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Cover photo: Halloween in OIPA

Photo by Kathleen Kearns



Adopt a Greenspace 2024 — Adrienne Chan, OIPA Director



OIPA has six “mural planters” and 16 in-ground planting beds on Irving Park Road that need to be maintained during the warmer months. Over the past few years, we have requested neighborhood residents and businesses to “adopt” one or more of these plots and be responsible for plant upkeep and trash cleanup.

We held a contest again this year for the In-ground Garden Beds. The Irving Park Garden Club reviewed the in-ground garden beds in early September to determine which beds earn bragging rights (at least until next season). This year’s winners are:

Winner: Best Overall
N1–N3 – Madelyn & Dave Ryan (and friends)

Our 2024 Best Overall Winner, the judges called this garden beautiful, manicured and a pollinator paradise. They appreciated the use of color, spacing between plants and the wonderful variety of natives, grasses and hostas. More than one judge remarked on the outstanding color on the ninebark bush.

Honorable Mention: Best Design and Creativity
N8 – Michelle Skoropistsev

The judges absolutely loved the decorations, calling them whimsical and wonderful, calling this garden the Best for Design and Creativity. They also appreciated the pops of color, calling out the beautiful coleus, begonias and coneflowers. The garden displayed a great use of color and foliage.

Honorable Mention: Great Plant Blend
N5– Kelly Construction & Design/Jess & Billy Navin

The roses looked happy, the hostas looked happy, and the judges looked happy observing this garden, their Great Plant Blend Honorable Mention.

Photo by Adrienne Chan.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Honorable Mention: Great Color N4 – Kelly Construction & Design/Chicago Pizza

The judges were charmed by the beautiful pink roses in this garden, awarding Honorable Mention for Great Color. They called this a nice mix of heights for the combination of roses with begonia, hydrangea and coleus.

Honorable Mention: Great Structural Interest S1-S6 – Residences of OIP

This wonderfully maintained garden was awarded Honorable Mention for Great Structural Interest. The judges enjoyed the use of grasses and hostas as well as the great structure provided by the shrubs.

Honorable Mention: Most Chicago N10 – Maureen & Jon Miller

The great city of Chicago was named for the wild onions that flourished in the area. In the spirit of that, the judges deemed N10 as the “Most Chicago” for the bounteous uses of alliums. The judges also appreciated the wild aesthetic and use of native plants.

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We wish to thank Dave and Madelyn Ryan and their “committee” of helpers who maintained the three usually unruly garden beds on the northwest corner of Irving Park and Kolmar. They looked neat, tidy, well kept all year - and even displayed patriotic decorations for the 4th of July. Dave will be taking over the “Adopt a Green Space” program next season and moving to more of a maintenance-by-committee structure based on the success of his efforts this season. Don't worry—if you've maintained the same space for a few years and want to stick with it, that will also be an option.



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.
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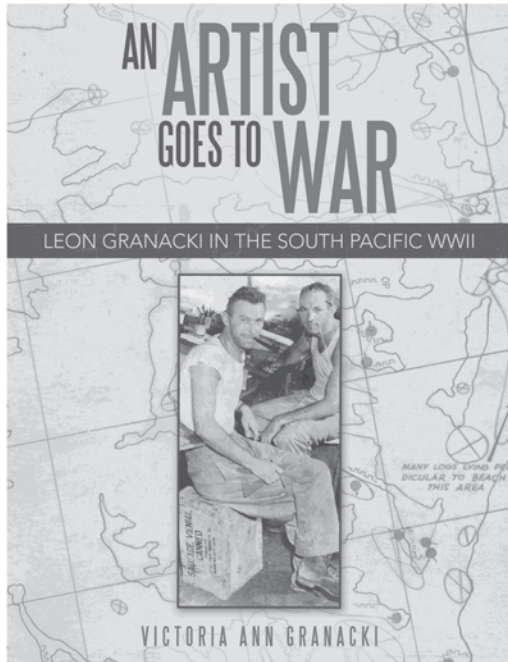


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Summarized Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on August 26, 2024 — Submitted by Nicholas Plagman-Frank, OIPA Secretary

Meeting Scheduled for 7 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting Started: 7:08 p.m.

Attendees: Lynn Ankney, Adrienne Chan, Scott Leagan, Nicholas Plagman-Frank, Dave Ryan, Anne Swingen, and Dan William.

Ambassador and Zoning

The meeting began with a continuation of the public safety discussion that OIPA initiated during a special meeting session on August 5. Various ideas were brainstormed to improve pedestrian infrastructure around the Kennedy Expressway exit ramp at Kostner and the intersection of Cullom and Keeler to identify potential funding sources for this work. Examples of improvements included raised crosswalks like those near Lane Tech High School and adding speed humps near the stop signs to force vehicles to slow down or stop. The board decided to consult with the 39th Ward Alderperson Samantha Nugent and 30th Ward Alderperson Ruth Cruz's offices about placing new speed humps or other ideas that could be implemented as temporary solutions until a source of funding can be found for permanent improvements.

Community Engagement

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry requested that OIPA sponsor its 40th Anniversary celebration event. The board decided to donate \$250 in support.

Membership

Artwork for premium memberships (Good Neighbor & All Star) is ready for distribution. Nick updated the

board and committed to having the prints ready for member pickup at the September 11 general meeting. The board discussed splitting up the remaining prints among a few Board members' homes in the neighborhood for member pickup this fall. The board agreed to communicate the distribution plan to members via the weekly email beginning Friday, August 30.

Upcoming Meetings

The agenda, refreshments, and guest attendees for the upcoming September 11 general meeting were discussed. As is customary for the first general meeting of the new fiscal year, it was decided that the meeting would be a social event in addition to the board director elections and artwork distribution. The board decided on communication and divided up responsibilities for the meeting.

Newsletter Planning

For the August "Message from the Board," it was decided that the Beautification Committee would summarize the findings of its economic development walk/survey of storefronts and businesses within the Old Irving Park neighborhood boundaries.

Beautification

- An update was provided regarding the forthcoming Keep OIPA Clean fundraiser at Community Tavern. The board will continue to promote the fundraiser to reach the goal of 65 attendees.



OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

- An Openlands Tree Planting will take place in Old Irving Park this fall. At the time of the board meeting, 17 neighbors had committed to participating by receiving 18 parkway trees.

Administration

- Lynn presented the treasurer’s report. July marked the first month of OIPA’s fiscal year. Notable receipts included \$4,185 received for the Keep OIPA Clean fundraiser dinner. Notable expenses included the annual database license renewal cost. There were no costs related to the newsletter in

July. Scott motioned to approve the July financials, seconded by Adrienne, and approved by the remainder of the Board members present.

- Dan shared the great news that Northwestern Medicine will significantly contribute to OIPA. We will share more information once we receive communication from Northwestern Medicine regarding the distribution and parameters of their donation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



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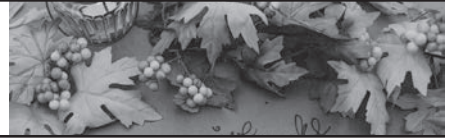
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OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT



Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

on September 11, 2024 – Submitted by Nicholas Plagman-Frank, OIPA Secretary

OIPA Board Vice President Scott Leagan called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. After welcoming everyone in attendance, he announced the OIPA Board Directors seeking reelection: Jake Berger, Adrienne Chan, Colleen Kenny, Meredith O’Sullivan, Dave Ryan, Anne Swingen, and Dan William.

T.J. Hine nominated the slate of Directors, which **Anna Sober** seconded with no objections from any members present.

Approximately 30 members attended, including some of our elected officials and city, state, and federal government representatives. Each official or representative was introduced and said a few words. Present were **Aldersperson Ruth Cruz** from the 30th ward, **Aldersperson Samantha Nugent** from the 39th ward, **State Senator Robert Martwick**, and **Dana Fritz**, a representative from Congressman Mike Quigley’s office.

Following words from our elected officials, Anna Sober announced the Irving Park Community Food Pantry’s 40th Anniversary Celebration, which will be held on Sunday, October 6, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Irish American Heritage Center. She encouraged everyone to visit the pantry’s site to purchase tickets.

Lastly, before Scott dismissed members and guests for the social part of the meeting, which included food provided by **Tahina Kitchen**, 4363 W Irving Park Rd, and drinks provided by OIPA, Director Adrienne Chan shared the results of the Irving Park Garden Club’s judging of the in-ground planters along Irving Park Road west of Keeler. Accolades {for Greenspace winners} can be found on page 2.

The meeting was dismissed at 7:48 p.m. so members could socialize with each other and their elected officials and enjoy the delicious food and beverages.



Aldersperson Ruth Cruz and OIPA Board Member Meredith O’Sullivan look on while Board Member Adrienne Cha, [center] announces the 2024 Greenspace winners. Also pictured [right] OIPA Board Vice President Scott Leagan.



Aldersperson Ruth Cruz from the 30th ward, Aldersperson Samantha Nugent from the 39th ward provided Ward updates.

Photos by Dave Ryan and Anna Sober.



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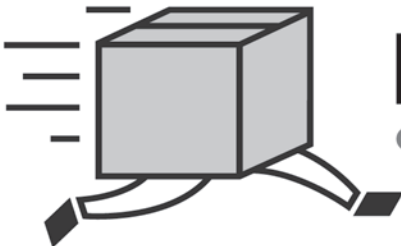


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Linda Parker
Erica Perez
Chyrsa Petersen
Maria Pfeifer
Emily Plagman-Frank
Jennifer Rood
Peggy Rooney
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Juan Salinas
Samantha Schmitz
Alice Sheets
Jason Simon
Kellee Simz
Maile Solis
Megan Stride
Frank Suerth
Ewa Tran
Katie Tuten
Gregory Ward
Mike Whitcomb
Kelly Williams
Kinsey Wolf
Fred Wu
Sara Yoest
Martin Yorath

October Anniversaries

Michael & Elizabeth Basile
Leslie & Blake Batterson
Adrienne & Chris Chan
Barbara & Stephan Cohn
Alisun DeKock & Richard Liu
Jarod Dixon & Christina Fuhrman
Dan & Courtney Funkhouser
Susan Gidley & Phil Timberman
Jorge & Illeana Gomez
Kristin Gross & John Nicewick
Amy Hennessy & Mark Stiglitz
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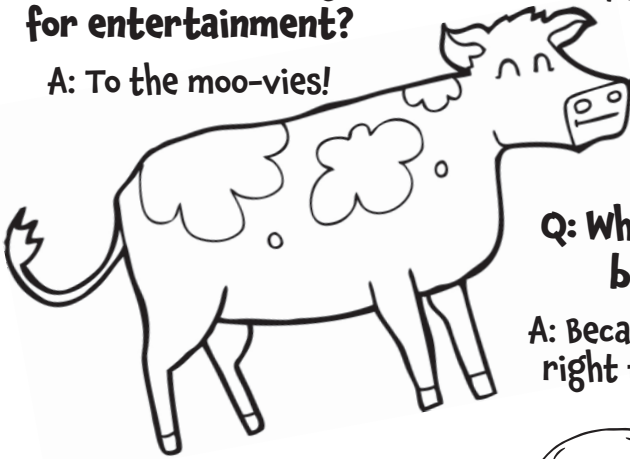
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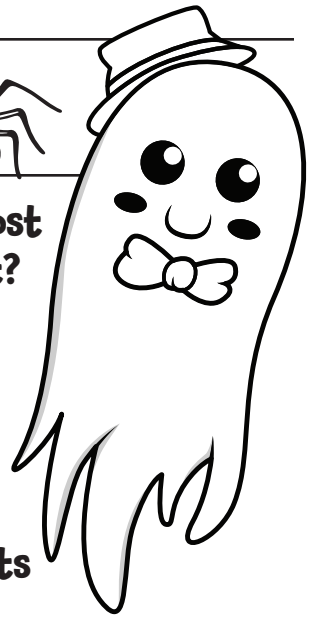
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A: To the moo-vies!



Q: What's a ghost favorite fruit?

A: Booberries.

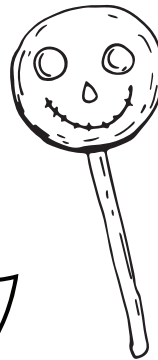
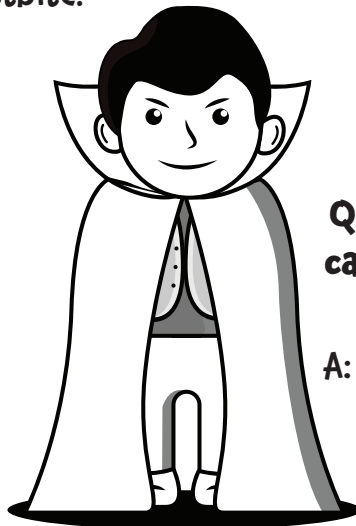


Q: Why are ghosts bad liars?

A: Because you can see right through them!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

A: Frostbite!

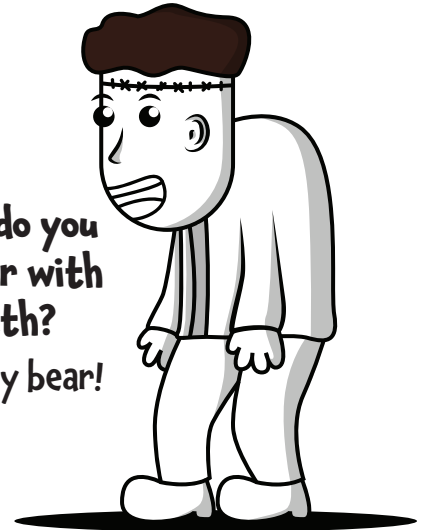


Q: How do ghosts send letters?

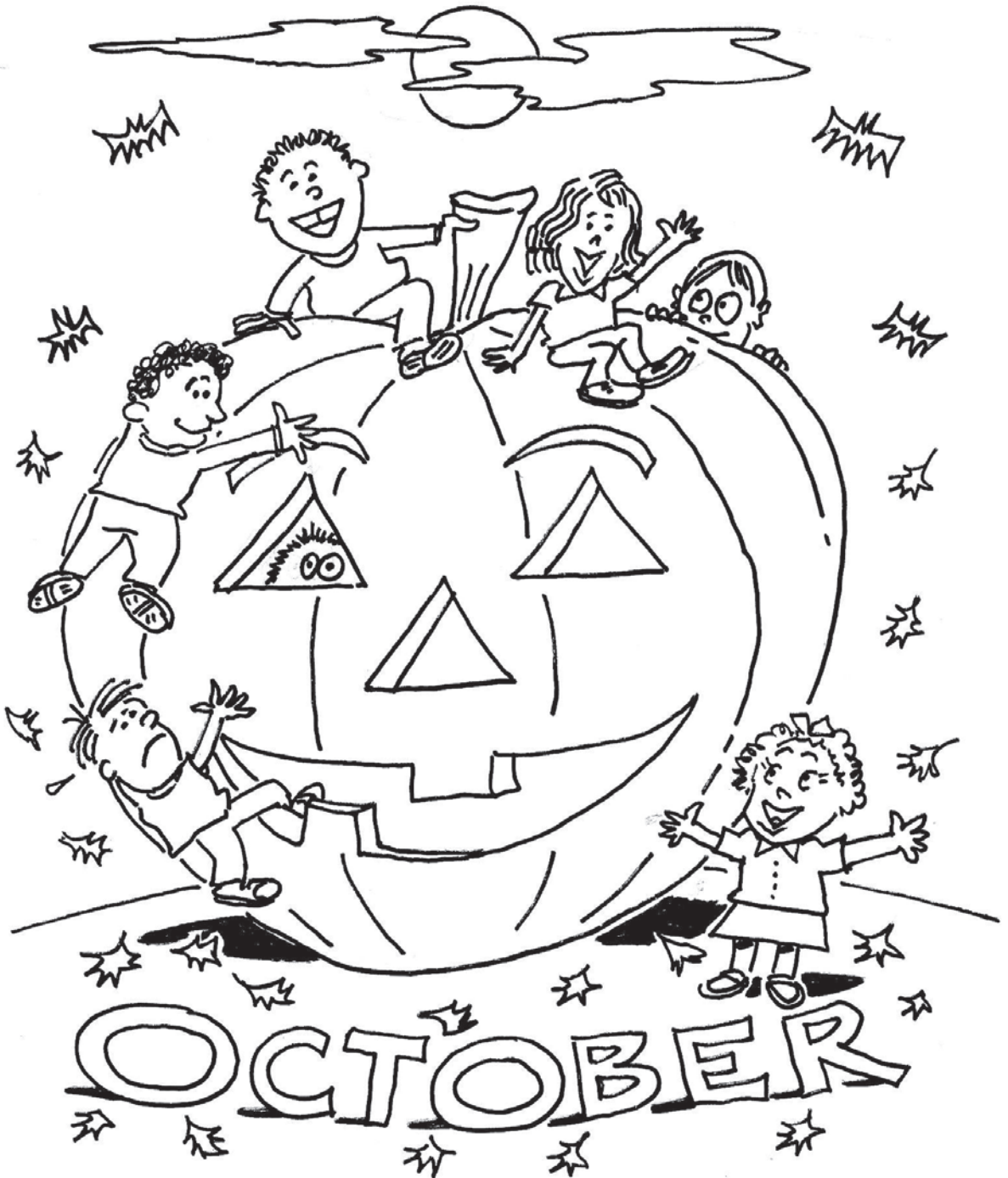
A: Through the ghost office.

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A: A gummy bear!



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The Buzz at Belding — Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator



Belding's Annual Walk-a-Thon

This month, the Belding Parent Group will kick off our annual Walk-a-Thon to raise funds that provide every Belding student with ten weeks of top-notch, in-school art classes. On October 18 students will head outside to walk (or, in many cases, RUN) laps around Belding's track. Want to support Belding's Bulldogs as they walk for art in all classrooms at our neighborhood school? Donate directly using this QR Code or sponsor a Belding Bulldog on your block when their donor pages are up and running later this month!



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

Principal Durkin or Assistant Principal Cortes set aside one morning each month to give tours to interested parents. Tours are for adults, so if children are present, please ensure they can safely and quietly attend the tour. Tours begin at 8 a.m. in the main office. There is no need to RSVP; please just come! Please arrive by 7:55 a.m. and check in with security. Upcoming tour dates are October 16 and November 13. Tours are a great opportunity to learn more about our school and the Belding community! You can also check out the Belding website www.beldingelementary.com for more information.



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What To Do About Weeds

— Claudia Hine

The Irving Park Garden Club will meet on Saturday, October 19, to moan and complain about the wicked weeds that drive everyone crazy. Luckily, our speaker will be **Nicki Achor** of North Branch Natives, who will present "Tackling Garden Weeds."

Nicki has a horticulture degree from Purdue University, and she will teach us the basics of weed identification. She will offer some techniques to save time (and our backs) so we can enjoy our gardens in leisure.

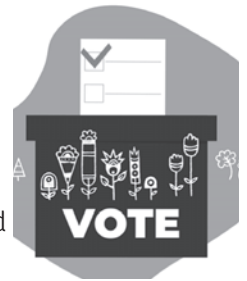


Nicki Achor from North Branch Natives will tackle the troublesome topic of dealing with garden weeds at IPGC's October meeting.

Photo provided by Irving Park Garden Club.

It's An Election Year

Our club also will hold its every-other-year election of officers for the 2025-2026 seasons at this meeting. President Debbie Maher said, "If you are interested in running for the office of president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer, or have questions, please reach out to us at irvingparkgardenclub@gmail.com."



In addition, the club is seeking a hospitality manager, which is an unelected position, who can be responsible for coordinating refreshments for our gatherings. Role descriptions for all positions are available upon request.

This meeting takes place at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave., at 10 a.m., on Saturday, October 19.

2024 Garden Club Meeting Dates

- Saturday, October 19
- Thursday, November 21

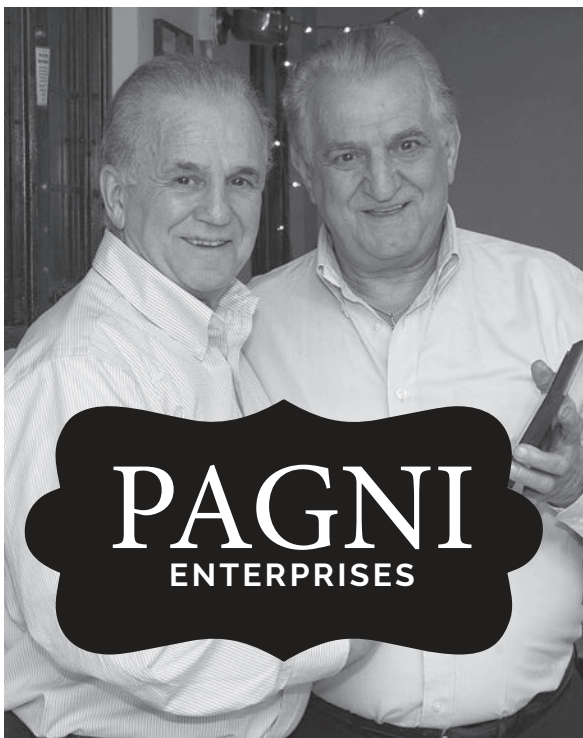


Herbal Harvest

In August, the club held its annual hands-on class. This year the subject was Backyard Herbalism, and Deb Kraemer of Abbey Brown Herbal Soaps demonstrated her methods for using herbs to create home remedies from the herbs we grow in our gardens.

The topic drew a big group of participants. Members had the option to make bouquets, aromatics, teas, topicals, and body lotion from herbs they gathered at home or from Deb's stash.

VP Chris Omiotek (left) cooks up a salve under the watchful eye of Deb Kraemer at IPGC's Backyard Herbalism class.
Photo by Claudia Hine.



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Three Brothers Garden Update

— Sara Yoest, Executive Director, Carlson Community Services



Three Brothers Garden Volunteers.
Photo by Sara Yoest.

We are winding down the growing season at the Three Brothers Garden. It's been a bountiful year! Thanks to **Judy Sviatko** for leading the garden committee again this year. And thank you to our regular garden volunteers **Melanie Reschke, Joyce Patch, Rebecca Haneberg, Ruth Meberg, and Sara Anderson**, who have consistently helped with Tuesday harvests this season to ensure we always have a delivery to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry on Wednesday mornings! We have grown over 400 pounds of vegetables and herbs for the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, with still more throughout October. Tomatoes, green beans, and peppers have been abundant this summer, with beets, leafy salad greens, cucumbers, squash, and various herbs rounding things out.



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 Sara Yoest, Executive Director, at sarayoest@carlsoncommunityservices.org. Follow us on Facebook or sign up for our newsletters at carlsoncommunityservices.org.



SAVE THE DATE

for Carlson's Trivia Night – November 16

Mark your calendar & start studying! Carlson Community Services' Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024, in the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym at 4057 N. Harding Avenue. As Carlson's largest fundraiser of the year, Trivia Night has become a beloved community event supporting Carlson's Magic Afterschool Place, the Three Brothers Garden, and the free concert series. Watch our Facebook page for details to purchase tickets, or visit the Events page at carlsoncommunityservices.org.



Annika Sundberg, *Photo provided by the artist.*

Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series' 31st Season Begins

Plan to join us on Sunday, November 3, 2024, when we welcome renowned organist and native Chicagoan, Annika Sundberg for a free 2 p.m. organ concert at the Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Avenue. Annika will perform works from J.S. Bach and Dan Locklair. She will feature selections from African American composers Thomas H. Kerr and Jeffery Mumford on the beautiful Casavant organ, built by the Casavant Freres Limitee of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada. More than 2,500 pipes are in the three expression chambers of the organ loft, which has been an integral part of the music program at the Irving Park Lutheran Church since its dedication in 1953.





Art in the Garden:

A Celebration of Creativity Featuring Ten OIP Artists

Photos by Kathleen Kearns
& T. J. Hine



Photographer Robert Jones.



T. J. Hine, mosaic jewelry.

Held in September, Art in the Garden, hosted by Maire Dempsey (pictured upper right), is a two-day event in our neighborhood that showcases the work of local OIP artists.



Janice Jones, pen and ink drawings.



OIP Halloween Parade

hosted by the OIPA Parents Committee

October 26

Time & Route TBD



Happenings at the Y — Ron Anderson, Executive Director



Photo provided by the YMCA.

Community Health & Wellness Resource Event

Join us on Wednesday, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for this free community event and take charge of your health and well-being! Visit local health and wellness providers and engage in various activities throughout the event. Meet new people who share your passion for health and wellness and strengthen your connections with neighbors and friends.

IPY is part of the 2024 Open House Chicago

On the weekend of October 19/20, we will provide specialized tours to celebrate the 99+ years of history in our building. Open House Chicago is a free public festival that offers self-guided exploration and access to historically, culturally, and architecturally significant sites across the city. Stop in and learn the full history of the Chicago Bears Den or SRO Housing.

Halloween at the Y

Our annual event will be held on Saturday, October 26, from 6–8 p.m. It will include spooktacular fun and games for the family, including a haunted house. Registration opens October 1 and is required for all children three years and older.



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Pantry Celebrates 40 Years on October 6!

The Pantry will celebrate its 40th anniversary from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 6, at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave.

Eric Zorn, former opinion columnist for the Chicago Tribune and now editor/publisher of the Picayune Sentinel newsletter, will be the afternoon's M.C.

A suggested donation of \$19.84 (the year we opened) is requested. The event will feature appetizers, coffee, desserts, a cash bar, and door prizes. There is free parking and the building is ADA compliant.

Guests can talk with board members, Pantry officers, and volunteers about ways to help with ongoing programs and initiatives. For more details, visit our social media pages.

Pantry Hat, Scarf & Glove Drive Underway

The Pantry plans to distribute hats, scarves, and gloves to its clients on November 20 during our annual Thanksgiving-dinner distribution.

Due to space limitations at our facility, we are unable to hold our annual coat drive. However, we still want to help our clients withstand the harsh winter as best we can.

Donations of new hats, scarves, and gloves for children and adults can be taken to the Big Helpers store at 4184 N. Elston Ave. or the front porch at 3912 N. Kenneth Ave. anytime. Additional drop-off locations will be announced. Please donate only hats, scarves, and gloves, as we have no space to offer other items.



This QR code will take you to the Pantry's registry for contact-free hats, scarves, and gloves donations.

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



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry



Magda Herron, the field representative for 3rd District, talked with Executive Director John Psiharis during a visit to the Pantry in August.

Photo by Craig Shutt



Health & Wellness Fair a Success

Our Health & Wellness Fair on August 7 brought out six organizations to talk with our clients and others in the neighborhood about their services for low-income and seniors in the community. Thanks to all our exhibitors:

- The **HANA Center Chicago**, which offers expertise in social services, community organizing, culture, and education.
- The **Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)**, talked with clients about employment opportunities.
- **Irving Park YMCA**, offered information on its programs for individuals and families.
- **Jane Addams Resource Corp. (JARC)**, provided flyers explaining its manufacturing job training.
- **Lutheran Social Services**, which works through the Portage Cragin Counseling Center.
- **Oak Street Health**, which offers services to seniors on Medicare.
- **Peters Financial & Insurance**, run by one of our volunteers, provided details on various Medicare supplemental plans.

We appreciate all the donations of time, money, and special items from everyone in Old Irving Park. They help us achieve our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

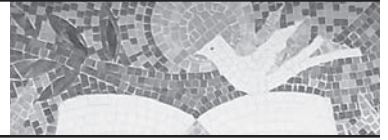
Thank You to all Our Supporters

- **Magda Herron**, field representative for 3rd District **Congresswoman Delia Ramirez**, visited the Pantry in August to see our operations. She was impressed by the variety of food available and the number of clients we could serve in only three hours (that week, it was 375 people in 140 families). We talked with her about the challenges of helping the growing number of families who need help with access to nutritious meals.
- Thank you to **J.T.'s Genuine Sandwich Shop** for donating the proceeds from their sales at the GIPNA's Farmers Market this summer! We appreciate their generous and ongoing support.



JT's Genuine Sandwich Shop's donated sandwich sales at this summer's GIPNA Farmers Market at Independence Park to the Pantry.

Photo by Marcy Sherrill.



Viator Voice — William Teeple, Admissions Director

St. Viator Elementary School is Active this Fall!

Cross Country - October

The Cross Country Team continues to grow together, and the students continue rising to the challenges of the practices and races. October Meets include the LTAC Middle School Invite (10/2) at Horner Park and the Harms Woods Stampede (10/5) at Harms Woods. Students must qualify for the Sectional Meet (10/12) and the State Final (10/19). Go Eagles!

School Year '25-'26 Enrollment!

We are beginning our enrollment cycle for the 2025-2026 school year. Our first Open House is Wednesday, October 9, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Parent Tour Guides are ready to walk you through the school and answer your questions. We are also planning an evening Open House on Wednesday, October 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. If the Open House times don't work with your schedule, contact William Teeple, Admissions Director, at (773) 545-2173 to schedule an individual tour.



Photo credit: William Teeple

Trunk-or-Treat

Ghosts, ghouls, shrieks, and treats—Halloween is coming! We will host our annual Trunk-or-Treat at the end of October. School families will host a trunk, turning our parking lot into a Halloween celebration! This event is open to all our neighborhood friends; event and food tickets will be available to purchase on-site. Watch our Facebook page for the event details, and join us for the fun!



Connect Online! Good things are happening at St. Viator Elementary School! Follow our socials to stay up on school news! Find us on Facebook: St. Viator Elementary School and Parish, Chicago, and Instagram: stvschoolchi, or visit the school website at www.stviatorchicago.org.

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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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General Submissions

Community Calendar, Articles & Photos

- Please send articles and calendar items as a Word document or in an email or Google doc. Include the author's name, company or organization (if applicable), and contact information in the document. If you have an event for inclusion in the calendar (regardless of whether or not you mention it in your article submission), please specifically note it when submitting your article. If submitting images, please include photo captions and photographer credit.
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2024 SUBMISSION DATES	*Due to holidays	
NO JANUARY OR JULY ISSUES.		
Publication Month	Advertising	General
November	10/1	10/3
December*	11/5	11/7

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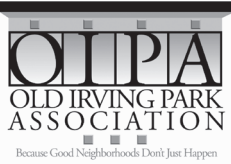
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OIPA & COMMUNITY CALENDAR *of* EVENTS



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October

-
- 13 Artists Book House | Open House |**
2–6 p.m. | 4207 W Irving Park
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- 16 YMCA Community Health & Wellness
Resource Event |** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. | FREE
-
- 19 Irving Park Garden Club | Tackling
Garden Weeds |** 10 a.m. | St. John's
Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave.
-
- 26 OIP Halloween Parade hosted by the
OIPA Parents Committee**
Time & Route TBD
-
- 26 Halloween at the Y |** 6–8 p.m. |
Spooky fun and games for the family |
Registration (required) opens October 1.

November

-
- 3 Irving Park Fine Arts Free Concert
Series |** 2 p.m. | Irving Park Lutheran
Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave.
-
- 13 OIPA Quarterly General Meeting**
7 p.m. | St. John's Episcopal Church,
3857 N. Kostner Ave.
-
- 16 Carlson Community Services' Trivia
Night |** Irving Park Lutheran Church
gym | 4057 N. Harding Avenue. Visit
carlsoncommunityservices.org.
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- 21 Irving Park Garden Club | Member
Holiday Potluck Dinner |** 7 p.m. |
St. John's Episcopal Church,
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December

-
- TBD OIPA Holiday Party**
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- 15 OIPA Holiday Light Stroll**
Details to come.

February/March

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- TBD OIPA Quarterly General Meeting**
7 p.m. | St. John's Episcopal Church,
3857 N. Kostner Ave. | Speakers: Local
elected officials.

April

-
- 12 Egg Hunt hosted by OIPA Parents
Committee |** Belding School playground

May

-
- 14 OIPA Quarterly General Meeting**
7 p.m. | St. John's Episcopal Church
Garden, 3857 N. Kostner Ave. | "Getting
Ready for Summer: Irving Park Garden
Club, greenspace adoption and more.
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- TBD All-Star Party**
Cocktail Party Social event for
the All-Star membership level.

June

-
- 8 (tentative) Ice Cream Social + End of
School Year Party + Teen
Service Forum |** St. John's
Episcopal Church Garden,
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