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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



A Holiday Season Offering to Get You in the Spirit

— Annie Swingen



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We've passed Halloween and are well on our way to closing out 2023. Time is certainly flying by! This year marked a return to some semblance of normalcy with in-person OIPA meetings, volunteer activities, and scheduling our upcoming holiday party! To get into the holiday spirit and knock out some local holiday shopping, we encourage you to jump on the 2022 holiday trolley on Saturday, December 3! Organized by the Six Corners Association, Irving Austin Business District, Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce, and Jefferson Park Forward, the trolley makes your to-do list much shorter and more fun. And you can feel warm and cozy knowing you are supporting locally-owned businesses. Last year the trolley stopped at 39 shops, including Col · lec · tiv Pop Up Shop & Portage Park Tea, Distinct Bath and Body, and Printers Row Brewings. Grab a beignet at Junebug, a waffle cone at Lovin' Scoop, and pick up a growler for grandma at Eris. Santa has even been known to pop his head into the trolley! Check out the full-page trolley ad (next page) in this newsletter for all the details (times, routes, shops, etc.) and register to snag your spot on what will undoubtedly be a fun (and productive) Saturday!



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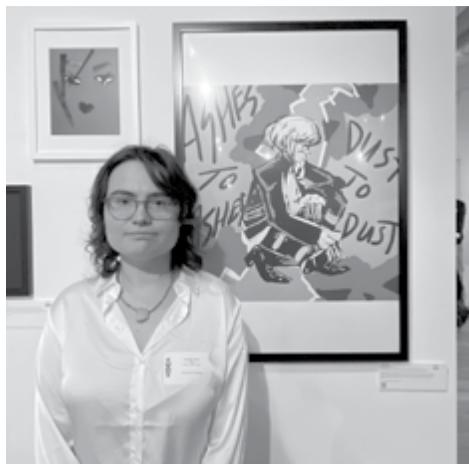
Art Exhibit dedicated to engaging and empowering individuals impacted by invisible and visible disabilities through the arts.

Old Irving Park resident **Hannah Ruark**'s art was part of a unique gallery exhibit that sought to promote awareness of epilepsy and empower individuals living with the neurological disorder that causes seizures through the arts. Many people with epilepsy say that the freedom of art helps them express their seizure experiences. For Hannah, her art is a powerful communication tool for experiences that are hard to explain in words.

Held at the Jackson Junge Gallery, 1389 N. Milwaukee Avenue, "1:26 The Art of Epilepsy" was hosted by the Hidden Truths Project, an organization founded by Dr. Julie Thompson-Dobkin. The show's name reflects the number of people in the population — one in 26 — who live with the disorder.

Dr. Thompson-Dobkin describes epilepsy as an invisible disability. Hidden Truths Projects art events, held in various locations across the country, aim to facilitate a dialogue based on lived experiences to dismantle the stigmatization associated with epilepsy. The Hidden Truths Project also gives artists opportunities to tell their stories and sell their work.

Attendees enjoyed fabulous appetizers provided by Unforgettable Edibles, and select wines by local vintners. Over 85 guests attended the show, to peruse the art and buy if they wished, and meet the artists.



Artist Hannah Ruark poses in front of one of her art pieces at the recent "1:26 The Art of Epilepsy" gallery show, which also served as fundraiser for the Hidden Truths Projects and gives artists an opportunity to sell their work. .



Art is a way of making sense of the considerable impact that recurring seizures can have on your life. Art can help a person develop self-awareness and come to terms with the uncertainties of epilepsy.

Pictured at left are a few of the featured artists who were on hand to discuss their work and the evenings MC (far left). Hannah is third from right.

All photos by Kaitlyn Keely.

OLD IRVING PARK ASSOCIATION

Holiday Party

**Join Us for the
Old Irving Park Association
Annual Member
Holiday Party**

Sunday, December 4 | 5–8 p.m.

**La Villa Restaurant • La Strada
3638 North Pulaski Road**

OIPA will treat members to pizza, sides,
and soft drinks. Cash bar available.

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Space will be limited to the first
70 OIPA members to RSVP.

Please RSVP to our form at
<https://bit.ly/OIPAHoliday2022>
or use the QR code below.

Include the number of people attending—adults,
kids (ages 6–12), and wee ones (5 and under).



OIPA BOARD WARD UPDATE



Our members know that a core mission of the Old Irving Park Association is to inform and engage our community. Did you know all 50 seats of the Chicago City Council (aka The Aldermen and Alderwomen) will be up for re-election in February 2023? In September, Ald. Ariel Reboyras, 30th Ward, announced he will leave after his term is over. Did you also know Old Irving Park will soon be in three wards? To find out the ward in which you live, visit www.chicago.gov, select Government > City Council.

OIPA has historically partnered with other civic associations to host Aldermanic candidate forums. As of this writing, we don't plan to hold any forums before the February election. Why? Because we are expecting runoffs in all three elections.

What's a runoff? It's an election between the top two vote recipients coming out of the general election that will be held on February 28, 2023. If no candidate receives 50% plus one vote during the election, then the top two vote recipients will move on to a runoff election on April 4, 2023.

As of this writing, OIPA has assembled the candidates vying for your vote based on news reports. OIPA has not verified candidate filings with the State Board of Elections, nor do we endorse any candidate. As necessary, we plan to update this list and reprint this information in the December OIP News.

— Lynn Ankney, OIPA Board Member

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45th Ward (OIP North of Irving Park Road until the Interstate)

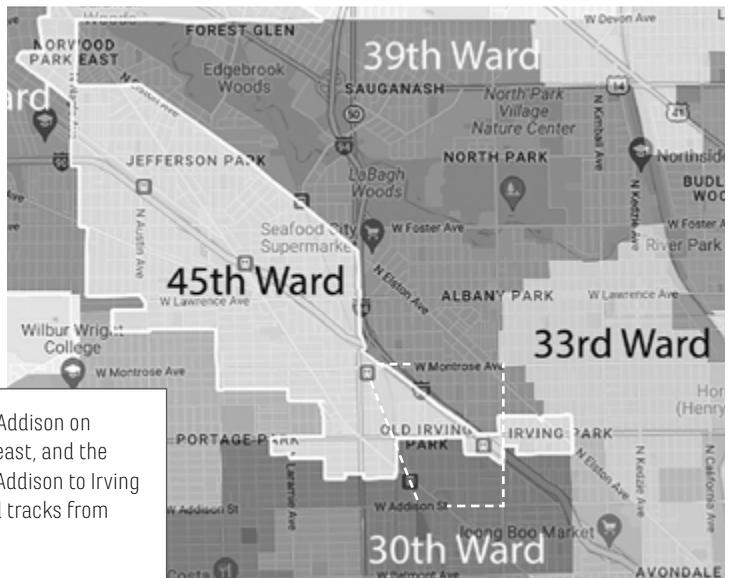
- Susanna Ernst: <https://susannafor45.com>
- James Gardiner (incumbent)
- Megan Mathias: www.meganfor45thward.com
- Ana Santoyo: www.anaforward45.com
- Marija Tomic

39th Ward (OIP South of Montrose until the interstate)

- Denali Dasgupta: www.denalifor39.com
- Samantha Nugent (incumbent)

30th Ward (OIP South of Irving Park Road with a carve out near the Irving Park Blue Line stop)

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Proper Bonkers Offers Antiques, Décor, and Much More — Terry McGuire

Eclectic and Unique Selection of Vintage Furniture and Home Décor and Art Arrives in the Neighborhood

For several months, when driving east on Irving Park Road, my wife and I noticed a new store on the northeastern corner of Elston at Irving Park Road called Proper Bonkers. Several interesting objects stood in the doorway, which appeared to be the area's first antique store. We finally stopped by and met the owners Erena Terman and her husband, Ron, who opened their store last year.



On our visit, we found a cut above most antique and interior décor places, tastefully arranged in two rooms. While the Covid epidemic cut down drastically on walk-in traffic, the Termans stuck it through and are now finding more people dropping by to see what they have.

The shop's name implies a British connection, but that isn't the case. The thought behind the name, says Ron, is that "we are both a little bonkers." Their wares come from estate sales, auctions, collectors, and fairs.

"We try to research the pieces, so we can talk about them," says Ron. Some items are legitimate antiques, at least 100 years old, but many are mid-century items, including paintings, sculptures, porcelain, prints, furniture, and decorative items not often seen in similar stores.

Prices are competitive. This is their first retail venture, and they hope to keep customers who come in for a





OIPA MEMBER ADVENTURES



Pictured above a sample of the eclectic offerings at Proper Bonkers. Pictured at right co-owner Ron Terman.

All photos by Terry McGuire.



unique gift as regular clients. There aren't many places in or near Old Irving Park that offer interesting antiques and window shopping. The Termans stir interest by changing the window display every couple of months. The displays are quite attractive, and they caught our eye enough to check out the shop. Proper Bonkers is worth stopping by to look at and purchase a unique item or antique. And the owners are delightful.

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Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting on October 3, 2022

Submitted by Nicholas Frank, Board Member

President Adrienne Chan called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Attendees: Meredith O'Sullivan, Adrienne Chan, Lynn Ankney, Merry Marwig, Scott Legan, Colleen Kenny, Michael Cannon, Annie Swingen, Dave Ryan, and Nicholas Frank.

Treasurer's Report

Lynn Ankney presented the September Treasurer's report. Several receipts were posted in September, most of which were membership renewals, including a big bump in All-Star memberships and newsletter advertising. The report was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

OIPA Membership

At the time of the meeting, OIPA had 539 member households. **Meredith O'Sullivan** also reported that there were 167 lapsed memberships in 2022. Some of these neighbors have moved out of Old Irving Park, and others have simply forgotten to renew during the renewal season. Membership auto-renewals can prevent you from missing out on your October newsletter next year.

You can sign up for auto-renewal at: <https://oldirvingpark.com/join-us-step-one>.

Did you know that your OIPA membership helps to support organizations in the Old Irving Park community? We will feature the nine organizations to whom OIPA donates annually next month in our December newsletter. We hope you will remember these organizations when considering your charitable giving around the holidays.

The board also discussed switching from a spreadsheet to an actual database to keep track of membership data. This switch may incur additional costs but will be a significant improvement.

Newsletter

The board discusses ideas for the upcoming month or two's newsletters each month. Most of these discussions center on seasonal activities and highlights or businesses to spotlight in OIP and our surrounding communities. In this issue, you will find information about upcoming community activities such as the annual OIPA Holiday Party (page 5), the Northwest side Holiday Trolley sponsored by various businesses and chambers of commerce (page 3), and a recipe column highlighting OIP block events like chili cook-offs, held during the fall. If you have anything you would like to see in the OIPA newsletter, please email your ideas or, better yet, submit a written article to hello@oldirvingpark.com, and we will publish it in an upcoming newsletter.

Board of Directors

The board revisited the roles and responsibilities conversation we started back in August. **Lynn Ankney** volunteered to continue managing the OIPA email accounts and sending out regular e-blasts to members of the email group. **Merry Marwig** volunteered to step up and lead the neighborhood beautification committee. If you are looking for a place to get involved and value the work that OIPA does in our community, please let us know. We would love to have you join one of



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our committees and bring your talents and volunteer efforts to continue improving our amazing corner of Chicago!

Old & New Business

- **Upcoming Municipal Elections:** Due to Ward redistricting, OIPA is now in three aldermanic wards, 30, 39, and 45. The board discussed partnering with other northwest side civic organizations to organize and hold aldermanic forums following the election on February 23, 2023. The forums will allow the community to hear from the Alderman facing runoff elections on April 4.
- **Openlands Tree Planting:** The planting planned for fall 2022 has officially been moved to the spring. The new planting date will be Saturday, April 15.
- **Gertrud Kolmar Park:** The park rededication event was a resounding success! Kudos to everyone who volunteered their time and talent, especially to OIPA board member Merry Marwig who worked over two years to make this name change a reality. The board

discussed the addition of a plaque to the tree that was planted in Gertrud Kolmar's honor or perhaps a plaque for the park's fence. The plaque will mark the significance of Gertrud Kolmar for visitors of the park for decades to come.

Upcoming Meetings

General Meetings:

- November 14, 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church – Senator Rob Martwick.
- December – No General meeting. Come to the Holiday Party on December 4 at LaVilla.
- January – No general meeting.
- February 13, 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. More information to come.

Board Meetings:

- November 7

The OIPA board of directors meeting ended at 8:41 p.m.

Stay Connected, Be Informed

There are a variety ways for you to connect with OIPA and your neighbors.



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Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

on Monday October 10, 2022, 7 p.m. — Nicholas Frank, Board Member

Cool fall temperatures and shorter days brought us back inside at St. John's Episcopal Church for the October OIPA Members meeting. Though the weather was getting colder and the nights longer, more than a dozen neighbors were in attendance. Complimentary wine and sparkling water may have been a draw for a few neighbors, but I won't point any fingers.

OIPA President Adrienne Chan started the meeting at 7:05 p.m. by introducing 39th ward **Alderman Samantha Nugent**. Alderman Nugent had another scheduled engagement to attend immediately after the OIPA meeting, so she kicked us off.

The Alderman started by highlighting a couple of 39th ward projects underway within Old Irving Park's boundaries. Permits have been issued for a new Cozy Corner restaurant being built at 4056 N. Pulaski Road (This is the site of the former Salvation Army community center that was demolished in late September.). Also, the removal of two traffic circles on Keeler Avenue between the Kennedy Expressway and Montrose. These traffic circles are in rough shape after being rolled over by trucks many times.

Next, Alderman Nugent shared that the Participatory Budgeting (PB) process has begun in the 39th Ward. Participatory Budgeting is a process that allows community members to play a part in the allocation of discretionary money to fund infrastructure projects that improve their neighborhoods. Neighbors in the 39th Ward can nominate infrastructure projects now. Next, the PB Committee will review the nominations and determine which projects will be on



39th Ward Alderman Samantha Nugent providing ward highlights and updates on projects. *Photo by Kathleen Kearns*

the community ballot. The selected projects can be voted on by ward constituents aged 14 and older. The winning projects will be funded in 2023!

As most of you know, Ward maps were redrawn this year, and some of OIP's aldermanic wards have changed. Alderman Nugent shared that the 39th ward boundaries within Old Irving Park remain unchanged after redistricting. 30th and 45th ward boundaries have changed, and now, along with the 39th, our neighborhood is cut into three Wards.

Participatory Budgeting in Chicago

Since its inception, PB Chicago has engaged over **13,000 residents in 12 different communities** to directly decide how to spend over **\$18 million in public dollars.**

Source: UIC Great Cities Institute and PB Chicago, www.pbchicago.org/pb-in-chicago

Municipal elections will be held on February 23, 2023, with a crowded field of candidates in all three Wards. Most Wards will likely go to a runoff election on April 4. (See Page 6 of this newsletter for a list of candidates and Ward boundaries)

Alderman Nugent finished her time by inviting a few questions from those in attendance.

Q: In response to a community meeting the Alderman held to address flooding in neighbors' homes following the supercell that dropped more than five inches of rain on areas on the north side of the city: How can I submit a claim to the city in response to the recent flooding event?

A: Start by submitting a 311 request through the ward office and take pictures of the damage to your property. The 39th ward office is working with the city and state to qualify for Federal Disaster Relief money. If the city qualifies, money will be disbursed based on need.

Q: What more can be done to improve the conditions under the viaducts in our neighborhood?

A: Power washing has been ordered for the area under all overpasses (the expressway, Metra, and

CTA tracks on Irving Park Road, Keeler, and Kostner Ave). The Alderman continues to work with the CDOT, CTA, and IDOT to identify and address additional improvements under the viaducts in our neighborhood.

After the short Q&A, Alderman Nugent thanked OIPA for the invitation and relinquished the floor to President Adrienne Chan. Adrienne introduced herself and the rest of the board members in attendance. She welcomed first-time attendees, with one new neighbor raising their hand and introducing them self.

Adrienne continued with the announcements reiterating the importance and opportunity that Participatory Budgeting brings to the 39th Ward and Old Irving Park. Neighbors can nominate projects within the community that have a chance of being funded with part of the \$500,000 budget. **Lynn Ankney** shared her experience with Participatory Budgeting challenging members to nominate and vote for one or two projects to rally behind as a community. If we unite behind one project, this is a much better chance of getting that project funded!

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Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting on October 10, 2022 — *Continued from page 13*

Other announcements:

- The 45th Ward is hosting an informational meeting on October 18 at 6 p.m. in response to the September flooding. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will host this virtual meeting in conjunction with 45th Alderman Jim Gardner.
- OIPA is organizing its 3rd annual Halloween decoration contest. Walk the neighborhood and take pictures of your favorite decorations. Email nominations were due to hello@oldirvingpark.com by October 20, and voting was set to close on October 23. See the winner on Page 24 of this publication.
- The next OIPA General meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, at 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. Illinois State Senator Robert Martwick will be in attendance.
- The OIP holiday lights contest is just around the corner. Watch your email and social media for details to come. Last year the 4300 block of Kostner took home the coveted Crystal Snowflake award for their holiday arches!
- OIPA is bringing back the holiday party on Sunday, December 4, instead of the General Members meeting. The party will be held at La Villa Restaurant's La Strada [room], 3638 N Pulaski.

To wrap up the formal part of the meeting, President Chan welcomed questions from those in attendance.

Q: Is OIPA planning to do anything to introduce Aldermanic candidates ahead of the municipal elections in February?

A: Yes, OIPA plans to partner with other civic organizations on the NW side to host Aldermanic forums before the runoff elections on April 4.

Q: Could OIPA reach out to the Aldermanic candidates with a few important questions to our community before the February 23rd election?

A: Yes, we will field questions from members and select five to send to each candidate. Candidate answers will be published in the February newsletter.

Q: Does OIPA have the contact information for the group funding and scheduling regular cleanups in the neighborhood?

A: Yes, the email address is keepoipclean@gmail.com

Chicago Halloween Trivia Fun

For the remainder of the meeting, **Scott Legan** led us in a rousing game of Chicago Trivia hosted on the web platform Kahoot. The theme, *Haunted Chicago*, was a hit among attendees. A total of 15 questions were asked, with the top three scorers taking home OIPA swag as prizes. It was a lot of fun!

The meeting concluded at 7:48 p.m.



See page 5 for details.

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ADRIENNE'S RUSTIC RIDGE CHILI RECIPE

Submitted by Adrienne Chan



In October, the 4000-4100 block of North Kilbourn held our annual chili cook-off after a two-year hiatus. We welcomed it back with record numbers of entries—10 chilis, stews, and soups in all! This outdoor afternoon of neighbors, chili, and football has become such a fun tradition, second only to our annual block party. There are usually some “heated” debates over what constitutes chili, but we all agree that there is no better food for a cool fall day than a hot bowl of food from the slow cooker. One of the great things about chilis and stews is that you just need a base recipe, and then you can adjust the ingredients to taste and make the chili your own. Regardless of what you might choose to call it, here is one of my old chili recipes, named after the place where I first made it for a group of friends on a fall girls’ weekend getaway.

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 medium onion (chopped)
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp cayenne
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- ½ cup red pepper (chopped)
- ½ cup green pepper (chopped)
- 4-6 tomatillos (chopped) (optional)
- 4 garlic cloves (minced)
- 28 oz. can of diced tomatoes (undrained)
(or two 14.5 oz cans – sometimes I’ll use diced tomatoes w/green chiles or jalapenos, some “hot” variety)
- 6 oz tomato paste
- 2 14.5-15 oz cans of spicy chili beans (undrained)

Instructions

- Brown ground beef and onion in a pan and drain. Add spices to meat mixture and cook on medium heat for a couple of minutes.
- Add meat mixtures and all remaining ingredients to Slow Cooker and cook on high for 3-4 hours, stirring occasionally.



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Sarah & Patrick Ryan
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Kara Spak & Steve Warmbir



November Kid & Pet Birthdays



Maren Cicere
Lily Horvath
Griffin Lynch
Michael Bernard Maron III
Seamus O'Sullivan
Sinead O'Sullivan
Rylan Pitts
Sonia Sanders
Alex Wolf
Andrew Wolf

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



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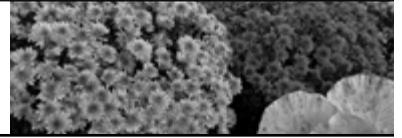
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4205 N. Kilpatrick.....	\$715,000
3853 N. Keeler.....	\$1,200,000
3919 N. Tripp.....	\$1,200,000



Attached Single Family

4147 N. Kedvale, 2A.....	\$155,000
4332 N. Keeler, 2A.....	\$165,000
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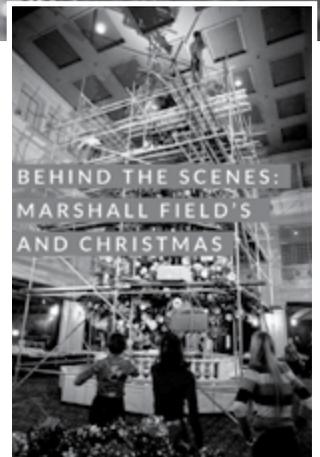
Traditionally, the Irving Park Garden Club holds its final meeting of the season in October. This year, however, the club has added a special November gathering to celebrate the holiday season.

OIP resident **Amy Meadows**, a retail design consultant at Windows Matter, will present “Behind the Scenes: Marshall Field’s and Christmas” on Thursday, November 17, at 7 p.m., at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave. Amy spent many years dressing those iconic windows at Marshall Fields, in what she describes as “the world’s coolest job,” and her presentation will take us on a trip down memory lane.

Many of us have fondly recall making special excursions to the Loop to view Field’s themed windows and have lunch under the Christmas tree in the Walnut Room. It’s sure to be lovely evening.



IPGC members will see how Marshall Field’s decorated the magical Walnut Room Christmas tree and its window displays at the club’s November meeting.



Amy Meadows, Windows Matter, is the featured speaker at the Irving Park Garden Club’s November meeting.
Photos courtesy Amy Meadows.



And There's More

In addition to Amy's presentation, our members will participate in an old-fashioned holiday cookie exchange, sharing their culinary skills with the meeting attendees. Maybe they'll even share their recipes with us.

And if that's not enough of an incentive to attend, we'll also have a mini-art show. That might come in handy for some last-minute holiday shopping.

November Is Election Month

While we are all preparing to get out and vote in the midterm election in November, the garden club will be holding an election of its own. Running for a two-year term beginning in 2023, our slate of candidates for the IPGC board are: Cathey Curley, co-president/treasurer; Debbie Maher, co-president; Chris Omiotek, vice president; and Sue Geisler, secretary.

Garden club events are for members only. If you are interested in joining, contact claudiahine@icloud.com.



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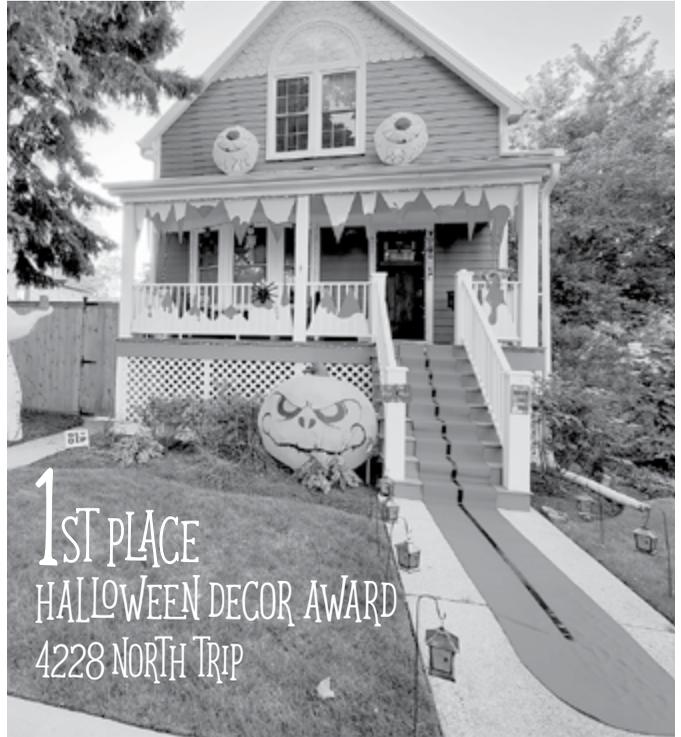
SPOOKY SIGHTINGS IN OIP



The 2022 Halloween Decor Prize Winner are the residents at 4228 North Tripp.

Halloween displays were back and bigger and more creative than ever in the neighborhood. OIP families have gone all out this Halloween creating displays for everyone to enjoy. Hopefully, you strolled around the neighborhood to view the displays at night. Thanks to everyone who decorated. We loved all the creativity.

And thanks to everyone who participated by voting. Old Irving looks festively fantastic; all lit up for Halloween!



Photos by Lynn Ankney, Kathleen Kearns and Kaitlyn Keely



THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING
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Building for the Future Campaign

North Park Village Wants to Hear From You

Founded in 1915, North Park Village (NPV), located on Chicago's northwest side, as a TB Sanitarium has given Chicagoans access to nature and recreation within the city limits. Over the years, many have wanted to repurpose and develop this wonderful piece of forested land for commercial use. Time and time again, only one thing has stood in the way of parceling the land—the voice of the Community!

An Updated Plan for North Park Village

In January 2022, the NPV Advisory Council voted to undertake a process that will create an updated plan for North Park Village. The plan will address an evolving range of topics including:

- Transportation, walking & biking
- Open space, gardens, & sustainability
- Public safety
- Historic preservation
- Adaptive re-use of existing vacant and underutilized facilities
- Parks – Updated Vision Plans for Peterson Park and North Park Village Nature Center Park

As efforts to preserve the future of North Park Village, the North Park Village Advisory Council has launched a three-year community outreach and planning campaign called “Building for the Future.” City and suburban neighbors are asked to take the survey.

Please take the “Your Voice Still Counts” survey at <https://northrivercommission.org/npvbuildingforthefuture> OR use the QR code.



Questions? Please ask the NPV AC Community Outreach and Engagement Team at NPVBuildingForTheFuture@NorthRiverCommission.Org



Information and images courtesy of the North Park Village, and the Advisory Council. To learn more about the “Building for the Future” campaign, visit <https://northrivercommission.org/npvbuildingforthefuture>.



North Park Village Nature Center Park

5801 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60646

Source: <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/north-park-village-nature-center>

Located on the northwest side of Chicago, North Park Village Nature Center features a 46-acre natural area and educational facility situated within the 155-acre North Park Village campus. The natural area offers trails that wind through woodland, wetland, prairie, and savanna. A discovery room, a hands-on table of natural objects, and interactive displays are highlights of the Nature Center. In addition to the Nature Center and natural area, visitors can enjoy exploration through Walking Stick Woods, a 12-acre woodland with trails and nodes designed for Nature Play.

There are public programs for preschoolers, school-age children, families, and adults. Eco-Explorers summer day camp focuses on nature-based games

and learning activities for children aged 5-14 years old. Neighborhood Naturalists is a special outreach program serving third graders in Chicago Public Schools. Volunteers find many ways to express their interests at the Nature Center, including helping lead field trips, assisting during festivals, greeting visitors at the reception desk, and participating in ecological restoration efforts.

The mission of North Park Village Nature Center is to provide visitors with an opportunity to interact with and learn about wildlife and natural resources in an urban setting. There are programs, events, and activities for all ages to enjoy while discovering our shared natural heritage at the first nature center in Chicago. Open seven days a week (excluding holidays) from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Whether you seek serenity, a place to spot a rare bird, or a place to volunteer your time and talent, visit this oasis of nature in the city – this hidden gem.

History of North River Commission

In 1962, neighborhood residents in the North River area came together to form the North River Commission (NRC). Assisted by North Park College (now University), Swedish Covenant Hospital, and the National Bank of Albany Park (now Albany Bank & Trust) and led by Dr. J. William Fredrickson of North Park College, the North River Commission was created as an umbrella organization uniting residents, churches, temples, schools and businesses to address community issues. At the heart of this new organization were the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association, the North Mayfair Improvement Association, and the Hollywood-North Park Improvement Association, all of which recognized the benefit of acting collectively.

Over time, NRC grew to include more than 100 civic organizations, businesses, and institutions working together to improve the North River area. By joining forces, great things were accomplished: North Park Village was created on the site of the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium; Lawrence Avenue was revitalized; slum buildings were rehabbed and maintained as well-managed affordable housing; school/community relationships were improved, and new schools built; neighborhoods were stabilized and became safer and cleaner through the combined efforts of united civic organizations.

Source: <https://northrivercommission.org/npvbuildingforthefuture/>

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Call for Contributions



We welcome individual article submissions for the OIPA newsletter!

A few ideas:

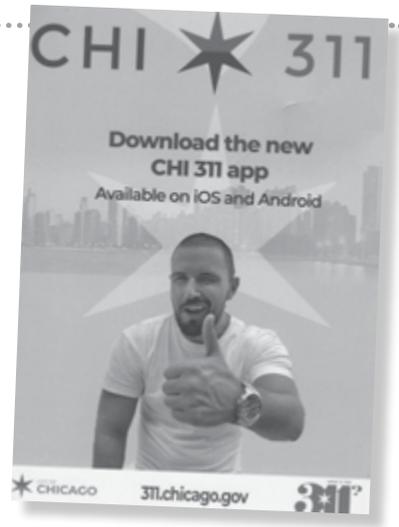
- Give a shout-out to a kind neighbor.
- Did you recently visit a local business or restaurant? Then share your experience.
- Write a fun story about our neighborhood or a fond memory.
- Share your knowledge on a topic.
- Attend an event? Share a photo (please include photo credit).

Guidelines: For editorial submission guidelines see page 44 for full details.

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.

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St. Edward Scoop — Vince Meno, Marketing Chair, St Edward School Board

Homecoming was back in full force this year at St. Edward with a five-day spirit week that culminated on Saturday featuring a Mass, parade, football game, and homecoming dance. We were so happy to bring the community of alumni in North Mayfair and beyond back together to celebrate their connection to the school and Parish.

Harvest Bash Returns

St Ed's also rejuvenated their annual Harvest Bash earlier this month. The Parish offered both a classic pig roast and Vietnamese fare. Live music, kids' games, and craft beer and wine tent made the event an enjoyable evening for all ages. The party rocked through the night, fueled by the swamp boogie blues sounds of **Kevin Purcell and the Nightburners** (thanks to a new partnership with the Windy City Blues Society).



St Edward Varsity Team's grand entrance onto Gompers Park field. *Photo provided by St. Edward's School.*



Neighbors enjoyed a beautiful fall night with the sounds of Kevin Purcell and the Nightburners at St Ed's Harvest Bash. *Photo by Val Razzo.*



St Edward Scouts serving pig roast plates to families at St Ed's Harvest Bash. *Photo by Val Razzo.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bingo | Knights of Columbus Bingo Night is returning for its 2nd year at St. Ed on November 12 at 6:30 pm. Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia sales will begin in mid-November. And finally, St. Ed's Advent raffle will launch on November 28. Follow us on Facebook @StEdParish for up-to-date announcements.

Big Red Christmas Bazaar | December 3 | 3-7:30 p.m.

Fabulous vendors, a variety of home-baked cookies available for purchase by the pound, the Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale (stay tuned for pre-sale information), and a visit from Santa.



Registration continues to be open for the 2022-2023 school year. St. Edward School is a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School with small class sizes and attention to an individual students. For more information, please visit our website at www.stedwardschool.com or call the office at 773-736-9133 to learn more about our outstanding academic programs and extended care. To schedule an in-person or virtual tour with the principal contact us contactoffice@stedwardschool.com.



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Fantastic Fun Run

On Friday, September 30, Disney II Magnet School held our first annual Fun Run at our Kedvale Campus. Students from Preschool to sixth grade participated in this fun-filled day of fitness that also raised money to support Disney II. The event, organized by Disney II Friends, raised more than \$30,000 for programs at Disney II! Teamwork makes the dream work, and we want to thank all the families and friends who came out to cheer on our little runners!.



Parent volunteers and students celebrate crossing the finish line at Disney II's Fun Run



Cheering on a classmate with a high-five!

Photos provided by Disney II Magnet School.



OPEN HOUSE

Disney II Magnet High School will host a Open House for Prospective Students on Sunday, November 6, from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

All interested families are invited to visit our high school campus at 3900 N. Lawndale Avenue to learn why Disney II is a great high school option for your child.

Disney II is a 2021 Blue Ribbon School award winner and a recognized leader in personalized and competency-based learning, emphasizing individual student achievement over a "one-size-fits-all" academic experience.

To learn more about Disney II Magnet School, please visit our website at www.disneyiimagnet.org or follow us on Facebook and Twitter @Disneyiimagnet.

Eileen R. Schnepff, Communications Liaison, schnepff@cps.edu

CELEBRATE NOVEMBER WITH COLOR





Three Brothers Garden Wins Chicago Excellence in Gardening Award (CEGA) — Liz Mills

Carlson Community Services' Three Brothers Garden received a 2022 award from Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards (CEGA) in late September. Three Brothers Garden was recognized in the Community Vegetable Garden category. As a food pantry garden, all crops grown in the garden are donated to the Irving Park Food Pantry.

According to CEGA, "The Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards are Chicago's only citywide gardening honors recognizing the hard work and creativity that make our city healthier, more beautiful, and more sustainable. They support the pride we take in our neighborhoods and help us build our communities. From simple parkways to elegant home gardens to large and productive urban farms, the gardens we honor exemplify the Chicago motto, adopted in 1837, 'Urbs in Horto.'" For more information about CEGA, visit chicagogardeningwards.org.

The award ceremony was held at the Wild Blossom Meadery on September 24. Garden volunteer Rebecca Haneberg and Liz Mills, Carlson, Executive Director, attended the ceremony. The garden was presented with an all-weather sign to be installed on site. Many thanks to all the garden volunteers and supporters



Garden volunteer Rebecca Haneberg (left) and Carlson Executive Director Liz Mills receive a garden sign from CEGA head Mike Nowak at the Chicago Excellence in Gardening Awards.

Photo by Pam Karlson.

who contribute to the garden. We are grateful for your support of our mission to provide healthy vegetables to food pantry clients.

Three Brothers Garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski. Through early October, the garden has raised 260 lbs. of vegetables for the Food Pantry. Thanks to the neighborhood gardeners who brought their surplus to the garden for delivery to the Food Pantry as part of our Plant a Row for the Hungry program!

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!



Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents

A Tribute to Sondheim

November 13, 2 p.m.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is pleased to present the first concert in its 29th season, *A Tribute to Sondheim*, on Sunday, November 13 at 2 p.m. The concert will honor the late composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim, who passed away in November 2021. Sondheim, credited with reinventing the American musical, is the creator of works that include beloved musicals *Into the Woods*, *The Fantasticks*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Company*, and *Sunday in the Park with George*.

The concert will feature vocalists Stephanie Stockstill, Rachel Klippel, Lazaro Estrada, and Christopher Richard, accompanied by pianist Cody Bradley. Sondheim songs, both well-known and lesser-known from the catalog, will be featured. The concert will be held at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. The concert is free, but donations to support future programming are gladly accepted.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee 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 to the northwest side of Chicago, free of charge.

Photo by Joshua Hoehne on Unsplash.

Volunteer Darcie Wadycki leads an art lesson on background and foreground at the Magic After-School Place (MAP), a Carlson Community Services program. MAP offers after-school care for Murphy and Belding Schools students and is. *Photo by Liz Mills.*



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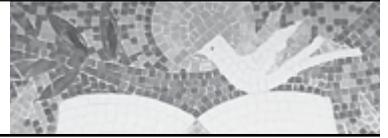


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Viator Vibrations — Sara Yoest



Photo by Sara Yoest

So much to be thankful for this November!

After completing a successful cross-country season in early October and wrapping up our "Itty" and "Bitty" basketball programs, we kicked off our beloved intramural boys' basketball and girls' cheerleading program practices. Stop by the St. Viator Rec Center gym during the weekend of November 4-5th to see our 3rd – 8th-grade boys compete in intramural basketball games and watch as the girls' cheer and dance teams provide entertainment!

Giving Tuesday

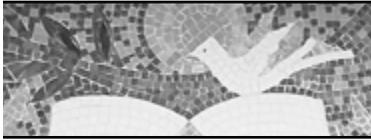
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Winter Holiday Fun

St. Viator Winterfest is on December 2 & 3. This two-day community festival will feature a tree/wreath/garland sale, bounce houses for the kids, cookie decorating, bingo, crafts & games. Delicious food from OIP favorites such as Chicago Taco Authority will be served for lunch and dinner. A Holiday Magic show on Friday night is a must-see, and the 2nd annual Santa Shuffle Fun Run through the OIP neighborhood will kick off the festivities on Saturday morning, and photos with Santa will take place from 12-2 p.m. Check Facebook and our website for a finalized schedule with pricing.

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Pantry Coat Drive is Underway



Iris Ramirez, Member Engagement Supervisor at the Irving Park YMCA, shows off one of several bags of coats donated by members for the Pantry. She's with the Y's Fred Monster, who "eats" Halloween candy it receives for programs. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*

The Irving Park Food Pantry's annual coat drive continues this month, with new and gently used winter coats still being accepted (until November 14) for clients and their families in the 60641 and 60618 ZIP codes.

We also are requesting hats, scarves, mittens, and other cold-weather gear. Please do not donate sweaters, sweatshirts, boots, or other clothing. We are happy to provide receipts for all new coats donated for tax deductions and encourage everyone to keep an eye out for good sales on men's, women's, and children's coats.

- Drop off your donations to any of these participating groups:
- 16th District—Jefferson Park Police Station, 5151 N Milwaukee Ave.
- 17th District—Albany Park Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski Rd.
- Big Helpers store, 4184 N. Elston Ave. (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday)

- Disney II Magnet School, 3815 N. Kedvale Ave. (Inside Main Entrance, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)
- Disney II Magnet High School, 3900 Lawndale Ave. (Inside Main Entrance, 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.)
- Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N Knox Ave.
- Irving Park YMCA, 4251 W Irving Park Rd. (dropbox in the lobby)
- Jet's Pizza, 3951 N. Kimball Ave., (dropbox in waiting area)
- J.T.'s Genuine Sandwich Shop, 3970 N. Elston Ave. (closed Mondays)
- Old Irving Brewing Company, 4419 W Montrose Ave. (noon to 10 p.m.)
- Perkolator Coffee, 6032 W Irving Park Rd. (during operating hours)
- Front Porch at 3822 N Tripp Ave. (anytime)

If you have a large donation or want to run a drive to gather coats, please email info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org with questions or to arrange delivery.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry



Barry Sorkin, the owner of Smoque BBQ, unloads a donation of bread for the Pantry. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*

Grateful for Our Supporters

Thank you to Barry Sorkin, owner of Smoque BBQ (3800 N. Pulaski Rd.), who reached out to the Pantry for the best way to help. Learning of our difficulties in stocking bread, especially in the second week when we do our Tuesday and Wednesday distributions, he agreed to directly donate 100 loaves of wheat and white bread that week from his supplier. We appreciate his help in solving a recurring challenge!

Thank you to Earth Breeze, which donated two cases of its eco-friendly laundry-detergent sheets for volunteers and clients. The detergent sheets are available at the toiletries station, along with various personal hygiene products for clients.



New volunteer Judy Cole shows off packets of Earth Breeze eco-friendly laundry-detergent sheets donated to the Pantry several weeks ago. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*

Holiday Gift Drive

The Pantry's Holiday Gift drive also is underway, with stockings of gifts provided to clients' children up to 12 years old during December. We will post a list of gift items that can be purchased through the Amazon and Target registries to our Facebook page. Make monetary donations via the Pay Pal link at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org or via check to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago, IL 60618.



Sara Yoest, one of the Pantry's Holiday Gift program coordinators, shows off some of the stockings given to clients' children in 2021. The program returns in December. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*

Iris Ramos and Eric Garcia from Oak Street Health set up a booth outside the Pantry to explain the group's benefits for adults on Medicare. They return regularly. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*



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.



The Buzz at Belding

— Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator



Principal Mandi Cohen in the dunk tank.
Photo provided by Belding School.

Walk-a-Thon A Success!

Belding's Walk-a-Thon was a great success! The purpose of this event was to raise funds to bring visual arts instruction to all Preschool–8th-grade students. And, because the students met their goal, they had a chance to dunk Principal Cohan and Assistant Principal Cortes. It was a wonderful morning walking on the track and then a fun afternoon celebrating!

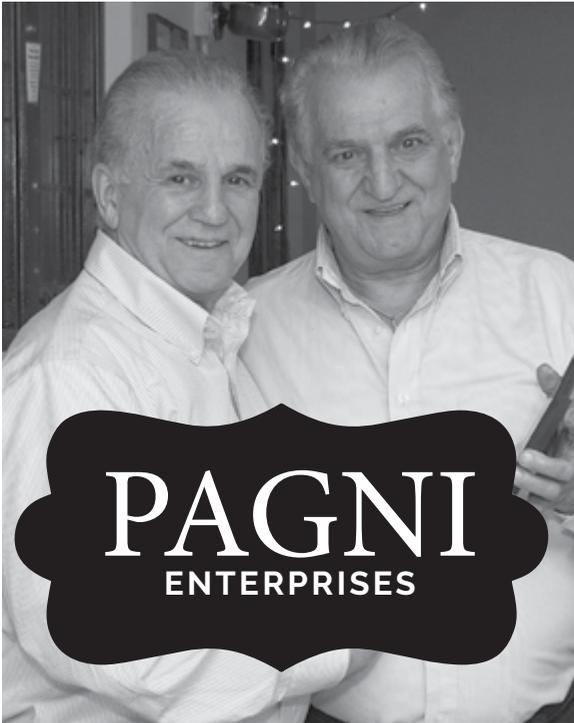
Belding Boosters

Belding is starting up a new business sponsorship program, the *Belding Boosters*, as an additional way to raise money to support the school. Belding is looking for businesses that would like to participate in this program. Businesses can receive various advertisement and logo promotion opportunities based on their contribution. If you are a local business owner or know of a local business that you think would like to participate, please contact board member Tasha Wilkins at tashawilkins@hotmail.com. In exchange for donating money, services, or time to Belding, school community members are encouraged to support Belding Business Sponsors through advertising opportunities.

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

Principal Mandi Cohen and Assistant Principal Arman Cortes set aside one morning each month to give tours to interested parents. Tours begin at 8 a.m. in the main office. Tours are an excellent opportunity to learn more about our school and the Belding community. Upcoming tour dates include November 15 and December 13.

Belding Elementary School
4257 N. Tripp Ave, Chicago, IL 60641
Phone: (773) 534-3590



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The OIPA News is distributed to approximately 600 area residents, in addition to surrounding neighborhood groups and elected city officials.

10 ISSUES PER YEAR

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

SPECIAL PERKS

Also, if you are a newsletter advertiser, you will be prioritized on our email blasts and Facebook posts. We have over 6,000 online followers. Our monthly post can reach up to 24K, and our post engagement is usually 15K. That means consumers see and engage with our Facebook posts!

The advertising rates are amazingly reasonable. **To place an ad visit** www.olderirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad.

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

OIPA NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Advertising:
First Tuesday
of the month

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

November

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- 6 **Disney II Magnet High School Open House for Prospective Students** | 11 a.m.–2 p.m. | High School Campus at 3900 N. Lawndale Avenue
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- 13 **Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents A Tribute to Sondheim** | 2 p.m. | Irving Park Lutheran Church | 4100 N. Harding Ave. | Free!
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- 14 **OIPA General Meeting** | Senator Rob Martwick & Rep. Lindsay LaPointe | 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church

December

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- 2–3 **St. Viator Winterfest** | Festivities start Friday night with a Holiday Magic Show. Offerings include a tree/wreath/garland sale, bounce houses for the kids, cookie decorating, bingo, crafts & games, and delicious food. Saturday Morning Santa Shuffle. Photos with Santa on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Check Facebook for final schedule. @stviatorchicago.
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- 3 **Northwest Side Holiday Train** | Six Corners Trolley Ride and Holiday Happenings | Free Rides from Noon to 4 p.m. | Visit from Santa, raffle prizes, after party with holiday music & ugly seater contest. For info visit www.sixcorners.com.
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- 3 **St. Edward's Big Red Christmas Bazaar** | 3–7:30 p.m. on Dec 3, and will include vendors, a variety of home-baked cookies available for purchase by the pound, the Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale (stay tuned for pre-sale information), and a visit from Santa. Facebook @stedwardschoolchicago.
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- 4 **OIPA Members Annual Holiday Party** | 5–8 p.m. | La Villa Restaurant, La Strada, 3638 North Pulaski Road. Space will be limited to the first 70 OIPA members to RSVP. Please RSVP to our form at <https://bit.ly/OIPAHoliday2022>.

Ongoing in the Neighborhood

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- 1st Wednesdays** **Clarendale Six Corners, Wine-Down Wednesday** | First Wednesday Monthly, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Clarendale Six Corners, Information Center, 4004 N. Cicero Avenue, RSVP to 872-250-5126, 2 Days Before Each Event. Hurry! Space is limited. Wine and refreshments will be served.
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- 1st & 3rd Wednesdays** **Clarendale Six Corners, Coffee & Conversations with Clarendale!** | First and third Wednesdays, 9:30–10:30 a.m., Clarendale Six Corners, Information Center, 4004 N. Cicero Avenue, RSVP to 872-250-5126, 2 Days Before Each Event. Hurry! Space is limited.

2022-2023 OIPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Joining or renewing your membership is easy with our online membership form at www.oldirvingpark.com/join-us. If you don't have access to our online membership form, please complete the form below.

We like to celebrate our members in our newsletter. Birthday and anniversary information is optional. If you wish to be included on the birthday and anniversary page in the newsletter, **you must provide the information annually** to be included (adults members and spouses/partners only).

This is a: New Membership Renewal Gift Membership

NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTH MONTH

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTH MONTH

ANNIVERSARY MONTH

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

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

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CITY

STATE

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E-MAIL 2

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

expire August 31 and are due by September 1.

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

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

GIFT MEMBERSHIP: Simply complete the form above or the online form with your neighbor's name(s) and address. You may not know their birthday/anniversary info. That's okay – we'll follow up with them. **If purchasing a gift membership online:** Please indicate "this is a gift subscription" in the final box titled, "Special Instructions."

SEND FORM & PAYMENT TO: Old Irving Park Association, c/o Lynn Ankney, OIPA Treasurer, 4313 N Keeler Ave, Chicago, IL 60641.

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

Contribute to the OIPA News | SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

General Submissions

Community Calendar, Articles & Photos

- Please send articles and calendar items as a Word document 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.

Advertising Submissions

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

Submission Deadlines

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

NO JANUARY OR JULY ISSUES.

SUBMISSION DATES		
Publication Month	Advertising	General
December 2022	11/1	11/3
2023		
February	1/3	1/5
March*	1/31	2/2
April*	2/28	3/2
May	4/4	4/6
June	5/2	5/4
August	7/4	7/6
September	8/1	8/3

* Earlier submission date to accommodate delivery schedule



November Nonsense

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

**Q: What role do
green beans play in
Thanksgiving dinner?**

A: The casse-role.

**Q: What vegetables would you like
with your Thanksgiving dinner?**

A: Beets me!

**Q: What did the pumpkin
say after Thanksgiving?**

A: Oh my gourd, I'm stuffed!

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

**Q: What smells
the best at
Thanksgiving
dinner?**

A: Your nose.

**Q: What do
you wear to
Thanksgiving dinner?**

A: A har-vest!

**Q: What's Frankenstein's
favorite Thanksgiving dish?**

A: Monster mash potatoes & grave-y.



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