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New & Improved—Time for a Refresh & Update

— Lynn Ankney, Treasurer and Meredith O’Sullivan, Membership Director



OIPA has come a long way from managing our membership using a card catalog and accepting payments only via cash and checks! Over the summer of 2016, we refreshed this publication, relaunched our website (www.olderirvingpark.com), and began offering online payments for membership and advertising. We’re using the summer meeting hiatus to improve our membership database management this year. A vibrant, growing civic association such as ours demands efficient and accurate technology for its members and volunteer board members.

What does this mean for you, our members?

You won’t see any changes to our website, but we want to do away with the “everyone’s membership ends on 8/31 unless you join after May 1 or you have an auto-renewal payment.” Too messy and confusing!

Moving forward, the date you join is your membership anniversary. We intend to use easy monthly reporting from our membership database to identify members whose membership is about to expire. We can then send members an automated but customizable, gentle nudge via the email they provide upon joining.

What does this mean for us volunteers?

While Meredith is a whiz at creating pivot tables in Excel, the current process is time-consuming and arduous. With over 600 member households (and growing), we need a set of tools that make joining (and renewing membership of) the organization easy and volunteering manageable, so we researched database options and found one that will work for us. We on the board are volunteers, and having processes and technology that allow for easy handoffs to new board members is key to bringing in new energy and recruiting new members to our volunteer team.

We plan to launch our new database in August, but we’ll provide an update on our progress in the August edition of this newsletter (which is the next issue as we take July off).

Have a great June and July!

Community Infrastructure Walk— David Ryan, Board Member

Fifty neighborhood residents joined **19th District State Representative Lindsey LaPointe, 10th District State Senator Robert Martwick, and 30th Ward Alderperson-Elect Ruth Cruz** on Sunday morning, May 7, 2023, for a walk through the areas under and around the Kennedy Expressway and adjacent railroad bridges at Pulaski, Irving Park, and Keeler commonly referred to as the Irving Park transit hub.

The goal of the walk was to identify areas of concern and solicit input from neighborhood residents. By all measures, the walk was a success. All three elected officials spoke to the group before the walk and expressed their commitment to improving the area. Senator Martwick stated that unlike in the recent past, there are now State of Illinois funds available for just such projects. He further noted that Federal funds were likely also available.

Representative LaPointe stressed that while no immediate projects existed, the walk was designed as an important first step to creating a list of possible projects and a plan of action.

Alderperson-elect Cruz echoed Ms. LaPointe, stating that it was up to the community to provide a list of priorities.

A question about the actual ward boundaries and responsible elected officials was answered by Old Irving Park Association Board member **Lynn Ackney** who stated that the key to success was the cooperation of all community members, groups, and officials regardless of boundaries.

The matter of pigeon infestation and the accompanying health hazards of their droppings, as well as keeping up with the general littering problem, was voiced by many in the group.

Also present for the walk were Senator Martwick's Chief of Staff, **Christopher Lempa**, and Outreach Director, **David Medrano**.

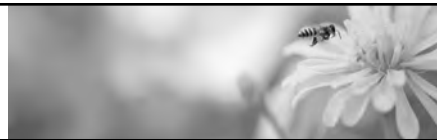
Participants provided their contact information and look forward to the representatives providing the next steps in this long-term effort to bring permanent improvements and change.



Above: Senator Martwick addresses the concerns of Irving Park neighbors.



Left: 30th Ward Alderperson-Elect Ruth Cruz chats with walk attendees. *Photos by Dave Ryan.*



Summarized Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on May 1, 2023

Submitted by Nicholas Plagman-Frank, OIPA Secretary

Meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting started at 7:32 p.m.

Attendees

David Ryan, Scott Legan, Merry Marwig, Meredith O'Sullivan, Colleen Kenny, Anne Swingen, Adrienne Chan, Lynn Ankney, Michael Cannon, and Nicholas Plagman-Frank

Financial Report

Lynn Ankney presented the Treasurer's Reports for March and April. The two-month review was due to the April Board of Directors meeting held on March 27, prior to closing the monthly books. Highlights from the reports included:

- Expenses outweighed receipts in both March and April. This is expected this time of year when there are not much membership dues trickling in.
- Checks were written and cashed for two charitable donations in April. One to the Irving Park Garden Club, which maintains the gray, square raised planters along Irving Park Road, and the other to Keep OIP Clean, the cleanup effort run by Dan William that raises money for professional cleaning of the viaducts, on/off ramps, and other public spaces in our neighborhood.

The Board unanimously approved the March and April Treasurer's reports.

Membership

The membership discussion led by **Meredith O'Sullivan** focused on the plan to upgrade our toolkit by investing in a database management platform. The upgrade will bring efficiency and automation to the monumental task of managing our membership database, which is currently managed manually. Meredith and Lynn have put a great deal of time and effort into researching and selecting the right database platform for our needs. The new tools will fully integrate with our payment processing platform and website. The Board expects to finish the migration to the new platform this summer.

Prior to fall membership renewals, the Board also expects to finalize and announce the updated advertising and membership rates. Rate increases will cover the rising cost of newsletter publication and printing and the perks we provide at our premium membership levels, like the upcoming All-Star party on May 5. Please watch your email and upcoming newsletters for more information.

A brief discussion was also about doing away with the set membership enrollment period beginning September 1.

All-Star Party

Attendance counts are in, and we expect beautiful weather for the Cinco de Mayo party! Colleen, our planner and gracious host, provided the Board with the final preparation updates and details. If you are not already an OIPA member at the Neighborhood All-Star level, you may want to consider upgrading



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your membership this fall. This party is going to be a great time!

Newsletter Planning

The Board discussed content for the message from the Board in the June newsletter. It will highlight the new membership database platform and other changes coming this fall.

New Business

• Gallery Night

An OIP neighbor and local gallery owner offered to host a gallery night for OIPA.

The Board discussed and decided to voice our

interest and try to schedule/plan something during the winter months.

• Outreach to new Alderpersons to set up "get to know you" meetings.

The meeting will be scheduled this summer and attended by a few OIPA board members.

The goal for these meetings is to meet new Alderpersons and share some of OIPA's goals and objectives.

• 39th Ward Participatory Budgeting

The Board decided to promote improvements to the Gromper's Park field via our weekly eBlast.

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Old Business

• Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)

- Irving Park Road/Kennedy Expressway Ramps update: The Board will reach out to MPC to pursue the next steps.

• Pedestrian Safety Initiatives

- Board will discuss with Alderman Gardiner's during the "get to know you" meeting.

• General Follow-up

- **The neighborhood Clean & Green**, in partnership with the Irving Park Garden Club on Saturday, April 29, was a success! The Board discussed scheduling another Clean & Green in mid to late summer. Additional ideas shared were:
 - Involve Cleanup Club Chicago in the next cleanup.
 - Coordinate with Dan and Keep OIP Clean's efforts at the viaducts.
 - Encouraging neighbors to pitch in daily by publishing an article in the newsletter highlighting a couple of neighbors undertaking neighborhood cleanup efforts of their own.
 - Reach out to elected officials and find additional viaduct cleanup solutions.
- **Contact the 45th Ward office about the Thirteen Pins building** – request cleanup.
 - This has been requested. The ward office will reach out to the property owner.
- **Get updates about vacant lot development north of Klee Building on Milwaukee Ave.**
 - No new information currently.

- **Push Northwestern Medical about plans for residential property south of their development on Kenneth.**
 - The Board will reach out to Northwestern.
- **Irving Park Historical Society archives**
Schurz High School has requested an on-site visit to review the storage location/future of Irving Park Historical Society archives.
 - Michael Cannon visited Schurz to look at the contents of the collection. There is quite a bit of stuff in boxes and bins—some of historical value.
 - The Board discussed what to do next, where to relocate items of significance, and how to begin the huge task of cataloging and digitizing the archives.
 - The Board decided to move the Archives from Schurz to a board member's home so we can go through them during the June BOD meeting.
 - The Board will reach out to the Independence Library and ask if they are interested in housing the archives long-term.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, May 5:** OIPA All-Star Party
- **Monday, May 8:** General Meeting – Alderman Gardiner
- **Sunday, May 21:** 45th Ward Neighbors Night Out, 9:30 a.m. at Farmer's Market at Irish American Heritage Center.
- **Monday, June 5:** OIPA Board of Directors Meeting
- **Sunday, June 11, 3:00 p.m.:** OIPA Ice Cream Social

The meeting ended at 8:47 p.m.

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TIME TO Restart & Refresh THE OIPA PARENTS COMMITTEE



Lynn Ankney (Left) and Renée Linnemeyer who founded the OIPA Parents Group in 2007 are ready to pass the baton to new leadership.

Photo by Merry Marwig.

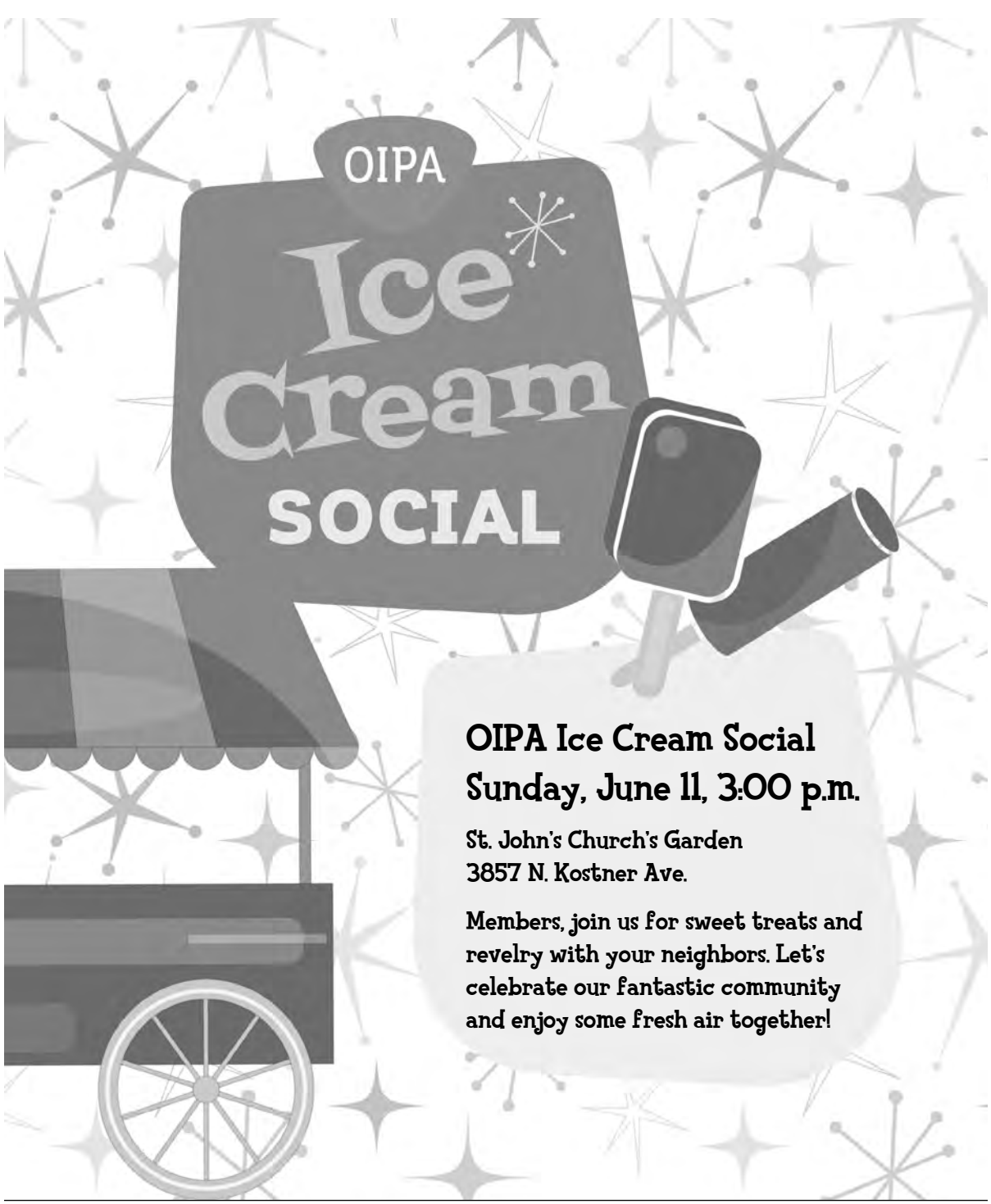
Way back in 2007, **Renée Linnemeyer** and **Lynn Ankney** put a call out to the neighborhood, held a meeting, formed a committee, and brainstormed ideas for family neighborhood events for the youngsters. We planned and implemented many of these ideas under the OIPA umbrella, with advice from our mentor, **Anna Sobor**, who was previously involved in a similar committee. Over the years, we started this Google Group (which is now so much more than a way for parents to set up playdates!), held playdates, school information fairs, Fall Fests, Spring Egg Hunts, story times, picnics, etc.—and did our best to connect parents and kids throughout our community.

Well, it's now 2023. We have so many new families in the neighborhood, therefore it is time for:

- new ideas,
- new energy, and
- new leadership (especially considering our kids are college-age)!

If you are interested in forming a group of local parents who would like to meet to establish periodic gatherings (e.g., springtime bike swap, going back to school meet and greets, new neighbor/parent socials), Renée and Lynn would be happy to meet with your newly formed group and provide some guidance and share our experience.

Please email us at hello@oldirvingpark.com we'll reach out to all those interested to schedule a kickoff meeting.



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**OIPA Ice Cream Social
Sunday, June 11, 3:00 p.m.**

**St. John's Church's Garden
3857 N. Kostner Ave.**

**Members, join us for sweet treats and
revelry with your neighbors. Let's
celebrate our fantastic community
and enjoy some fresh air together!**

OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT



Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting on May 8, 2023

Submitted by Nicholas Plagman-Frank, OIPA Secretary

Meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

With a full roster of speakers on the agenda, OIPA President **Adrienne Chan** quickly called the meeting to order. For the last general meeting of the season, OIPA invited our recently elected Alderman from the 30th, 39th, and 45th wards to speak to the neighbors and members in attendance. Adrienne took a minute to introduce the Board Members present at the meeting but very efficiently transitioned into the first speaker of the night, **Samantha Nugent, 39th Ward Alderwoman**.

Alderman Nugent thanked OIPA for the invitation and greeted everyone present. She also introduced her new Deputy Chief of Staff, Sam Brewer, who was also in attendance.



Samantha Nugent, 39th Ward Alderwoman shares updates with OIPA General Meeting attendees. *Photo by Merry Marwig.*

The Alderman quickly transitioned into announcements of upcoming events in the 39th Ward, including:

- The 3rd year of Participatory Budgeting in 39th Ward. The Participatory Budgeting Committee is reviewing proposals submitted this spring and will be narrowed down to the final projects that will be on the community ballot. Voting will begin at the end of June and is open to 39th Ward Residents aged 14 years and older.
- A shredding event will be held at St. Edwards on June 11. Electronics and prescription drugs will also be accepted at this event.
- Changes to the city's tree trimming services which will now be completed on a grid system, Alderman Nugent encouraged residents to call the 39th ward office if emergency tree service is needed.
- Street sweeping has started for 2023. Keep an eye out for no posted no parking signs on alternating sides of your block.

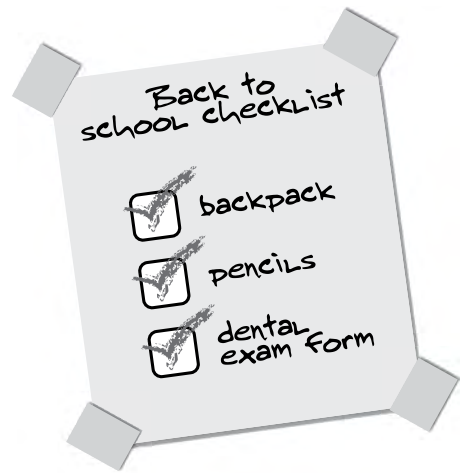
With her final few minutes, Alderman Nugent invited questions from OIPA members.

Q: Do you have any information on the development of the traffic study conducted on Montrose west of the Kennedy Expressway?

A: We don't know the status of the traffic study and thus cannot share any updates. I ask my office to follow up with you directly.

With no further questions, the Alderman thanked OIPA and neighbors again and yielded the floor to our next speaker of the night, **Alderwoman Elect Ruth Cruz**.

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Photo by Kathleen Kearns

Adrienne introduced the newly elected **Alderman Elect Ruth Cruz** (pictured above) from the 30th Ward.

Alderman Elect Ruth Cruz thanked Adrienne, greeted neighbors, and introduced her staff. Joining the Alderman Elect were her Director of Policy and Community Zoning, Jerome, and Community Outreach Liaison Katy. Alderman Cruz will be sworn in as a freshman on the Chicago City Council on Monday, May 15.

The Alderman Elect shared that she was excited to be here. With limited time and many things to share with OIPA members, she launched straight into Ward events and highlights from the Infrastructure Walk she organized on Sunday, May 7.

Announcements & Updates:

- There is a 30th Ward shredding event scheduled for Saturday, May 20
- The May 7 Infrastructure Walk quickly brought to light the need for additional cleaning under Ward viaducts in the 30th (i.e., Blue Line @ Irving Park,

Pulaski, Metra at Irving Park Road, and Keeler under the Kennedy).

- Alderman Elect Cruz has reached out to State Rep Jamie Andrade to learn more about the process of cleaning up after the pigeons and how to protect staff and volunteers involved in the effort.
- The Alderman's staff have been tasked with looking into creative ways to address the bird problem.
- The 30th Ward office has committed to cleaning the Blue Line viaducts (IPR and Pulaski) quarterly with her team (4 times a year)
- Alderman Elect Cruz challenged the Alders in 45 (Gardiner) and 39 (Nugent) to join her office in the cleanup effort to increase the frequency of scheduled cleanings and broaden the areas receiving regular cleanings in Old Irving Park.
- The temporary 30th Ward Office is located at 5714 W. Belmont.
- There is no phone number at this time, but please use the email address cruz30ward@gmail.com to contact the Alderman Elect.

After finishing the announcements, Alderman Elect Cruz invited questions from attendees.

Q: Has your office started outgoing email communications with residents?

A: Outbound email communication will begin the week of May 15.

Q: Will you be cleaning the opposite side of the Pulaski viaduct (the west side of the viaduct is in Ward 45)?

A: I will work to get buy-in from the other Alderman (Gardiner) to clean the entire area.



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Q: Do you have any plans to address the pigeons, like additional abatement, etc?

A: No plan currently, but I will work this into the long-term plan.

Q: Why don't you get swath workers (inmates) from the sheriff's office to help with cleanups?

A: Plans like this take time but will be considered.

Q: Will you address the unhoused people living under the viaducts?

A: We will work with aid agencies to provide services for the people if they want help.

Q: I could not attend the infrastructure walk. Will the Metra viaducts be included in the plans for cleaning?

A: My office will need to work with State Representative LaPointe and Senator Martwick for additional support on railroad property.

Q: Will the Kostner viaduct be addressed in your cleanup efforts?

A: We don't have plans in the areas outside of the 30th Ward. We will need help from 45 and 39 to collectively work on the cleanup effort.

Q: What are the 30th Ward boundaries?

A: A Ward map is probably the best resource to view boundaries.

Q: Where can we access the ward map?

A: If you share your email, I can send you a link to the Chicago Board of Elections website map.

Q: Have any changes been made to the Ward maps since May 2022? There is conflicting information online.

A: The Chicago Board of Elections website has the most updated map.

Q: Are there any updates on the Milwaukee Ave Grayland Station construction?

A: I don't have any updates at this time but I will find more information and communicate this with OIPA. We will contact the departments holding the permit to get updates.

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45th Ward Alderman Jim Gardner gives an overview of the updated Bureau of Forestry's updated tree-trimming process.

Photo by Merry Marwig.

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With no further questions, Alderwoman Elect Cruz thanked members and encouraged them to “please reach out and feel free to contact us!”

Adrienne again took the floor to introduce our last guest of the night, **45th Ward Alderman Jim Gardiner.**

Jim Gardiner greeted neighbors and shared the main purpose of his attendance: to review the updated Streets and Sanitation, Bureau of Forestry’s updated tree-trimming process with constituents. He shared that tree trimming is the most requested service the 45th Ward office receives. Because of changes to the tree trimming process, constituents can no longer reach out to 311 or contact the ward office for non-emergency tree trimming requests. Trimming is now conducted on a grid system with all trees within the scheduled grid receiving service within that specific grid’s trimming schedule. The Alderman shared that he requested that the Department of Forestry start in Old Irving Park first.

Alderman Gardiner shared a few announcements before introducing **Greg Wagner** from the Chicago Streets and Sanitations Department of Forestry.

- The Gardiner Angels (the 45 Ward’s volunteer program) participates in cleanup throughout the Ward but does some tree trimming on request for low-hanging branches. Service for low-hanging branches obstructing sidewalks and intersections can be requested by calling the 45th ward office directly.
- The 45th Ward’s shred event is scheduled on June 3 at Hoyne Bank on Milwaukee Avenue, paper and electronics will be accepted.
- Other upcoming events include catalytic converter painting and women’s yoga events; the details can

be found in the ward newsletter or by contacting the 45th Ward office.

Next, Alderman Gardiner introduced **Greg Wagner, Chicago Bureau of Forestry.** Greg took the stage and shared the following highlights from Chicago Streets and Sanitation new tree trimming program that kicked off this spring.

The Forestry Bureau completed tree trimming until April 2023 via requests submitted via 311.

A couple of events, such as the Emerald Ash Borer, which resulted in a mass die-off of the city’s Ash trees, and the derecho that swept through the city in 2021, caused the department to fall behind on tree-trimming requests. With the shift to a grid system for completing tree service, the Forestry Bureau can now be more efficient. This new system aims to trim every tree in the city in a five year cycle.

Emergency requests are addressed immediately and can still be submitted via 311. An emergency is dictated by a damaged tree that poses a danger to public safety (hanging over a sidewalk/street).



Greg Wagner, Chicago Bureau of Forestry outlines the new tree trimming process instituted by the city.

Photo by Kathleen Kearns.



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The biggest roadblock for the Bureau completing this essential service is people not moving their vehicles when tree service parking restrictions are posted. This drastically slows down forestry crews.

In addition to trimming, the Forestry Bureau provides new parkway trees by request. New trees can be requested via 311. When a resident's tree request is fulfilled, Forestry will drop off a door hanger at your house to notify you of the scheduled planting.

Before wrapping up his presentation, Greg accepted questions from attendees.

Q: If the Forest Bureau cuts down a tree, will they grind the stump?

A: Forestry contract with a private company that grinds within 4-6 weeks of tree removal. Most of the tree debris will be removed, but the department does not restore grass or other plantings.

Q: Some of the blocks in Old Irving don't have alleys. Who do we call for tree service behind our homes?

A: ComEd has an easement for their utility poles and lines behind homes. They are responsible for tree removal within the easement.

Q: If a low-hanging branch is in front of my neighbor's house, will the Alderman's office trim it?

A: The 45th will ask the neighbor but then cut the branch.

Q: Who do we call for a tree emergency?

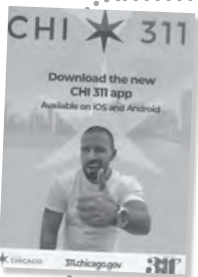
A: Call 311—keyword "emergency."

Greg Wagner and the Alderman wrapped up Q&A and thanked OIPA for the invitation.

OIPA President Adrienne Chan wrapped up the meeting by sharing the following announcements.

- Old Irving Park Parents Group – Started in 2007 and needs reinvigoration. Watch OIPA communication for a call for involvement.
- The OIPA Ice Cream Social is on June 11 at 3:00 p.m. in St John's Episcopal Church's Garden. See you there!
- The May General Meeting is the last meeting of the spring. We will begin General Members meetings again in September.
- The Kilbourn Park Plant sale is this weekend! Saturday, May 13, and Sunday, May 14.

The meeting concluded at 8:12 p.m.



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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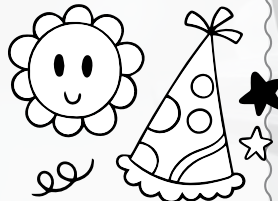
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William Dearhammer	Terry McGuire	
Kristin DeHaan Simon	Betsy McKelvey	
Jana Domanico	Tim Menard	
Mary Beth Driscoll	James Meyer	
Bob Fox	Carolyn Morehouse	
Debby Fries	Melissa Morton	
Gail Gogliotti	Mark Murray	
Andy Greene	Mark Palmieri	

June Anniversaries

Charlene & John Adamski
Aaron & Allison Baker
Elizabeth & Scott Beslow
Christina Calvit &
Allison Clark Young & Matt Young
Emily & James Coakley
David & Cristina Evaskus
Sharon Graham & Terry McGuire
Robert & Darci Grum
Lindsay Hunter & Ben Lyon
John & Annette Kan
Matthew Kohnhorst & Sarah Mertz
Scott & Heather Legan
Hannah Lehman & Sinisa Rasberger
Kat & Peter Makielski
Michael Manier & Anthony Mallerdino
Michael & Deborah Maron
Marjorie & Brian Monaghan
Dana & Paul Moran
Melissa Morton & Paul Rutstein
Abby & Liam O'Connor
Rachel & Peter O'Mara
Emily & John Reagan
Annie & Lee Swingen
Melanie Szymanski & Kevin Newman
Marisa & Bob Tell
Brad & Megan Toth
Kara Wagner Sherer & John Sherer
Urban Wellness (6/1/2012)
William & Karen Whitehead

JUNE KID BIRTHDAYS

Louis Cox
Pela Dierdorff
Justin Hackleman
Peter Navin
Leona Quinlan



PET BIRTHDAYS

Bill (pet) in the Rood family
Louie (dog) in the Schultz family

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

July Birthdays

Xiomara Aguilera	Lindsay Horeis
Cynthia Andrews	Pete Horvath
Dan Andrews	Donald Jensen
Bruce Bailey	Gregory Jensen
Aaron Baker	Annette Kan
Karen Bebart	Rick Kasprzak
Cecile Bloomfield	Mark Kelly
Barbara Chadwick	Janine Klich
Eileen Cole	Dawn LaFleur
Stephanie Cutter	Jim Lawless
Blake Dankovich	Scott Legan
Lawrence Ehrhart	Christine Lopez
Ted Ernst	Ben Lyon
Albert Falasz	Monica Martinez
Kristin Gross	William Mason
Robert Grum	Janet Middleton
Darci Grum	Mary Kate Miller
Vishal Gupta	Brian Monaghan

July Anniversaries

Faustino & Xiomara Aguilera
 Bindu & Tim Alexander
 Alan & Rachel Allmen
 Lynn & Jonathan Ankey
 Vivian & Bruce Bailey
 Jill Bruzzini & Antonio Tabacchi
 Sean & Kellie Fleming
 Deborah Gidley & Mike Abbott
 Michael & Lauren Innocenzi
 Amy & Jason Isadore
 Kelly & Dan Jacobs
 Robert & Kathy Liebich
 Lindsey Liese & Rob Sadlier
 Wendy & Fred Lundgren
 Kristen & Jim Lynch
 Thomas & Dee McDonough
 Leslie & Michael McGreevy
 Greg & Chyrsa Petersen
 Tatyana Ruderman & Drew Ryan
 Juan & Veronika Salinas
 Howard Silver & Judy Maas
 Christen & Michael Walczak
 Mark & Sara Wilke
 Marnie & Roman Zabicki

JULY KID BIRTHDAYS

Catherine Chan
 Auggie Coli
 Paige Horvath
 Morgan Jost
 Charlotte Palmieri
 Colbie Toth



PET BIRTHDAYS

Mikki (pet) in the McDowell family

SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Betty Boran, who
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Belding Elementary School, '23
Jones College Prep., '27



Catherine Chan

St. Edward School, '23
DePaul College Prep, '27
Good luck at DePaul College Prep!



Ethan Ankney

Lane Tech College Prep., '23
Point Blank Music School
(London)
Major: Bachelor of Arts
Music Production & Sound
Engineering



Gabriel Christiansen

Jones College Prep., '23
The University of Vermont
Major: Environmental Science



Nayah Aquino

St. Viator, '23
Northside College Prep., '27



Lucas Barash

Graduating from Jones
College Prep
Attending Vanderbilt
University

2023 GRADUATES



Sofia DiSera

St. Viator Elementary School, '23
DePaul College Prep., '27
Congratulations Sofia, we love you and are so proud of you!
– Mom and Dad



Avery Linnemeyer

DePaul College Prep., '23
University of Kentucky
Major: Biology



Anders Fallen

Edgebrook Elementary School, '23
Von Steuben High School, '27



Saskia McDonogh Mooney

Lane Tech High School, '23
Trinity College (Dublin, Ireland)



Delaney Rose Kelly

DePaul College Prep., '23
University of Missouri
Major: Early Elementary Education
Minors: Spanish & Political Science



Jackson Kotecki

St. Ignatius College Prep., '23
Miami University of Ohio
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Eliza McHale

Lane Tech College Prep., '23
University of California - Berkeley
Major: Data Science.

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 GRADUATES



Aidan O'Donohue

Belding Elementary School,
Pre-K

We are so proud of him and grateful for his loving & supportive teachers!



Quincy Tye

Lane Tech College Prep., '23
University of Washington
Major: Architecture



Xavier Reu

Belding Elementary, '23

Happy graduation!

*We're so proud of you.
- Mom, Dad, and Zadie*



Ian Wanger

Catherine Cook School, '23
DePaul College Prep., '27



Marissa Sebastian

St. Viator, '23

Barrington High School, '27



Ivy Wanger

Catherine Cook School, '23
Lincoln Park High School, '27

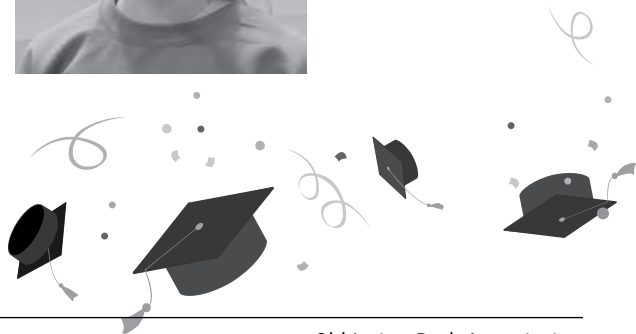


Mary Stalder

DePaul College Prep., '23

University of Illinois,
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*We are so proud of Mary and all of her accomplishments in and out of school.
She will do great things!*





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All Star Evening

The Old Irving Park All-Star Cocktail Party was held on May 5 with a Cinco de Mayo theme. Wonderful food, fabulous drinks and great neighbors. And we learned a few fun facts about attendees.

Thank you to **Colleen and Rich Kenny**, again for hosting a wonderful party at their beautiful home. And, thanks to everyone who donated at the All Star level and attended.

Want in on the party next year, but have already renewed your membership at the standard level? Contact OIPA Membership Director, Meredith O'Sullivan at meredithosullivan@gmail.com to inquire about upgrading your membership to the All-Star Level.



Ted and Kate, Jon and Jennifer Cernak



OIPA Board Members Lynn Ankney, Treasurer and Adrienne Chan, President



Rich Kenny, name, Meredith and Michael Cannon and Colleen Kenny



Claudia and T. J. Hine, and Jonathan Ankney



2023 Chicago City Markets in the Neighborhood and Beyond

Source: www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/markets.html



Wednesdays

Green City Market Lincoln Park (L)

1817 N. Clark St.

May 3 – October 25, 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Ravenswood Farmers Market

4900 N. D a.m.en Ave.

June 14–October 11 (no market July 4), 4–8 p.m.

Uptown Farmers Market (L)

1244-1320 W. Sunnyside Ave.

May 3–November 1, 2:30–7 p.m.

Saturdays

Everyday Edgebrook Farmers Market

6525-6540 N. Hiawatha Ave.

July 1–September 23 (every other Saturday),
9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Nettelhorst French Market

3252 N. Broadway

April 15–October 28, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

The Lincoln Park Farmers Market

2001 N. Orchard St.

April 29 – November 18, 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

West Humboldt Park City Market* (L)

in partnership with NHS Chicago

3601 W. Chicago Ave.

June 3–October 7, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

(L) = Accepts Link (*) Indicates that this market is managed by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events. Other markets are managed independently by other organizations, chambers of commerce and/or commercial operators. Please check their websites to confirm information. All markets are subject to change.

Sundays

Glenwood Sunday Market (L)

6900-7000 N. Glenwood Ave.

June 4–October 29 (no market on June 25 and August 20), 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Independence Park Farmers Market

June 11 & 25 / July 9 & 23 (then three week break)

August 13 & 27 / September 10 & 24 / October 8 & 22,
9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Jefferson Park Sunday Market

4818 N. Long Ave.

Second and Fourth Sundays: June 11 – October 22

June 11 & 25 / July 9 & 23 / August 13 & 27 /

September 10 & 24 / October 8 & 22, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Northwest Side Farmers Market

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave.

May 21 / July 2 / September 3 / October 15 & 29,

9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Portage Park Farmers Market

4000-4100 N. Long Ave.

June 4 & 18 / July 16 & 30 / August 6 & 20 /

September 3 & 17 / October 1, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Roscoe Village Farmers Market

3149 N. Wolcott Ave.

June 11 – October 8, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.



IPHS Images Sought for *ABC News* Piece

In mid-April, OIPA was contacted by Jared Kofsky, an associate producer with the *ABC News* Investigative Unit in New York, regarding photos he had seen on the Irving Park Historical Society (IPHS) Facebook page dating back to 2017. The search across the internet for content regarding aging U. S. water infrastructure had taken his team to the IPHS site, and he inquired about the usage of the images for a segment they were creating.

The photos of some of the neighborhood's oldest wooden water pipes were taken during the summer

of 2017 by IPHS members **Terry McGuire** and **Matt Krecun**, as the city water department unearthed them along the 3800-3900 blocks of Kedvale and Keeler. The settlement area contains an artesian well and predated annexation to the city (1889) by nineteen years. It's thought that these pipes [may be] the earliest pipes used by the city to connect to its main water supply in Lake Michigan (about 4-5 miles to the east of the area). The IPHS went to work digging out the original images and sending them along, with some brief historical information, to Jared to be included in his piece.



Pictured above are wooden water mains left in the parkways on Kedvale and Byron during city infrastructure improvements during the summer of 2017. These wooden pipe sections are typical of those that made up urban plumbing systems in the United States during the late nineteenth century. In OIPA, an artisanal spring fed water through these hollowed-out logs to homes. *Photo above by Matt Krecun.*

Roughly two weeks later, the piece was ready as part of ABC News' Steve Osunsami's report on regional water issues and included in "The Power of Water Initiative" series for Earth Month coverage. It was scheduled to appear on ABCNews.com, *ABCNL Prime*, and the *ABC News* Live Stream, and was uploaded to the *ABC News* YouTube channel, where over 105,000 of 14.3M followers have viewed it. The segment is titled "Waterproof, Louisiana Mayor on Water Crisis: 'We're Falling Off of a Cliff'" (<https://bit.ly/ABC-Water>, *The Old Irving Park wooden waterpipe images appear around 3:36 minutes.*).



Photo above by Terry McGuire.



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Questions? Contact us | Hello@oldirvingpark.com



SALSA FRESCA CHICKEN BAKE

Submitted by Merry Marwig

Resource: www.eatwell101.com/salsa-fresca-chicken-bake-recipe



Ingredients

- 2 lbs chicken breast, boneless and skinless
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon red chili pepper flakes
- 2 cups diced grape or Roma tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup chopped jalapeño
- 1/2 cup fresh chopped cilantro
- 1/2 lime, juiced
- 1 cup shredded Mozzarella

Instructions

1. To make the salsa fresca chicken bake: Preheat the oven to 400 ° F (200°C). Chop chicken breasts into small pieces. In a salad bowl, combine tomato, onion, jalapeño, cilantro, and lime juice with 1/4 teaspoon salt.
2. Arrange the chicken pieces flat in a large baking dish and season evenly with cumin, garlic, red chili pepper flakes, salt, and pepper. Give a quick stir to combine chicken evenly with seasoning. Cover chicken pieces with the diced tomatoes, onion, and jalapeño, then top with shredded Mozzarella.
3. Bake the salsa fresca chicken on the middle rack for 25–30 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and no longer pink (internal temperature of 165 ° F/74°C). Garnish the salsa fresca chicken bake with more chopped cilantro, and serve hot with your favorite side dish like rice, bulgur, cauliflower rice, pasta, tortillas... Enjoy!



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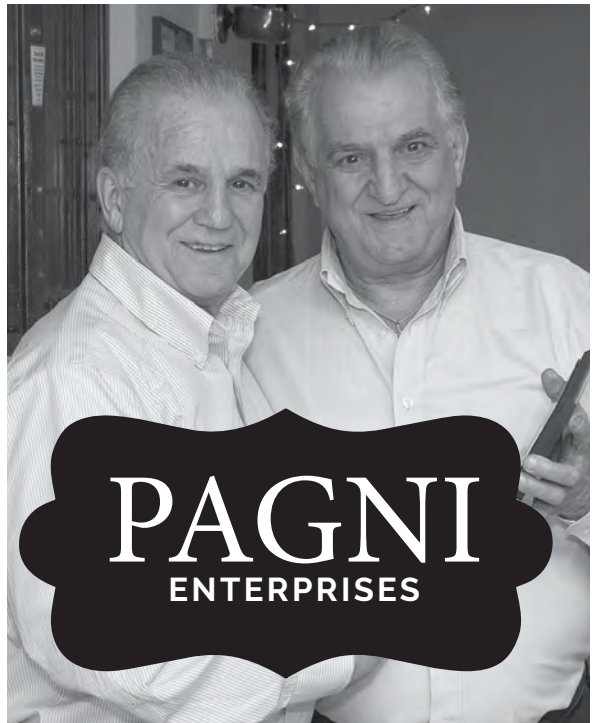
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Art & The Garden Walk Returns in June — Claudia Hine

Plans are being finalized for **Irving Park Garden Club's annual garden walk**. For the third year in a row, the club is pairing its artist-members with beautiful gardens that will be open to tour from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 (rain date is Sunday, June 25).

IPGC members attend this event free of charge, but our club invites the community to join us for a small fee of \$10/person. Tickets are only sold at the starting point on the day of the event, cash or check only. As the exact starting point has not yet been established, we will post the information on our Facebook page, and OIPA will send it out in its weekly eblast. So stay tuned.

What You'll See

Last year our walk encompassed gardens south of Irving Park Road, so this year we return to the north side. We hope that by keeping the gardens to just one side of our main drag, it will make the walk more accessible.



Pretty yard flags will denote gardens featured on the Irving Park Garden Club's Art & the Garden Walk on June 24. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*



Darcie Wadycki displays her painting in Debbie and Ed Maher's yard at the 2023 Art & the Garden Walk. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

Here's your chance to see behind the fences of gardens you've admired from the front. You will see a mix of styles, from formal to informal, small spaces, large spaces, and veggie gardens. There will even be a "hidden" gem or two.

Our artist-members will showcase their considerable talents as well. You'll find paintings, fused glass, jewelry, photography, mosaics, natural-dyed silks, and more.

In the tough urban environment that is the city of Chicago, we love showcasing the glorious gardens and green spaces of our beautiful Old Irving Park neighborhood. We hope you'll join us.

Field Trip to Woldhuis Farms Sunrise Greenhouse



Top left: Ellen Ruschhaupt gathers plants for her garden. *Photo by Debbie Maher.*
Top right: Nancy VanderHye and her daughter Jill have fun selecting hanging plants. *Photo by Kathleen Kearns*



Left: IPGC President Debbie Maher gleefully poses after cashing out her garden selections.
Right: Laura Marie Sanchez can't decide on what to have for lunch at the Mayberry Junction Restaurant in Manteno, Illinois. *Photos by Kathleen Kearns*

Want to join the Irving Park Garden Club and get in on the fun?

Email us at irvingparkgardenclub@gmail.com for info. We invite you to follow us on [Facebook.com /IrvingParkGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub).

2023 Meeting Dates

- Saturday, June 24
- Thursday, July 20
- Saturday, August 19
- Thursday, September 21
- Saturday, October 21



The Buzz at Belding — Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator

Belding Celebrates Statewide Essay Winner

Congratulations to Belding 8th grader **Meghan Lim** who won the 1st place prize for the statewide essay competition associated with the Illinois Stock Market Game. Each year Math teacher Denise Jones dedicates a unit to financial literacy. Students learn various lessons about stocks, investment diversity, and financial responsibility. They play a stock market simulation game to invest fake money to create a diverse portfolio. The 8th graders also had to interview adults at Belding about their financial goals and provided a financial coaching session to recommend an investment portfolio. Finally, they had to write an essay to demonstrate their financial knowledge. In addition to having a student win the state-level essay, one of the student team's investment portfolios is performing exceptionally

well. They are currently 10th out of 621 teams in the region. Mrs. Jones stated, "I'm so proud of all of the students as they were very engaged and demonstrated learning that I'm positive will help them in their financial journey down the road."

Beers and Bids for Belding

The Belding Parent Group hosted its 5th annual Beers and Bids fundraiser. Historically this event has raised tens of thousands of dollars to bring exciting improvements to the school. Through the amazing generosity of parents, community members, and Belding staff, this event exceeded its goal and raised enough money to add a state-of-the-art multi-media lab and wellness center for all students at Belding!

IB Math teacher, Mrs. Denise Jones, 8th grader Meghan Lim and her family, and Belding Principal Mrs. Mandi Durkin.

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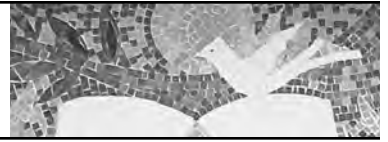
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Viator Vibrations — Sara Yoest

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Annual Preschool Playdate

St. Viator will host the annual preschool playdate on Saturday, June 3, from 9–10:30 a.m. at the school playground. Preschool and kindergarten families registered for the 2023-24 school year are encouraged to attend to connect with classmates and parents. Prospective families are welcome to attend! In the event of inclement weather, the playdate will be held in the Rec Center gymnasium.

Registration Is Open

St. Viator is still accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year, though some classrooms are reaching capacity. Contact Diane in the school office at duργο@stviatorchicago.org or call 773-545-2173 regarding admission for the 2023-24 school year.

- Summer office hours: Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- The first day for the 2023-24 school year is Wednesday, August 16.

Congratulations to the St. Viator Class of 2023!



**We wish the Old Irving Park community
a joyous, healthy, safe summer!**

The Best Way to Get to Know Us Is to Visit! Please get in touch with the school office at office1@stviatorchicago.org or call 773-545-2173 regarding 2023-24 school year admissions.

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



Ending and Beginnings — Iliana Rzodkiewicz, Principal

Congratulations to the families joining the Disney II community this Fall!

DII is one of two pre-K through 12th-grade schools in CPS. As a magnet school, families apply in GoCPS to hopefully get a seat through sibling lottery, proximity to the school lottery, or general lottery. The following summer events will welcome our families to the Kedvale campus:

- Kick Off to Kindergarten (optional for admitted to DII Kinder students; 20 spots) M-F, June 27–July 28, 2023 (excluding July 4), 9:15 a.m. -1:15 p.m.
- Kindergarten Welcome: Wednesday, August 9, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- School-wide welcome back: Thursday, August 17, 1:30–3 p.m.
- New student grades 1st-6th grade orientation Wednesday, August 9, 10–11 a.m.

To finish the year, Disney II Magnet Elementary students presented their Spring concert on May 24. Families and students excitedly watched the tremendous performance.



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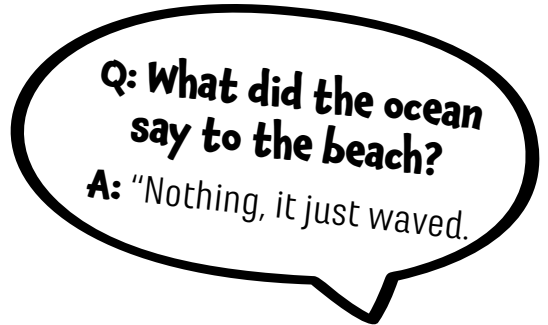
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JUNE JOKES

Enjoy these jokes from
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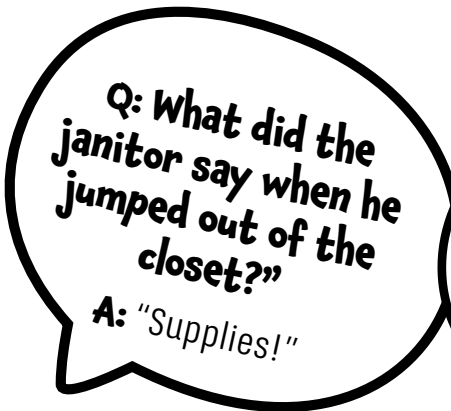


I wondered why the frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, but then it hit me.



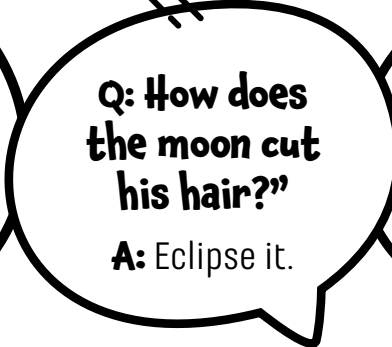
Q: What did the ocean say to the beach?

A: "Nothing, it just waved."



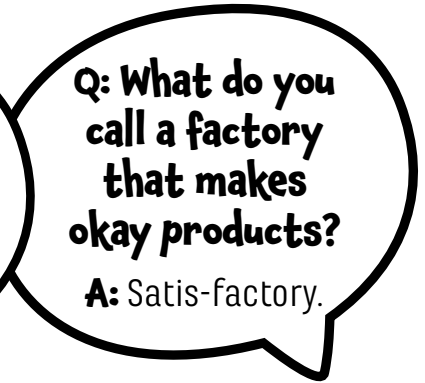
Q: What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet?"

A: "Supplies!"



Q: How does the moon cut his hair?"

A: Eclipse it.

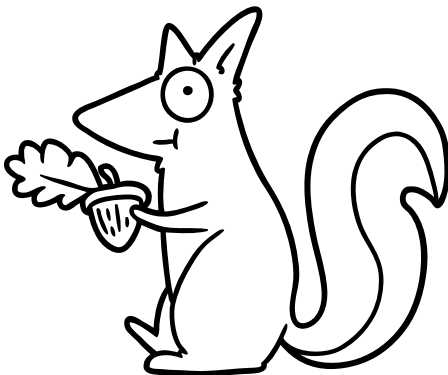


Q: What do you call a factory that makes okay products?

A: Satis-factory.

Q: How do you get a squirrel to like you?

A: Act like a nut.

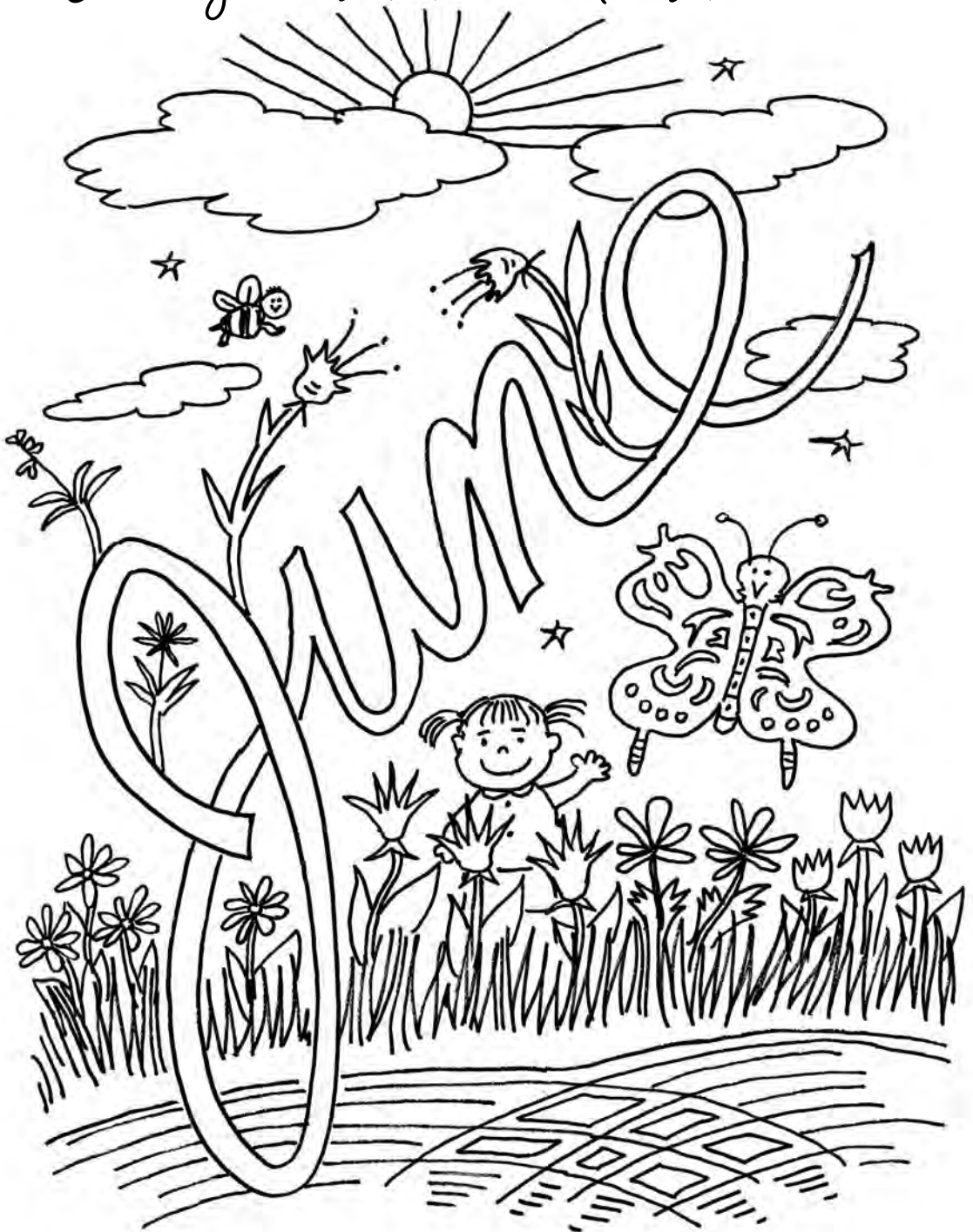


Q: Have you heard about the chocolate record player?

A: It sounds pretty sweet.

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.

Start your summer with some color!





Is Gardening Your Thing? — Liz Mills, Executive Director, Carlson Community Services



Volunteers celebrated Earth Day at Three Brothers Garden with the first work day of the season. From left are Ruth Olech, Mark Gameng from the 39th Ward, Susan Trudeau, Tom Williams, Jose Garcia, Liz Mills, and Rebecca Haneberg. *Photo credit 39th Ward.*

Are you interested in deepening your gardening knowledge while giving back to the community? Carlson Community Services' Three Brothers Garden needs you! We're seeking volunteers to help with the garden's harvests on Tuesday evenings throughout the 2023 growing season. The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski, next to Irving Park Lutheran Church's parking lot. Everything grown in the garden is donated to the Irving Park Food Pantry for distribution to its clients.

If you have a passion for gardening, feeding the hungry, or want to learn about vegetable gardening from the ground up, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org or 773.398.6766. If you'd like to be notified of garden work days and events, sign up for our newsletter at carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Summer Job Opportunity - Three Brothers Garden Coordinator

Carlson Community Services is hiring a paid summer intern to work three hours per week from June to August. Responsibilities include leading the garden harvest on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and delivering harvested vegetables to the Food Pantry Wednesday mornings. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must have access to transportation for food pantry delivery. Ideal for college students interested in environmental science or sustainable gardening practices. The garden is next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot at 4107 N. Pulaski.

For a complete job description, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org.



Plant a Row for the Hungry with Three Brothers Garden!

Three Brothers Garden has the solution if you've ever found yourself with an overabundance of homegrown veggies! We're inviting home gardeners to participate in a program called Plant a Row for the Hungry. Dedicate a row in your garden to growing crops for donation to the Irving Park Food Pantry. Starting in late June, drop off your donation on Tuesdays before 6 pm at Three Brothers Garden, next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot at 4107 N. Pulaski. Your donation will be brought to the Food Pantry Wednesday morning for immediate distribution to Food Pantry clients.



Judy Sviatko (left), Ellen Ryan, and Susan Ryan are in Three Brothers Garden. *Photo by Liz Mills*



Thankful for a Great Musical Season

Thanks to everyone who attended a concert in the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series' 29th season! The season was among history's most varied and well-attended series, from a holiday review to award-winning jazz, a Sondheim tribute, a string quartet, and a college choir. Nearly 500 patrons attended five concerts!

Thanks to artistic director and founder **Roger Bingaman** for engaging some of Chicago's most talented professional musicians. And to the **Fine Arts Committee** for their guidance and assistance with the concerts. Committee members are **Pastor Erin Bouman, Nancy Curtis, Rebecca Haneberg, Holly and Larry Lundquist, Dr. Dominick Maino, and Pat and Greg Morin**. The series was created by Bingaman, Director of Music at Irving Park Lutheran Church. The series brings high-quality, professional music to the northwest side of Chicago, free of charge. Watch for news about our 30th season coming soon!

The Fermi String Quartet performed on April 30th as part of the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series. Pictured at top cellist William Cernota and violist Jessica Lipon. *Photo by Dominick Maino.*

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, Executive Director, 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!



Pantry Opens Herb Garden

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry has started its herb garden for the year. The garden offers clients a range of fresh herbs each week, including sage, basil, cilantro, parsley, mint, chives, thyme, and oregano. Volunteers harvest the herbs each week and offer them to clients immediately.

If you would like to donate to its upkeep and expansion, please get in touch with Lisa Hendricks, who is coordinating the program, at lisa.29bi@comcast.net. To donate funds directly, you can use PayPal at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org or mail a check to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago, IL 60618 marked for "Garden."

Pictured at right, Lisa Hendricks shows off some of the results from our herb garden from 2022.



In April, members of the Boy Scouts troop at St. Edward Church delivered the results of their food drive to Executive Director John Psiharis (at right).

Photo by Karen Valentine



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry



Photo by Craig Shutt

The Pantry Has Many Groups to Thank for Their Continued Support.

- St. Viator Elementary School held a Lenten canned-food drive that gathered more than 2,000 cans.
- Six Corners StoryTellers, held an event at Tatas Kitchen and Social (5700 W. Irving Park Rd.), at which 10% of sales were donated to the Pantry.
- Palmer Elementary School held a canned-food drive that collected more than 1,000 cans.
- Carl Schurz High School, which ran consecutive drives to gather socks and pet food. They dropped

Board member and parent Sara Yoest met with St. Viator Elementary School students who sponsored a food drive.

Photo courtesy Sara Yoest



The Pantry's first Senior Day on May 3rd helped clients and neighbors learn more about the services available to them from local organizations.

Photo by Craig Shutt

off flyers and later went through the neighborhood to collect donations.

- The Boy Scouts of St. Edward's Church held a food drive for the Pantry that brought in a van-load of food of all types.
- Thank you to all the organizations who supported our Senior Day on May 3rd. The event was open to our clients and neighbors in our service area. CaptionCall, Cano Health, Hana Center, and Irish Community Service comprise those groups.

We thank them and everyone who supports our mission to be "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

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.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

OIPA NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Advertising:
First Tuesday
of the month

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

June

- 11 **OIPA Ice Cream Social** | 3:00 p.m. | St. John's Episcopal Church's Garden. See you there!
- 24 **Irving Park Garden Club's Art and the Garden Walk** | 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. | \$10 payable by cash or check only at the starting point (TBA) on the day of the walk | Rain date is June 25 www.facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub

July

- Fridays **The Kilbourn Park Summer Concert Series** | The concert series will be every Friday in July, from 6–8 p.m., Kilbourn Park, 3501 N Kilbourn Ave. Each week will be a different type of music, and always family-friendly. www.facebook.com/KilbournParkAdvisoryCouncil

August

- 21 **Eris Brewery and Cider House and Illinois Brewery Running Series** | Join us at ERIS Brewery & Cider House on Sunday August 21 for a 5k-ish, fun run event that starts and ends at this awesome taproom in Old Irving Park. Run, walk, jog - whatever goes! Complete the course and celebrate with us and a FREE, local craft brew at the finish line. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/eris-brewery-and-cider-house/run-for-beer-eris-brewery-cider-house>

Ongoing in the Neighborhood

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.

Clarendale Six Corners, Coffee & Conversations with Clarendale! | **First and Thirds 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.

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 - Tree Root Removal
 - Frozen Pipes Thawed
- Underground Camera For Damage Detection

2023–2024 OIPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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

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

This is a: New Membership Renewal Gift Membership

NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTH MONTH

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTH MONTH

ANNIVERSARY MONTH

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

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

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

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E-MAIL

E-MAIL 2

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

expire August 31 and are due by September 1.

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

Membership Level (per household)	In area DUES	Out of area DUES	Benefits
Standard	\$30	\$42	Monthly meetings, newsletter delivery, member/spouse and anniversary published in newsletter, ice cream social event, holiday event
Senior (Age 65+)	\$20	\$32	Same as Standard membership
Good Neighbor	\$75	\$92	Standard + kid/pet birthdays in newsletter and OIPA tote bag
Neighborhood All-Star	\$175	\$192	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 (minimum 300 dpi) gray scale; jpg, PDF, or eps.
Microsoft Word files are NOT acceptable.

Submission Deadlines

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

2023 SUBMISSION DATES		
NO JANUARY OR JULY ISSUES.		
	* Early due to holidays	
Publication Month	Advertising	General
<i>No July Issue</i>		
August	7/4	7/6
September	8/1	8/3
October	9/5	9/7
November	10/3	10/5
December*	10/31*	11/2

Contribute to the *OIPA News*

We welcome individual article submissions for the OIPA newsletter!

Here are 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 40 for full details.

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The OIPA News is distributed to approximately 600 households, 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 8.2K 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!

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