8 **St. Viator Elementary School Open House** | 9 to 10 a.m. | For details FB @stviatorchicago
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- 11 **OIPA General Membership Meeting** | 7 p.m. | St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner
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- 16 **St. Edward School Easter Egg Hunt** | visit stedwardschool.com for details.
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- 21 **Irving Park Garden Club Member Meeting** | 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave.
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- 23 **Carl Schurz High School Welcomes the United States Navy Concert Band** | 7:00 p.m. in Slocum Hall. Tickets are FREE and can be secured by visiting [www.friendsofschurz.org](http://www.friendsofschurz.org).
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- 24 **Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents Kyle Flens, percussionist** | 2:00 p.m. | Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. | Free! Donations Welcome | Check our website for status updates | [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org)

## May

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- 9 **OIPA General Membership Meeting** | 7 p.m. | St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner

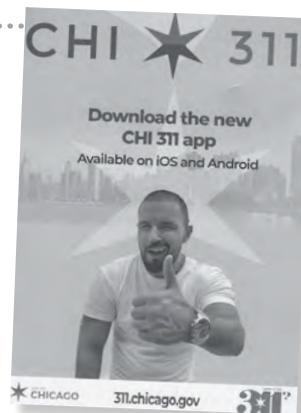
### When to Call 311 vs. 911

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

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

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

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# 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](http://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

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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 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
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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](http://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](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com).

## General Submissions

### Community Calendar, Articles & Photos

- Please send articles and calendar items as a Word document or in an email or Google doc. Include the author's name, company or organization (if applicable), and contact information in the document. If you have an event for inclusion in the calendar (regardless of whether or not you mention it in your article submission), please specifically note it when submitting your article. 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> or Dropbox Transfer. You can send several files at a time using either platform.
- 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.

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

## Submission Deadlines

- **Advertising:** First Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m.
- **General Submissions:** First Thursday of the month by 5 p.m.
- **Materials SUBMITTED AFTER** the deadline date will be held over to the next month's issue.
- **Send your contributions to:** Kathleen Kearns at [k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com](mailto:k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com). Please include "**OIPA submission**" in the subject line of the email. Also include the category of the item you are submitting—advertisement, article or community calendar.

**NO JANUARY ISSUE. OIPA NEWS RESUMES IN FEBRUARY.**

SUBMISSION DATES	2022	
Publication Month	Advertising	General
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

# April Foolery

Enjoy these jokes from connoisseur of funny—  
OIPA Board member Merry Marwig.

**Q:** Why is everyone so tired on April 1st?

**A:** Because they've just finished a long, 31 day March.

**Q:** What did the tree say when April began?

**A:** What a re-leaf.

**Q:** What goes up when April rain comes down?

**A:** An umbrella.

**Q:** Why is April so popular for using a trampoline?

**A:** It's Spring-time!

**Q:** What was the Easter Bunny's favorite vegetable?

**A:** EGG-plant.

**Q:** What falls but never gets hurt?

**A:** The rain!

**Q:** Which monster plays the most April Fool's jokes?

**A:** Frankenstein.

**Q:** How does the sun listen to music?

**A:** On the ray-dio.

**Q:** What kind of bow can't be tied or untied?

**A:** A rainbow.

**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](mailto: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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