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Cover photo from the Theodore Bacmeister Collection, Irving Park Historical Society Archives.

Class in "High Room" at Irving Park School around 1890. Charles Loucks in front row; Edna Cookingham near the door. See page 24 for more photos.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



It's OIPA Election Time Again.

We appoint our Board of Directors in even years at the September general meeting. Learn more about what motivates them and their goals. Here are statements from this year's candidates:

Colleen Kenny

Past/Present Participation with OIPA: Director, 2016-present. Ad Manager, 2017- Present. Neighborhood All Star Party Host, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Past/Present Volunteer Activities (non-OIPA): Forest Preserve Foundation, Chicago Housing Authority, Off the Street Club, Actively looking for new opportunities.

Past/Present Professional Experience:

Executive Vice President at Leo Burnett (Advertising and Creative Solutions Agency) and other Marketing Communications Agencies

Goals/Priorities as a member of the OIPA Board: Ten years ago, my husband and I saw an old house that most people would have torn down and decided to renovate and make Old Irving Park our home.

The historic nature of Old Irving Park makes me want to be part of an era less isolated by technology and individualism and more motivated by compassion and community. Together with my neighbors, I want to make this already great neighborhood magnificent by giving us opportunities to come together and by helping spread the word about our great local business via our robust ad/newsletter program.

Merry Marwig

Past/Present Participation with OIPA: Director, 2019-present. Projects include: We <3 OIP yard signs, Kolmar Park rededication in Gertrud Kolmar's honor, OIPA Newsletter corny jokes and recipes column, OIPA technology-updates management, pro-pedestrian and cyclist design advocate in local developments and on our city streets.

Past/Present Volunteer Activities (non-OIPA): Irving Park Garden Club newsletter deliverer and local campaigns volunteer

Past/Present Professional Experience: Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Technology Research

Goals/Priorities as a member of the OIPA Board: I joined the OIPA Board in November 2019. It has been a gratifying experience working alongside our committed Board members and OIPA members to "make things happen" in our neighborhood. I'm particularly proud of our community's work rededicating Kolmar Park in 20th-century poet Gertrud Kolmar's honor. She is considered one of the greatest poets of her time, and sadly her life was cut short when she was murdered in the Holocaust because she was Jewish. At a time in our lives where divisive and intolerant acts are on the rise, our community has come together, showing that we stand for peace, tolerance, and celebrating our diverse talents through our strong support of this park rededication. Thank you, neighbors. I'm running for the OIPA Board again to continue working on investing in and improving our Old Irving Park community.

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OIPA Elections | Candidate Statements, *continued*

Michael R. Cannon

Past/Present Participation with OIPA: Member since 2013. Board Member since 2021.

Past/Present Professional Experience: Attorney, real estate developer, and Vice President of Development Services at Sterling Bay.

Goals/Priorities as a member of the OIPA Board: I've admired the excellent work my neighbors had done on the Board since we moved to Old Irving Park in 2013 and was pleased to have the opportunity to serve our great community when a position became available last year. Preserving the best parts of our neighborhood while remaining open to possibilities for improvement requires active engagement on behalf of community stakeholders. I'm experienced and committed to keeping this a great place to live.



Meredith O'Sullivan

Past/Present Participation with OIPA: Director. How long? Sometimes seems like decades but I think I joined the board in 2016. I handle membership and coordinate with all of our fabulous block captains to distribute the almost monthly newsletter.

Past/Present Volunteer Activities (non-OIPA): In years past, I was a board member of the Friends of Downtown, a member of the Junior League of Chicago, a tutor at 4th Presbyterian Church, and a volunteer at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab (formerly RIC).

Past/Present Professional Experience: I've held various roles over 30 years in institutional real estate, including financial services, asset management, development, and partnership relationship management. I have some aptitude with spreadsheets and databases, which is helpful for our membership database.

Goals/Priorities as a member of the OIPA Board: We moved to this neighborhood in 2001 and raised three babies who are now adults in training. I am so grateful that my then-boyfriend/now-husband told me we needed to drive to his friend's house on Kildare in 2000. It took many tries to actually get here because I had no idea the highway bisected it or that there were so many one-way streets, but when we eventually arrived, I was gob-smacked. How was it possible that I had lived in Chicago for over ten years and never knew this gem of a neighborhood existed? We got engaged and bought our first house, a 2-flat on Tripp, almost immediately, and then moved into a single-family home a few years later. We love this neighborhood and its awesome residents. Happy to continue with membership and the newsletter for as long as I am allowed.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

David Ryan

Past/Present Participation with OIPA: I am a longtime Old Irving Park Association member and meeting attendee. Having recently retired, I would like to become more involved in serving our community.

Past/Present Volunteer Activities (non-OIPA): I am a past member of the St. Viator Elementary School Board and served on the St. Viator Parish Finance Committee. On two occasions, I hosted the Irving Park Garden Club's Midsummer's Night Stroll and also opened my yard to the community on IPGC's annual garden walk. I have been a volunteer for two organizations, Food for Greater Elgin and the Community Crisis Center in Elgin, IL.

Past/Present Professional Experience: For the past 20 years, I was the director of security at Caesars Entertainment Inc. in Elgin IL. Prior to that, I served in the Chicago Police Department, Detective Division, as a supervisor in the Violent Crimes Unit.

Goals/Priorities as a member of the OIPS Board: I am a life-long resident of Chicago. My wife and I have resided in Old Irving Park for 34 years. Our two sons graduated from St. Viator Elementary School. I hold an MBA with an emphasis in finance from St. Xavier University, Chicago.

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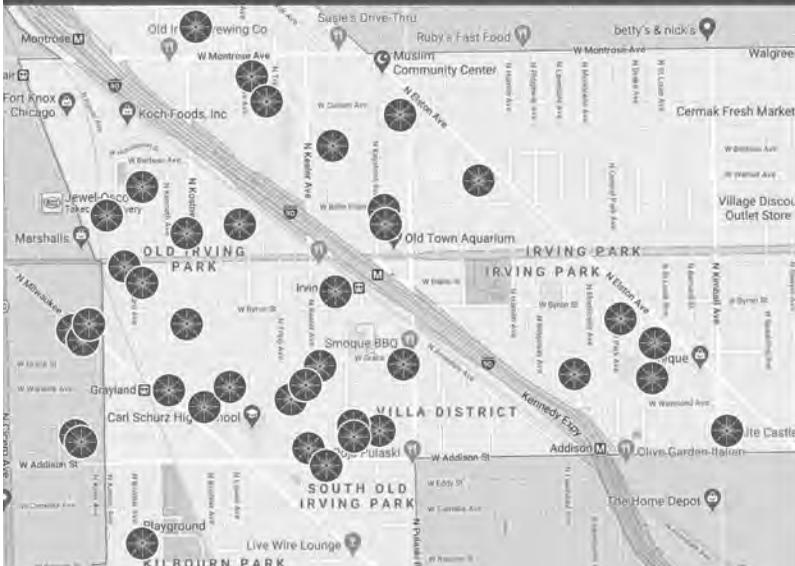
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OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT



Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting on August 1, 2022

Submitted by Nicholas Frank, Board Member

Meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m.

Attendees: Adrienne Chan, Meredith O'Sullivan, Lynn Ankney, Scott Legan, Colleen Kenny, Michael Cannon, and Nicholas Frank.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Ankney presented the Treasurer's report for the months of June and July and the end of the fiscal year report. The board did not meet in July (summer break), and the fiscal year closed on June 30, 2022. See page 10 of this newsletter to view the fiscal year overview. The financial reports were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

OIPA Membership: Meredith O'Sullivan provided the membership update for the board. By the time of publication all OIPA All-Star members should have received their swag bags. This year's bag included a commemorative bottle of wine celebrating our 2022 All-Star members as well as a wine sleeve, picnic blanket, frisbee, and insulated water bottle. We hope our members can put these items to good use at late summer/early fall barbeques and gatherings.

The board also discussed hosting our annual All-Star member party again next year. We took a couple of years off because of the pandemic but are hopeful and excited to get together in 2023 (with a tentative date set for May 5, 2023). If you are already an All-Star member, we cannot wait to see you, and if you are considering renewing your OIPA membership at this higher level, we hope that a party is just the encouragement you need.

Speaking about OIPA membership, the board discussed kicking a membership drive in September renewals

happen at the end of August. If you have not already renewed your membership, please make sure that you do so today so that this is not the last edition of the Old Irving Park News that you receive. (Note that if you are on "auto renewal", you'll receive communication from Meredith O'Sullivan letting you know you can ignore our "renew your dues" pleas).

Lastly, regarding membership, the board discussed the delivery of the OIPA branded canvas bags. Those of you who are OIPA members at the Good Neighbor (\$75) level will have received a bag with this newsletter. All-Star level members received their bags last month filled with the above goodies.

Board of Directors: The next part of the conversation turned inward to the OIPA board of directors' roles and responsibilities. Director elections are this fall, and candidate statements are published in this edition of the newsletter (page 2). Since OIPA directors and officers are volunteers, we want to ensure they are playing a role that utilizes their strengths and fulfills them. We had a productive conversation with visual help from the flow charts produced by Scott Legan and Lynn Ankney depicting OIPA's roles as a neighborhood civic organization. By the end of the discussion, the board reached a decision to individually consider and sign up for the role we wanted to volunteer to lead and reconvene virtually to solidify the responsibilities.

Old & New Business

39th Ward Business:

- The demo permits have been issued for the former



OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

Salvation Army building on the 4100 block of North Pulaski Ave.

45th Ward Business:

- The board discussed resurfacing of Irving Park Road. No new information or timelines had been shared at the time of the meeting.
- A concerned neighbor asked the board who is responsible for repairing broken and damaged streetscaping along Irving Park Road in the OIP boundaries. Adrienne Chan said she would look into this, but the board agreed that it would be unwise to begin any streetscaping repairs until the street resurfacing project is complete.

Adopt a Green Space:

- The garden beds (N1-3) located at the west end of the OIP boundaries on the north side of Irving Park Road were cleaned up by Farmers Market Garden Center in early June, but now it is the end of summer, and require weeding and TLC. **Adrienne Chan** and I agreed to organize a cleanup on Saturday, August 13.

Gertrud Kolmar Park Updates:

- We are excited to announce the dedication of Gertrud Kolmar Park by the Chicago Park District! The dedication event will be held on Thursday, September 22, at 2 p.m. In order to accommodate the attendance of members of Gertrud Kolmar's family making the trip from Australia, this event was rescheduled from its original date earlier this summer.

Openlands Tree Planting:

- A fall tree planting event focusing on the OIP streets north of Irving Park Road is yet to be scheduled. There is a chance the planting could be moved to spring 2023. Please watch this newsletter and OIPA e-blasts for the specific details.

Murals:

- Novak Construction and Novak Development are fully sponsoring a new gateway mural on the south side of Irving Park Road just west of Kolmar Ave. Community involvement was sought, and a mural design was selected in late July. At the time of the board meeting, no dates have been set for painting, including community painting days. (Editor's note: By the time of publication, the community painting days have been held. Thank you to everyone, including **State Representative Lindsay LaPointe**, who helped paint this beautiful new addition to our neighborhood!)

Century House Program:

- Following the June Old Irving Park Historical Society presentation, many new Century House plaques have been applied for, approved, and delivered! The board discussed adding an online payment option to the OIPA website for new applicants interested in securing this recognition for their homes.

Upcoming Meetings

General Meetings:

- **September 12**, 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church – Welcome Back Wine & Cheese in the Garden and OIPA board director elections.
- **October 10**, 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church – Ghost Stories in the Garden.
- **November 14**, 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church – Senator Rob Martwick & Rep Lindsay LaPointe.

Board Meetings:

- September 6
- October 3
- November 7

Meeting Concluded at 8:35 p.m.



Year End June 2022 Overview Fiscal Year End Report (June 30, 2022)

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Bank of America Checking	\$56,021.99
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Membership Dues - Standard	14,154.74
Membership Dues - Premium (+ donations)	9,139.24
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$32,654.63
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Newsletter - Design	\$8,367.40
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Meeting Expenses - Rental + Refreshment	826.66
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Federal and State Annual Reports	10.00
Murals	1,500.00
Greenspaces	1,285.08
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Rededicating the Park in Gertrud Kolmar's Honor

— Merry Marwig



Gertrud Kolmar Park Dedication Event in memory of 20th century author and poet, Gertrud Kolmar.

**September 22, 2022 at 2 p.m.
4145 N. Kolmar Avenue, Chicago**

On September 22, 2022, at 2 p.m., we invite neighbors to join us for a rededication event of Old Irving Park's Kolmar Park in honor of author and poet Gertrud Kolmar. Kolmar is considered one of the greatest German-language poets of all time and one of the greatest poets of Jewish descent. Born in 1894 to an assimilated middle-class Jewish family in Berlin, Kolmar's love of language was quickly evident: she was an educator, interpreter, and author.

The Nazis separated Gertrud's family in 1941, and she was ordered into forced labor at that time. In early March 1943, she was arrested and deported to the

Save The Date

Gertrud Kolmar Park Dedication Event

In memory of 20th century author and poet, Gertrud Kolmar.



She wrote in German, her family roots were in Poland, she was murdered because she was Jewish, and her legacy survives.

**September 22, 2022 at 2pm
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Kolmar Park

Auschwitz concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Poland. Kolmar was one of 1,100,000 human beings who died in the camp. Kolmar’s surviving work consists of four hundred fifty poems, three plays, and two short stories.

The park was originally named for adjoining Kolmar Avenue, which had been named for a European city located on the border between France and Germany. Plans for the park began in 1929 when the Irving Park District ordered a survey of its .8-acre site. The district intended to build a small fieldhouse and separate boys’ and girls’ playgrounds, but minimal site improvements were undertaken due to a major funding shortage.

In 1934, the Great Depression necessitated the consolidation of the city’s 22 independent park agencies into the Chicago Park District. The newly-created park district soon began work to complete Kolmar Park using federal relief funds.

In 2022, due to effort by neighbors in the Old Irving Park neighborhood and leaders in Chicago’s Jewish community, the park was rededicated to honor Gertrud Käthe Chodziesner, known by the literary pseudonym Gertrud Kolmar (1894-1943). Park advocates hope this park will remind us all to be compassionate and accepting and to promote peace.

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Beets with Horseradish & Chives

From Lottie and Doof,
submitted by Merry Marwig

For this month's recipe, we are celebrating horseradish – a root vegetable with a kick! Right here in our own state in southern Illinois, we grow 60% of the world's horseradishes. Grab your ingredients, some bowls and spoons and get started on this month's recipe featuring this strong and spicy veggie.



Photo by Natalia Fogarty on Unsplash

Ingredients:

- Beets:
- 1 pound red beets, stemmed, scrubbed and dried
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Dressing and Serving:
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon of freshly ground pepper
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Prepared horseradish
- Fresh chives (about a dozen), cut into 1-inch pieces

Directions

- Preheat the oven to 400°F. Place the beets in a small baking dish and toss them with the oil, salt and pepper. Cover the dish tightly with foil and bake for 60-75 minutes, or until the beets are tender and easily pierced with a knife. Remove the foil and set the beets aside until cool enough to handle. When cool, remove the skin from the beets and cut them into 1/2-inch cubes. Transfer the cubed beets to a medium-sized bowl.
- Make a dressing by whisking together the apple cider vinegar, mustard, salt, pepper and olive oil. Pour the dressing over the beets and toss to coat them. Add between 1-4 tablespoons of prepared horseradish to the bowl with the beets and toss to evenly distribute. Taste and adjust seasoning. Transfer to a serving platter and top with the chives. Serve at room temperature, or cold. Four servings.



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Robert & Cecile Bloomfield
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Heidi Aguilar
Laura Baginski
Blake Batterson
Steve Bauman
Bob Becksted
Stacey Blaha
Ted Bougher
Tom Brandt
Steve Broderick
Michelle Clark
Diana Clegg
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Avery Linnemeyer
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Nathan Wolf
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Labor Day Labors — Claudia Hine

Autumn is a busy time for gardeners. Harvesting late season crops, dividing perennials, and spreading mulch for the coming cold Chicago winter are just a few of the chores on their minds. Grass still needs mowing, weeds need pulling, and there are always bulbs to plant for spring flowers.

Members of the Irving Park Garden Club also have a few programs to attend this fall, as our season — which typically ends in October — has been extended this year for one final meeting in November. A trip to the Anderson Japanese Gardens is planned for September; guest speakers from Outlier Farmstead will discuss growing organic food in October; and a talk by OIPA member **Amy Meadows** on “Behind the Scenes: Marshall Field’s at Christmastime” will take us through November.



Is there anything better than a homegrown, vine-ripened tomato?

Our judges also were out last month to choose the winners of OIPA’s Inground Adopt-a-Greenspace Garden contest. They selected four award winners for best overall space and for honorable mentions in design, creativity, and color. The winning gardens have been chosen and sent to OIPA for presentation.

Recognizing how difficult those spaces along Irving Park Road are to maintain, the judges send their appreciation to the OIPA members who take on these plots. Just keeping them free of litter is a real chore.



Katie Orozco picks up flowers to put in the IPGC planter called Tutti Frutti in March.



Check Us Out

We've had a fun season so far, and I thought you might enjoy seeing some photos of our activities to date. (Photos by Claudia Hine unless otherwise noted.) We've held a number of events, including a plant exchange, garden walk/art show, and midsummer stroll. We've also heard from speakers on how to select the right tree and on native plants and pollinators.

In addition, our members participated in a day of service cleanup along Irving Park Rd. on Martin Luther King Jr. Day in January and an OIPA-organized Clean & Green in April. We also tend the Tripp Garden by the firehouse across from Eris Brewery.



Eileen Cole displayed paintings and jewelry as part of the Art and the Garden event in June.

We are busy learning, sharing our plants, supporting our community, and having fun. Hope your summer was equally fulfilling.

Interested in joining the Garden Club?

Contact Claudia Hine at claudiahine@icloud.com or call 773-685-6445 for more information. Visit us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub).

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thursday, September 15	<i>Check the Garden Club member newsletter for meeting & event details.</i>
Saturday, October 22	
Thursday, November 17	



The pond in Myra Karegianes and Owen Field's garden was a highlight on the club's annual garden walk in June.



A big group gathered in Margaret and Vernon O'Donnell's backyard for the Midsummer Night's Stroll in July.

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BACK TO SCHOOL IN THE 1800s

-LAURA MARIE SANCHEZ



After the recent "History of Old Irving Park" presentation at the OIPA meeting, you may wonder who "Bacmeister" is, whose photography formed the backbone of the Irving Park Historical Society archives. Dr. Theodore Bacmeister was a practicing physician on the staff of Illinois Masonic, Ravenswood, and the old Belmont hospitals. He was born May 15, 1878, in Stark County, Illinois (near Peoria), and he came to Chicago to practice medicine around the turn of the century. His hobby was photography, and he was able to record a history of the Irving Park community dating back to 1868 through his photographs, as well as documenting photographs loaned to him by his patients and neighbors. He would periodically give talks and show lantern slides to neighborhood groups. He was active in the neighborhood, serving as a member of the

Board of the Irving Park Methodist church and a charter member of the Irving Park YMCA. He and his wife Elizabeth lived at 4041 N. Keeler (one of the houses demolished for the Kennedy expressway). When he passed away on May 17, 1941, this kind and generous man was mourned by the entire neighborhood.



Dr. and Mrs. Bacmeister in their backyard, 1904.

Photo above: Unidentified class and teacher in front of Irving Park School, circa 1888. View is looking south on 3800 block of N. Kedvale towards Grace.



Freshman class at Jefferson High School, 1891.



Jefferson High School, Wilson at Knox, built 1883.

The Jefferson Township High School was built in 1883. That high school operated until 1910. When the school closed, students were transferred to Carl Schurz High School.

In 1927 the old Jefferson Township High School was razed, and a new school building was built at Wilson and Knox. This new school was part of the Chicago Public Schools. In 1961 it became part of the City-wide Colleges of Chicago and was known as Mayfair College until 1976, when Mayfair College became part of Truman College. In 1985, the Irish American Heritage Center (IAHC) bought the building seeking to establish a center to enhance the study of Irish culture with programming centered on Irish dance, literature, heritage, music, and Irish American cultural contributions to the United States.

– Excerpted from *TripAdvisor*

All photos from the Theodore Bacmeister Collection, Irving Park Historical Society Archives.



Photo by Liz Mills

MAP is Enrolling Students for the 2022-2023 School Year. – Liz Mills

The Magic After-School Place (MAP) serves children in kindergarten through 8th grade at Belding and Murphy schools. We focus on assisting with homework completion and activities designed to encourage socialization and fun! With a sliding scale tuition structure based on income, MAP is a valuable partner for working families of all income levels who need a safe place for their children to go after school. The program meets in the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym at Harding & Belle Plaine. Registration information is available at carlsoncommunityservices.org/programs/magic-after-school-place/registration-and-tuition/. Contact Rebecca at mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org for more details.

Three Brothers Garden News

Our Garden Coordinator, Claire Lyons, wrapped up the season in mid-August to return to college. Thanks for your excellent work, Claire! As of mid-August, we've harvested beets, lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, green beans, squash, and radishes for the Irving Park Food Pantry. We'll be harvesting in the garden every Tuesday through October from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 4107 N. Pulaski, next to the IPLC parking lot. Please join us! If you'd like to receive our email notices, send your contact info to lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Plant a Row for the Hungry

Three Brothers Garden has a solution if your home vegetable garden produces more than you and your family can enjoy. In a program called Plant a Row for the Hungry, you can dedicate a row in your garden to growing crops for the Irving Park Food Pantry. Bring your surplus to the garden on Tuesdays before 6 pm.

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 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 if you'd like to stay informed about all that is happening!



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Carlson Community Services

(Your produce donations can be placed on the table under the pergola.) Veggies will be brought to the Food Pantry Wednesday morning for immediate distribution to Food Pantry clients.

Carlson Community Services Golf Outing

Join us for Carlson's 2022 Golf Outing at the lovely and conveniently located Edgebrook Golf Course. The annual event raises funds for Carlson Community Services' after-school program, community garden, and free concert series. The outing is slated for Friday, September 16, beginning at 11:30 am at Edgebrook Golf Course, 6100 N. Central Ave. in Chicago. Golfers will enjoy the picturesque setting of the golf course,

set among the Forest Preserve's mature trees and the meandering Chicago River.

Tee times begin at 11:30 am. The day wraps up with a light dinner and drinks in the beautiful picnic grove and pavilion on the grounds. Entry is \$125, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, dinner, drinks, and prizes. Plus, the opportunity to win great raffle prizes! Carlson's Golf Outing is a great way to support neighborhood programs while having a blast with your friends!

Visit carlsoncommunityservices.org/event for information on how to register. Individual golfers' fees are \$125 and \$500 for a foursome. Dinner can be purchased for \$35 per person. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 per hole!

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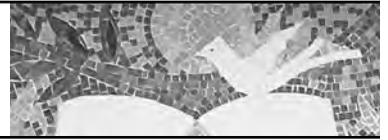
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Viator Vibrations — Sara Yoest

The 2022-23 school year has gotten off to a great start! While it is sad to say goodbye to summer, we're always excited to have our classrooms filled with students and teachers eagerly looking forward to the promise of a new school year.

Cheer for the Eagles Cross Country Team!

The St. Viator Cross Country team started practice on August 15. Our co-ed team, consisting of 5th–8th grade runners, will have their first meet on Saturday, September 10, at the DePaul Prep Ram Invitational at Horner Park. Let's Go Eagles!

Movies in the Lot

Sunset Cinema will return to the St. Viator campus with outdoor movies in the parking lot on August 26 and September 16 (weather permitting). Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on and bring your refreshments. Meet up and mingle with friends before the movie starts at dusk.

In Motion Fun

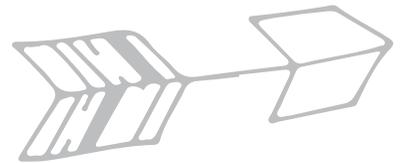
Wiggles & Giggles, the beloved St. Viator playgroup for newborns – 4 years of age, will start again in October 2022! All parents and caregivers are invited to attend this fun playtime with their child(ren) in the St. Viator Rec Center gym at 3644 N. Kedvale Avenue. Kids will enjoy playing in the open gym with balls, hula hoops, blocks, tunnels, books, and more!

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.

www.stviatorchicago.org | Follow us on Facebook: St. Viator Elementary School and Parish, Chicago

Registration Still Open

Are you new to the Old Irving Park neighborhood, or are you still considering preschool or elementary school options for the 2022-23 school year? Limited seats are available in select classrooms; please contact Marge Tiritilli in the school office at mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org or call 773-545-2173 with questions regarding admission or to schedule a private in-person tour.



The Beer & BBQ Challenge

returned to St. Viator's parking lot on August 6 for the final time to showcase food and brews from 16 teams of pitmasters and craft brewers. A huge thank you to all who invested nine years of blood, sweat, and tears (and laughs) in making this event a success.



St Viator Principal, Mrs. Lisa Rieger is joined by volunteers MaryPat and Frank Serpone at the registration table.



John & Jill Arena celebrating the Inglorious Bastards team being awarded 2nd place best BBQ!



Super cool, amazing volunteers, still smiling in the sweltering heat.





Help Pantry with Toiletries

The Irving Park Food Pantry needs help to continue to supply its clients with basic toiletries since we added that area to our mission. We try to remain stocked in toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, razors, and shaving cream. But the items are very popular, and we often run out.

Other popular items include diapers (especially #4, 5, and 6), baby wipes (given to those requesting diapers), dish washing liquid, hair conditioner, floss, and sunscreen.

If you would like to donate to the program:

- Use our online Amazon registry to have products sent directly to us or shop locally.
- Donations can be taken to Big Helpers (4184 N. Elston Ave.) on Monday through Friday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or on the front porch at 3912 N. Kenneth Ave.) any time.
- Monetary donations can be made via PayPal at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org
- By check to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago, IL 60618. Both can be marked, so the donation is used to purchase items for the Toiletry program.

We also need cat food (we get large amounts of dog food) and have online registries for those items. Local purchases can be dropped off at the above locations. Thank you to Pet Supplies Plus on Elston and manager Heather for requesting cat food and litter from customers on our behalf! We appreciate their efforts and hope you can donate to them or us.



Jill Hopke shows off some of the toiletries the Pantry gives out. They are constantly in short supply due to their popularity, and donations are welcome. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

This code will take you to the Pantry's toiletries registry on Amazon, where items can be sent to a Pantry volunteer directly.



Article submitted by Craig Shutt (773-282-3627; craigshutt@ameritech.net). John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry. Email: info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org, | www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry

School Supplies

Thank you to everyone who donated to our school-supply drive in August. Special thanks to the Ridgeway Parents group, Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, and Elim Christian Services, who donated large amounts to keep us going.



Sara Yoest and her girls Mae and Maggie helped put together bags of school supplies that were given out to the Pantry's clients throughout August. *Photo by Craig Shutt*



Visit Us at the Farmers Market at Independence Park

The Pantry will have volunteers working a booth at GIPNA's annual Farmers Market at Independence Park on September 11 and 25 and October 9 and 23. Stop by to say hello, make donations of toiletries, food, and money, and ask questions. Thank you to Greg Shea, market manager, for inviting us to participate and helping us with our setup. Thanks also to J.T.'s Genuine Sandwiches, donating a portion of its booth proceeds this season.

We appreciate everyone's support in helping us meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

Pantry volunteers will be on hand at the GIPNA Farmers Market at Independence Park in September and October to answer questions and accept donations. *Photo by John Psiharis*

CAT FOOD DONATIONS

This code will take you to the Pantry's registry for cat food at Amazon, with items sent to a volunteer who brings them in.



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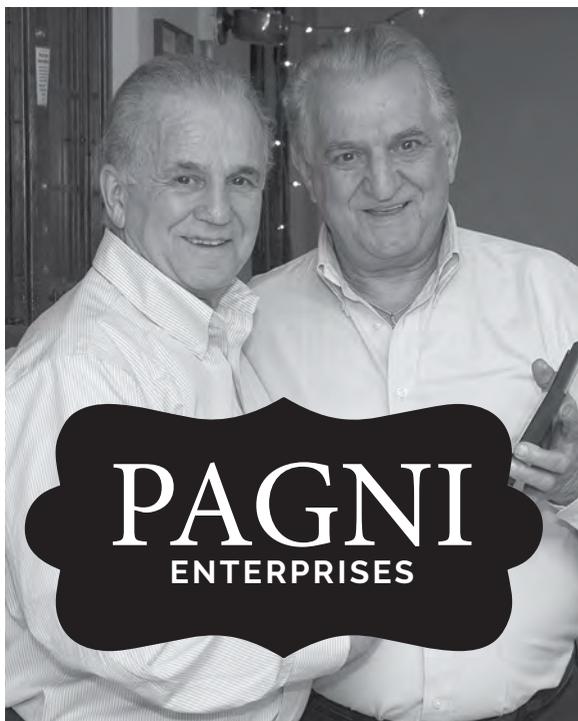
12 **OIPA General Meeting** | Welcome Back Wine & Cheese in the Garden and OIPA board director elections | 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church

16 **Carlson Community Services Golf Outing**, 11:30 a.m. start | Edgebrook Golf Course, 6100 N. Central Ave., carlsoncommunityservices.org/event

October

10 **OIPA General Meeting** | Ghost Stories in the Garden | 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church

22 **Carlson Community Services Trivia Night**, 7 p.m. | Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym, 4057 N. Harding Ave. | carlsoncommunityservices.org/event



Call for Contributions to the OIPA News.

We welcome individual article submissions for the newsletter! A few ideas:

- Give a shout-out to a kind neighbor.
- Did you recently visit a local business or restaurant? Then share your experience.
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- Share your knowledge on a topic.
- Share a photo (please include photo credit).

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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.
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- 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.**
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