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*Cover photo* : Smart cookies: Teddie and Lottie Palmieri set up a lemonade stand along the garden walk route and raise \$140 for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. *Photo by Lauren Palmieri.*

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# OIPA GOOD NEIGHBOR | Peter Horvath



NEIGHBORS SENDING NEIGHBORS A LITTLE SHOUT OUT FOR ACTS OF KINDNESS

## Peter Horvath a Special Kind of Human (and a good neighbor)

I want to recognize my neighbor Peter Horvath as "OIPA Neighbor of the Month." He goes above and beyond the call of duty for his neighbors with random acts of kindness and deeds. Peter, who lives on Keeler Avenue, is constantly cleaning up debris for his fellow neighbors after a wind or rain storm as well as shoveling snow for the entire block all winter long.

– Tom McDonough



*Photos courtesy of Peter and family by Rachel Horvath.*

### Join the movement!

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### OIPA Board Candidate Statements

It's that time again! OIPA officer elections will take place at our September General Meeting. The candidates are:

#### **Michael Cannon**

*President*

My family and I have been in the neighborhood for ten years, and having been on the Board for the last couple of years has introduced me to many of our neighbors and given me a chance to understand issues better and help address concerns in service of the larger community in Old Irving Park. With Mrs. Chan stepping down as President after four years, I'm pleased to offer myself as a candidate to fill that role.

#### **Scott Legan**

*Vice President*

Wow, almost eight years on the Board of OIPA! Before I joined OIPA, I could not tell you what a State Senator, Cook County Commissioner, or Alderman was, much less what they do. But while working with OIPA, I learned about our great community and who is there to help us improve it. I am most proud of the neighborhood's continued growth and improvement in my time as the Vice President. It is a role that I hope I can continue with and ensure that we keep good momentum going moving forward.

#### **Nicholas Plagman-Frank**

*Secretary*

Since June 2022, I have been serving as the OIPA Board Secretary, stepping into some big shoes of those who have come before. I have learned a lot from our community during my nearly two years on the Board and am honored to be a part of continuing to nourish what makes Old Irving Park special. I look forward to the opportunity to serve this community with a full two-year term as Secretary.

#### **Lynn Ankney**

*Treasurer*

I have served as OIPA Treasurer for the past five years and I am pleased to continue in this role, using my finance and accounting background. I found my niche on the OIPA Board, previously serving as Director, Vice President, and President.

That's not to say I am looking to make this a lifetime role. We welcome other OIP residents to join our Board and put each of us out of our positions!

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# OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

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## Summarized Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on June 5, 2023

Submitted by Nicholas Plagman-Frank, OIPA Secretary

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

**Meeting started at 7:34 p.m.**

### Attendees

Adrienne Chan, Anne Swingen, Nicholas Plagman-Frank, Scott Legan, Colleen Kenny, and Dave Ryan

### Financial Report

The details of the Treasurer's Report for May were reviewed, which included disbursements for various expenses. The expenditures mentioned were unanimously approved, including \$3,728.48 for the OIPA All-Star party, \$1,691.70 for the 2023 run of OIPA canvas bags for our Good Neighbor members, and \$831 for Directors and Officers insurance.

### Membership

The new database platform that will host OIPA membership information is under development. Board members Meredith O'Sullivan and Lynn Ankney have been hard at work hammering out the remaining details prior to the planned August launch. Because these changes affect things like payment processing and web forms, further discussion about this topic and an increase to membership and advertising rates were postponed until the July Board of Directors meeting.

OIPA canvas tote bags are hot off the press. The decision was made to bundle and either distribute them to newsletter volunteers for delivery with the

June issue or split them up between board members for delivery. The timing of delivery will be decided via board email communication. Additionally, the board decided not to target homes outside the OIPA boundaries for new neighbor packets. Going forward, new neighbor packets will only be delivered within the OIP boundaries.

### Newsletter Planning

Newsletter updates were discussed, and it was confirmed that there would be no July issue. In the August newsletter, statements of intent from candidates running for officer positions on the board will be published. Director and Officer terms are two years, with elections occurring in alternate years, respectfully.

Because the position of President is limited to two consecutive terms, Adrienne Chan will relinquish the position this fall. A huge thank you to Adrienne for her leadership over the past four years!

### New Business

- The board discussed reaching out to three Alderpersons to set up "get to know you" meetings. As a starting point it was decided that the elected officials would be invited to the ice cream social, and that board members would interface with them during the event.
- OIPA was approached by Dan Williams from Keep OIP Clean, asking if OIPA would consider absorbing

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Editor's Note: Due to the OIPA News not being published in July, this issue features the June and July Summarized Minutes of the Board of Directors.



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the unincorporated organization. The board discussed what this might look like and expressed interest in the possibility of OIPA accepting the accounting responsibility and Dan continuing to interface with and manage cleaning vendors. The decision was made to have further discussion with Dan before making a final decision.

## Old Business

- The Montrose traffic study was discussed. The board emailed residents on Montrose/Tripp who initially raised the issue, but at time of meeting had not received their response. Adrienne Chan mentioned discussing the study with Alderperson Nugent's office. While some of the lower price tag items may be able to be covered by the 39th Ward's budget, other funding options will need to be explored for higher-priced improvements. The board committed to reaching out to the homeowners before reconnecting with the Alderperson's office.
- General follow-up items included requesting cleanup of the Thirteen Pins building from the 45th Ward office and obtaining updates on vacant lot development north of the Klee Building on Milwaukee. Currently, no updates have been received from partners. The board will also be reaching out to Northwestern Medicine again regarding the residential property they own on Kenneth. Neighbors would like to see trees that were cut down for the development replaced on this property.
- Additional discussion regarding IPHS Archives was also had. The board was asked to remove the archives from storage at Schurz High School and has committed to reviewing and sorting the items to be retained for long-term preservation.

The board decided that the destination for the preservation of the archives should be planned before a date is set to sort the contents from the Schurz storage.

## Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, June 11, 3 pm** – Ice Cream Social  
Board members and volunteers are light. The board decided to purchase individual ice cream and frozen novelties for this event.
- **Monday, July 10** – OIPA Board Meeting

**Meeting ended at 8:34 p.m.**

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## Summarized Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on July 11, 2023

Submitted by Nicholas Plagman-Frank, OIPA Secretary

**Meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm via Zoom**

**Meeting started at 7:32 p.m.**

### Attendees

Adrienne Chan, Dave Ryan, Merry Marwig, Michael Cannon, Meredith O'Sullivan, Scott Legan, Nicholas Frank, Dan Williams (guest), and Jake Berger (guest)

### Keep OIP Clean Presentation

Adrienne introduced **Dan Williams** and **Jake Berger** of Keep OIP Clean. Dan started by presenting the Keep OIP Clean program to the board.

Keep OIP Clean currently involves approximately 100 neighbors, some as financial donors, and others in support & encouragement roles. In their roles Dan and Jake engage with cleaning vendors to complete regular trash pickups along expressway exit ramps and power washings under expressway and train viaducts. Keep OIP Clean contracts with Clean Slate an organization supporting transitional workers entering or reentering the workforce after incarceration to do this work.

Dan expressed his desire for OIPA to assume financial responsibility for Keep OIP Clean, by absorbing the program into OIPA. This would provide the program with additional legitimacy when raising funds and partnering with businesses and elected officials. Both Dan and Jake shared that they would continue their involvement, interfacing with vendors, working to raise funds for regular professional cleanings, and seeking out avenues to establish new partnerships. Dan also proposed considering future expansion into additional beautification projects, such as landscape and other hardscape improvements.

After a couple of questions from board members related to ongoing management of cleanings, engagement with elected leaders, and general questions about Keep OIP Clean's budget and accounting. Dan and Jake disconnected from the [Zoom] call.

Board members briefly discussed benefits of uniting with Keep OIP Clean and the possibility of expanding the OIPA board to include an additional Director position with the responsibility of leading the beautification committee which would include continued cleanup efforts. A vote was taken, and the board unanimously approved the resolution to seek an additional director to lead OIPA's beautification committee.

### Financial Report

The details of the Treasurer's report for June 2023 and the end of the fiscal year were reviewed. It was noted that the organization had spent more than it had taken in during the year. This was attributed to an increased payout of charitable donations coupled with a decrease in advertising revenue. The board recognized that while there is a financial cushion, the current financial situation is not sustainable. There was discussion about the need to decide on membership and advertising rate increases, which would begin with the launch of the new database. The board also acknowledged the importance of placing special focus on advertising efforts, as revenue from advertising had dropped nearly 50% in 2023. Meredith suggested holding a strategy meeting specifically focused on advertising. Additional discussion will occur off line to determine a date and a time to meet. The discussion on rate increases and advertising

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## Summarized Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on July 11, 2023, *continued from page 6*

strategy was tabled, and the decision was made to bring these items to vote during the August BOD meeting. The board unanimously approved the June and annual financial reports.

### Membership

Good Neighbor/All-Star Swag Options

- The board discussed the possibility of replacing the current canvas bags with alternative options for the Good Neighbor/All-Star swag.
- Suggestions included commissioned art pieces from local artists or water bottles.
- The board agreed to reach out to a local artist to gather more information about commissioning a print.

### Newsletter Updates

- The board planned the content for the upcoming August newsletter.
- It was decided to include a message from the board and candidate statements from officers for President, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary positions.
- As there was no president elect, it was decided that further discussions regarding filling this position will take place off line.
- Scott (VP), Lynn (Treasurer), and Nick (Secretary) were tasked to write candidate statements for publishing in the August newsletter.

### Local Business Feature

- Merry volunteered to write an article about the new physical therapy place on Irving Park Road for the August newsletter.

### Old Business

#### • Outreach to three Alderpersons (30, 39, and 45 wards) to set up "get to know you" meetings.

- The board targeted August for these meetings and assigned board members to reach out to the elected officials to request scheduling.

#### • Montrose Traffic Study

The 39th Ward Aldermanic office potentially has some room in the 2023 budget to complete some of the lower ticket items but the board would like to get buy in from the neighbors who requested the study before going back to the Alderperson's office with OIPA's recommendations.

#### • Pedestrian Safety Initiatives

The board discussed the reconfiguration of intersection at Kilbourn, on the east side of the Northwestern Medicine (NWM) development. The decision was made, and a task assigned to reach out to NWM regarding landscaping and other traffic flow updates affected by this project.

#### • Murals

The board decided to prioritize and finalize the database project and DB website integration expenditures over mural updates at this time.

#### • Proposed Gas Station/Convenience Store at 4301 West Montrose

- Adrienne informed the board about her conversation with Ethan Nagar, a Real Estate Broker, regarding a potential buyer for the property at 4301 West Montrose.
- A zoning change would be required (from R3.5 to at least B3 or C1-3) along with approval as a Special Use.
- Adrienne suggested scheduling a Zoom meeting with the potential buyer to present their vision



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to the OIPA Board.

- The board discussed possible dates and times for the meeting, and Adrienne would coordinate and schedule the meeting.

- The decision was made to invite community members with experience with the archival process and/or historical knowledge about the specific IPHS archives being reviewed.

## Upcoming Events

### • Monday July 24 – Pick up Irving Park Historical Society archives from Schurz High School

- The board discussed a plan and timing for pickup.
- Wednesday, July 26 - OIPA board to review IPHS archives using Sulzer Library criteria.
- The decision was made to meet at a board member's home on the 26th to review and pare down the material for its final archival destination at the Sulzer Library.

### • Monday August 7 - OIPA Board of Directors Meeting

### • Fall Meeting Schedule and Ideas

- September 11 - Welcome Back Wine & Cheese, Officer Elections and introduction of Keep OIP Clean as part of OIPA
- October 9 - OIPA General Membership Meeting: Invite neighborhood stakeholders to present and share updates

**Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.**

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## Old Irving Park Association

Fiscal Year End Report

Submitted by Lynn Ankney

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<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Newsletter Advertising	\$6,361.26
Membership Dues - Standard	\$13,578.89
Membership Dues - Premium (+ donations)	10,098.34
Century House Program	275
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$30,313.49</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Newsletter - Design	\$8,800.00
Newsletter - Print	\$9,691.00
Postage, Envelopes + Office Supplies	633.63
Meeting Expenses - Rental + Refreshments	4,182.68
Premium Membership (Bags + Party)	5,590.30
Membership (Fliers, Yard/Window Signs)	55.04
Charitable Donations	5,500.00
Website	1,035.65
Directors' and Officers' Insurance	831
Federal and State Annual Reports	40
Murals	-
Greenspaces	800
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$37,159.30</b>
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Lawrence & Diane Ehrhart  
Ted & Abby Ernst  
Terry & Taya Fallen  
Jose & Maria Brandao Gomez  
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David & Rochelle Jones  
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Andrea & John Larsen  
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Dean & Kinsey Wolf

## August Birthdays

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Vivian Bailey	Christine Jamrosz	John Ruark
Allison Baker	Wade Johnston	Veronika Salinas
Leslie Batterson	Liz Jones	John Sherer
Michelle Bauman	Harry Lee	Mary Kay Shutt
Anne Bennison	Christine Lofton	Colby Starck
Erin Brandenburg	Caitrin McElroy	Clyde Steele
Jeff Cain	Karen McGinnis	Susan Strozewski
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Linda Fay	Markisan Naso	Patrick Wasser
Brian Finlay	James Novak	Daniel Wilson
Morgan Foster	Sonia Perkins Mata	
Susan Hobgood	Marites Richardson	

## AUGUST KID BIRTHDAYS

Christopher Andrews	Dalilah Nouri
Finn Arvanitakis	Teddy Palmieri
Brooks Berner	Mack Rood
Lily Boran	Henry Thuet
Sawyer Boran	Samson Whitehead
Henry Isadore	Ezra Young
Julian Lopez	

## PET BIRTHDAYS

Jasper, a dog in the Hackleman family



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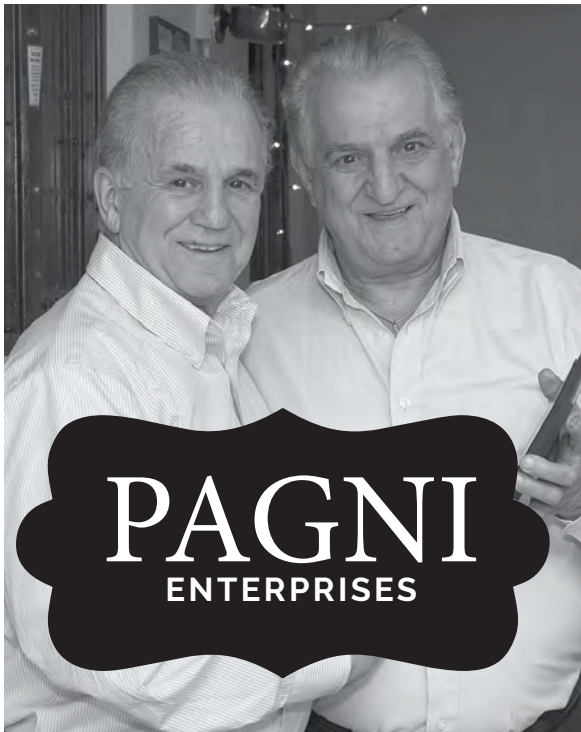


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3700 N. Tripp .....	\$917,500
3646 N. Tripp .....	\$1,087,500



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4010 W. Warwick .....	\$948,000



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4201 W. Addison, 3B .....	\$192,500
4149 N. Tripp, 8 .....	\$195,000
3649 N. Kedvale, 1B .....	\$200,000
3713 N. Kenneth, 221 .....	\$205,000
4101 N. Keeler, 3A .....	\$212,000
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In early 2022, OIPA surveyed our neighbors about the types of shops and services they'd love to see in the empty storefronts along Irving Park Road. Since that survey, a few new businesses have opened in our community and nearby areas.

## Welcoming New OIP Business — Physio Chicago

In June 2023, business partners Tom Dyke and Katie Swenson opened a physical therapy office, Physio Chicago, located at 4323 West Irving Park Road on the southeast corner of Irving Park Road and Lowell Avenue. They provide orthopedic physical therapy, including treatment for sprains, strains, chronic pain, post-operative treatments, sports-related injuries, and work-related injuries, and offer vestibular and post-concussion physical therapy. When you need physical therapy, please support this new neighborhood business—wishing Tom & Katie all the best. Visit [www.physiochicago.com](http://www.physiochicago.com) or call 773-930-3087 for more information.



Owners and Physical Therapists: Katie Swenson (above) and Tom Dyke (right) set up their new offices in Old Irving in June.

*Photos courtesy of Physio Chicago.*



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**For more information visit <https://311.chicago.gov>**

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



**OIPA Enews** | Stay up to date with local neighborhood news and happenings. Request to join OIPA's news eblast email distribution group by emailing us at [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com)

**Google Parent Group (not just for parents)** | To join our interactive community google group visit: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/oipa-parents-discuss>

**Facebook** | Our Facebook page is a great way to learn about neighborhood events and issues <https://www.facebook.com/oldirvingparkassoc>.

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# 2023 Chicago City Markets in the Neighborhood and Beyond

Source: [chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp\\_info/markets](http://chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/markets). Please check their websites to confirm information. All markets are subject to change.

## 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.

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## 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 organizations, chambers of commerce and/or commercial operators.

## 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.

### **Logan Square Farmer's Market (L)**

2808 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Every Sunday from May 14 through October 29, 2023  
9 a.m.–3 p.m. (rain or shine)

### **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 /

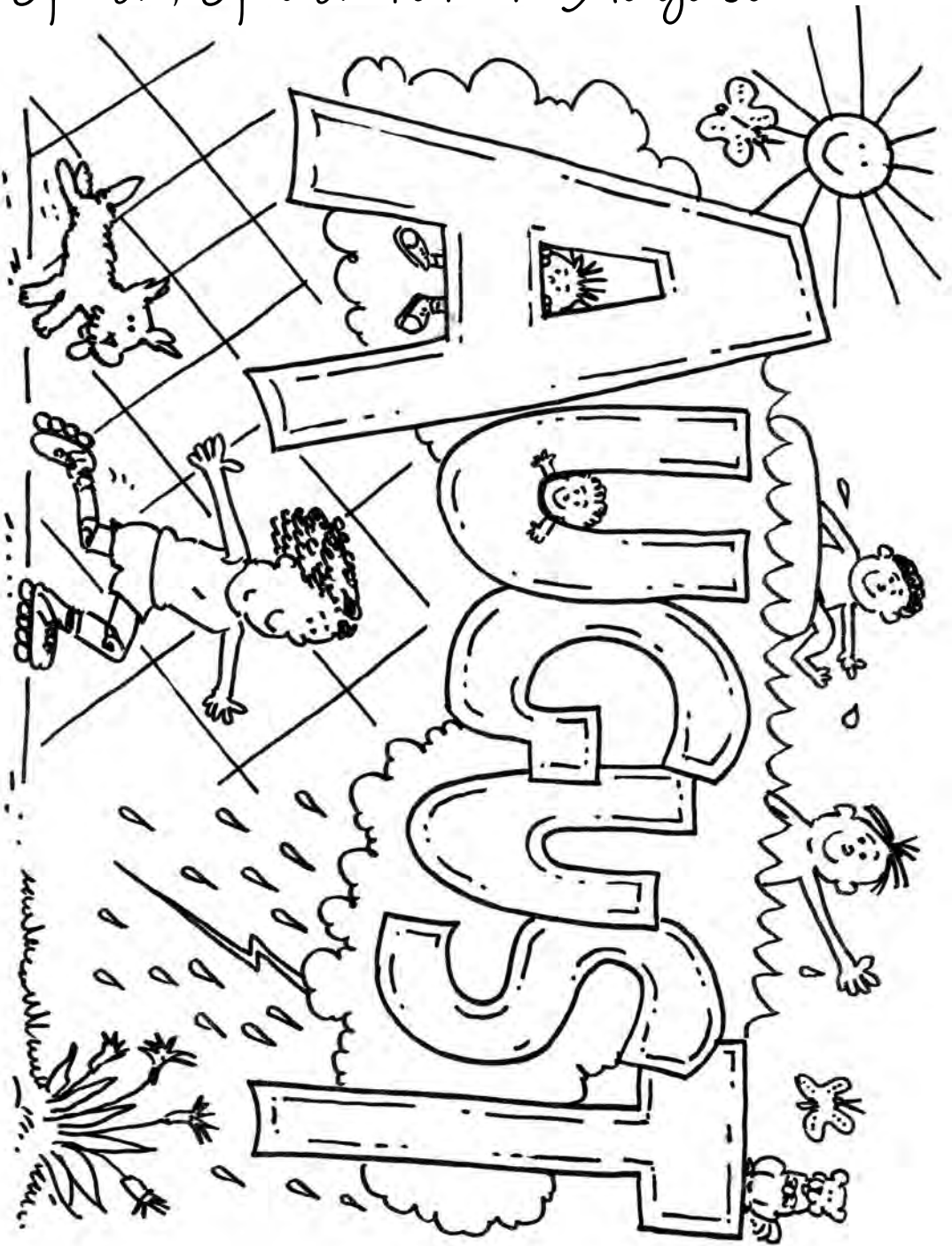
September 3 & 17 / October 1, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

### **Roscoe Village Farmers Market**

3149 N. Wolcott Ave.

June 11 – October 8, 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

# Splish, Splash Fun in August





# Getting the Most From Your Camera (Phone)

— Claudia Hine

**G**ardeners love sharing pictures of the seedlings they've nurtured, flowers they've planted, veggies they've grown, and the many birds, bees, and butterflies that have visited their gardens. With so many social media sites to propagate with their photos, the sky's the limit as to where they can be posted and shared. But are the gardeners getting the most out of those handy cameras inside their phones?

To help answer that question, Irving Park Garden Club members will get a hands-on class from fellow member **Ed Caplan**, educational program director at Keeler Gardens. Ed will present **Mobile Photography in Your Garden, on Saturday, August 19, at 10 a.m.**, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave.

Ed's talk will follow another hands-on effort taking place at Tripp Garden, where volunteers will join coordinator **Mike Basile** at 8:30 a.m. for late summer deadheading and tidying up the community garden.

## First We Walk

It's been a busy summer for the garden club, as two of our biggest social events took place in June and July. Both were welcome breaks from weeding and watering.

First up on June 24 was the annual Art and the Garden Walk, a self-guided tour of nine gardens, open to the public, that also featured the work of seven of our artist-members. The club welcomed more than 125 members and guests to the walk. A big bonus was the addition of a dozen new members to our roster.

Opening up their yards this year were **Jonathan & Lynn**



Doing double duty: Eileen Cole displays her artwork at the garden walk in June and hosts one of the stops on the midsummer stroll in July. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

**Ankney; John & Jan Soule; David & Cris Evaskus and Rosy Douglas; Jaime Murray; Anne & Jim Gruber; Lisa & Alex Collins; Meridith & Michael Cannon; Maureen & Jon Miller; and Nikki Kleve.** Artists displaying their work included **Angie Yorath, Eileen Cole, Darcie Wadycki, T.J. Hine, Sandra Schwarzbeck, Toni Pieczonka, and Laura Marie Sanchez.**

Blessed with beautiful weather, the gardens offered visitors stunning displays of perennial beds, terraced spaces, raised veggie beds, shady party spaces, and more. There also were completely unexpected "secret" gardens in public places that captured the imagination of many attendees.



Sweet relief: Situated near the end of the garden walk, Roman, Greta, and Ian Zapicki offer two types of lemonade plus fun games for kids and a cloud quiz for adults. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*



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# IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB

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Included as a point of interest on the garden walk, this fabulous terraced garden, created by Jose Hernandez, backs up to the Kolmar railroad tracks. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

## Then We Stroll

Next up on July 20 was our popular **Midsummer Night's Stroll**. This annual Wine & Cheese Social takes place between two gardens situated near each other. Our hosts this year were **Karen & Barry Bebart** on Kedvale Ave. and **Eileen Cole & Maire Dempsey** on Keeler Ave., just a short 4-5 minute walk in between.

The stroll is designed to give members an opportunity to mix and mingle and enjoy a relaxing evening in beautiful surroundings. No speaker. No program. Just a chance to reconnect, and it never fails to delight our group.

In fact, we're having so much fun, we've added a holiday potluck party to our schedule. That will take place in November at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave.

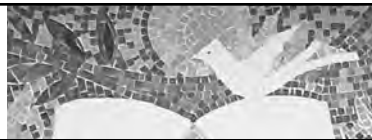
Irving Park Garden Club meetings are for members only. Contact us at [irvingparkgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:irvingparkgardenclub@gmail.com) for more information. We invite you to follow us on [Facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub).

## 2023 Meeting Dates

- Saturday, August 19
- Saturday, October 21
- Thursday, September 21
- Thursday, November 30



OIPA board members Lynn Ankney, (with husband Jonathan, pictured left) and Michael Cannon (with wife Meridith, pictured on right) tend two of the gardens featured on the Irving Park Garden Club's Art and the Garden Walk in June. *Photos by Claudia Hine.*



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## Viator Vibrations — Sara Yost

# Getting Ready for the First Day of School

**W**e look forward to welcoming nearly 300 students to St. Viator when school starts on Wednesday, August 16. Our administration worked over the summer to hire new faculty, implement technology and curriculum updates, and cultivate educational partners in preparation for the upcoming school year. A new school year always brings anticipation, excitement, new friendships, new challenges, and new adventures—we're ready for it!



### Cheer for Cross-Country

Our Cross-Country team is off and running, with the first meet on September 9 when the team participates in the DePaul College Prep Ram Invitational at Horner Park. Go Eagles!



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### Registration

New to the neighborhood or still considering preschool or elementary school options for the 2023-24 school year? Limited seats are still available in select classrooms. Please contact Diane Urgo in the school office at [durgo@stviatorchicago.org](mailto:durgo@stviatorchicago.org) or call 773-545-2173 with questions regarding admission or to schedule a private in-person tour.

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

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## Three Brothers Garden Update

— Liz Mills, Executive Director,  
Carlson Community Services

**T**hree Brothers Garden was pleased to be included as a point of interest on the Irving Park Garden Club's Garden Walk, held in late June. If you'd like to tour the garden and help with our weekly harvests, join us Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The tomatoes are ripening, and cucumbers and green beans are ready to be picked! Experienced and novice gardeners alike are welcome. The work is easy, social, and fun! Teens looking for service hours are encouraged to volunteer. If you'd like to be notified of garden work days and harvests, email your contact info to [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org). All vegetables grown in Three Brothers Garden are donated to the Irving Park Food Pantry.



Debbie Maher (center) and co-workers from Salesforce pitched in at Three Brothers Garden to spread a mound of wood chips between the garden beds. *Photo by Liz Mills.*

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### **Plant a Row for the Hungry,**

If your home vegetable garden produces more than you and your family can enjoy, Three Brothers Garden has a solution. In a program called Plant a Row for the Hungry, you can dedicate a row in your garden to growing crops for the Irving Park Food Pantry. Bring your surplus to the garden on Tuesdays before 6 pm. (Produce donations can be placed on the table under the pergola.) Veggies will be brought to the Food Pantry Wednesday morning for immediate distribution to Food Pantry clients.

Three Brothers Garden is a partnership between Carlson and Irving Park Lutheran Church and is located next to the church parking lot at 4107 N. Pulaski.



Photo by Liz Mills

## Meet Garden Intern Ruth Bouman!

As the Three Brothers Garden 2023 garden intern, Ruth leads the Tuesday night harvests, tracks harvest weights and volunteer hours, and delivers veggies to the Irving Park Food Pantry. Ruth lives in the West Walker neighborhood and just completed her freshman year at St. Louis University, where she is studying English and History. Stop by the garden any Tuesday evening and meet Ruth before she heads back to school!

## After-School Program Update

MAP is enrolling students for the 2023-2024 school year. MAP serves Belding School children in kindergarten through 8th grade. Our focus is on homework completion, and activities are designed to encourage socialization and fun! Weekly enrichment activities include art instruction, baking, science, and crafts. With a sliding scale tuition structure based on income, MAP is a valuable partner for working families of all income levels who need a safe place for their children to go after school. The program meets in the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym at Harding & Belle Plaine. Registration information is available at [carlsoncommunityservices.org/programs/magic-after-school-place/registration-and-tuition/](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org/programs/magic-after-school-place/registration-and-tuition/). Contact Rebecca at [mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org) for more details.



Darcie Wadycki leads monthly art instruction at Carlson's after-school program. Photo by Rebecca Haneberg.

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## Pantry Distributes School Supplies to Students



Board member Michelle Buchecker prepares to bag some of the school supplies the Pantry gave to clients' children during last year's drive. The program continues through August. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

**T**he Pantry is offering school supplies to all clients' children in kindergarten through high school this month to help get them off to a strong start in the new school year. Please donate as soon as possible, as the program continues until the end of the month.

To create the bags of supplies, we need the following:

- loose-leaf paper (narrow and wide ruled)
- spiral notebooks (narrow and wide ruled)
- pocket folders
- glue sticks
- scissors (safety and high school)
- erasers
- #2 pencils
- crayons (24 pack)
- colored pencils
- pens
- rulers
- highlighters
- dry-erase markers

Donations can be dropped off at the Big Helpers store at 4184 N. Elston Ave. between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday or on the enclosed front porch at 3912 N. Kenneth Ave. anytime.

You also can donate via contact-free online registries at Amazon and Target. The links are posted on our Facebook page, or use the QR codes on this page.

Pantry volunteers will be staffing a booth at GIPNA's Farmers Market at Independence Park during the last Sunday of each month this summer (August 27, September 24, and October 22). Stop by to say hi, ask questions, learn about volunteering, or donate money or toiletries.

**Use the QR codes below to order school supplies through Amazon and Target registries.**

Amazon



Target





## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry

### Thanks to Our Supporters

- Thank you to the organizations who supported our Health & Wellness Fair in late June: **Northwestern University's Center for Audiology, Oak Street Health, Old Irving Park Community Clinic, Peters Financial & Insurance Services, and Tapestry 360 Health.**
- Thank you to **Monique Mudie**, donations impact manager, and all the Earth Breeze folks who continue to donate their eco-friendly laundry sheets. Since we joined their Buy One Give Ten program on August 24, 2022, less than one year ago, they have donated 2,048 packages! That equates to 122,880 loads of laundry for our clients at a retail value of \$40,960!
- Thank you to the two daughters of **Lauren and Mark Palmieri**, who raised \$140 for the Pantry through their lemonade stand during the Irving Park Garden & Art Walk!



Stephanie Cutter (left) and her associate Caroline with the Stephanie Cutter Group load up the Pantry's van to make deliveries to some of our homebound clients with the help of homebound co-coordinator Katie DiBartolo. Photo by Craig Shutt



Joyce Benninghouse, Diana Powers, and Margie Pomonis show some of the 384 packs of detergent sheets Earth Breeze donated in June, a retail value of \$7,680. Photo by Craig Shutt



Members of the Old Irving Park Community Clinic (l-r, Eve Martinez Soto, Carmen Martinez, Dr. Charles Martinez, and Mark Delos Reyes) provided information on their healthcare services and administered blood-pressure tests during the Pantry's Health & Wellness Fair in June. Photo by Craig Shutt

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

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

# CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

## OIPA NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

**Advertising:**  
First Tuesday  
of the month

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

## August

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- 17 **Friends of Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse, "Evening in the Park"** | 6–8 p.m. | Kilbourn Park, 3501 N. Kilbourn | Come enjoy the garden with live music, fresh mocktails, silent auction, and appetizers made from the garden's summer harvest. Purchase tickets: <https://bit.ly/KilbournEvening>
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- 19 **Irving Park Garden Club | Hands-On Program** | Mobile Photography in Your Garden | Speaker: Ed Caplan, Keeler Gardens | 10 a.m. | St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave. | Members only; contact [irvingparkgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:irvingparkgardenclub@gmail.com) to join.
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- 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 [www.facebook.com/events/eris-brewery-and-cider-house/run-for-beer-eris-brewery-cider-house](http://www.facebook.com/events/eris-brewery-and-cider-house/run-for-beer-eris-brewery-cider-house)
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- 27 **OIPA Parents Committee Back to School Picnic** | 10:30 a.m. | Find more information at [www.facebook.com/oldirvingparkassoc](http://www.facebook.com/oldirvingparkassoc)
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- 29 **Medicare 101 hosted by the YMCA**, Get help on navigating Medicare | 6–8 p.m. | Irving Park YMCA, 4251 West Irving Park Road, 773-777-7500 | **Registration Required, Call 773-777-7500** | presented by Grace Kwon, Independent Insurance Broker. Additional dates: September 14, 6–8 p.m.; October 7, 1–3 p.m.

## Ongoing in the Neighborhood

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**Clarendale Six Corners, Wine-Down Wednesday** | First Wednesday Monthly, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Clarendale Six Corners, Information Center, 4004 N. Cicero Avenue, RSVP to 872-250-5126, two days before each event. Hurry! Space is limited. Wine and refreshments will be served.

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**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.



# 2023–2024 OIPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Joining or renewing your membership is easy with our online membership form at [www.olderirvingpark.com/join-us](http://www.olderirvingpark.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).

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**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.

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

## General Submissions

### Community Calendar, Articles & Photos

- Please send articles and calendar items as a Word document or in an email or Google doc. Include the author's name, company or organization (if applicable), and contact information in the document. If you have an event for inclusion in the calendar (regardless of whether or not you mention it in your article submission), please specifically note it when submitting your article. If submitting images, please include photo captions and photographer credit.
- 400 words maximum without photos, 300/325 with photos and captions.
- Submissions as Links to websites or Facebook are NOT accepted.
- Articles should be information-based and should not contain advertorial content. Bylined articles should be written in third-person, unless the submission is an opinion piece or a personal story. Byline includes the author's name, business name and contact info. **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN THE DOCUMENT.**
- **Photos and images should be provided as separate files. We cannot use photos or images that are embedded or placed in a Word document. We need the original image file.**
- Photos should be accompanied with photographer credit and a caption(s). If submitting photos for an article, please include captions and photo credits in the same document as your article.
- If your files are too large to email, please use <https://wettransfer.com> or Dropbox Transfer. You can send several files at a time using either platform.
- The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions. Information printed in the newsletter may be reproduced with Old Irving Park Association cited as the source. Opinions in this publication do not necessary reflect the official position of the Old Irving Park Association.

## Advertising Submissions

- Purchase ad space and upload your ad at: [www.oldirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad](http://www.oldirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad)
- **AD SIZES:** Full Page: 6.25" X 7.5"  
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](mailto:k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com). Please include "OIPA submission" in the subject line of the email. Also include the category of the item you are submitting—advertisement, article or community calendar.

2023 SUBMISSION DATES		
NO JANUARY OR JULY ISSUES.		
Publication Month	Advertising	General
September	8/1	8/3
October	9/5	9/7
November	10/3	10/5
December*	10/31*	11/2

# AUGUST JOKES

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



**Q: What's an astronaut's favorite part of a computer?**

**A:** The space bar.

**Q: Why are elevator jokes so classic and good?**

**A:** They work on many levels.

**Q: What do clouds wear?**

**A:** Thunderwear

**Q: Where do young trees go to learn?**

**A:** Elementree school.

**Q: Why are piggy banks so wise?**

**A:** They're filled with common cents.

## 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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