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# Prepare for Tomorrow — Today!

– Lynn Ankney, President

**N**o one likes to think about an emergency, let alone prepare for one. But when the worst in life happens, things can be made easier by a little preparation. I'm sure I'm not alone in knowing friends and family directly affected by the hurricanes in Houston and Florida. My Dad was able to quickly and easily gather up important documents before evacuating his home in Marco Island because he's always been so organized and current in his record keeping. While Chicago has its challenges, thankfully natural disasters rank a very low risk. Still, life happens, and you can't adequately prepare for the unexpected after you have an emergency, right? So, in the spirit of "neighbor helping neighbor." I'm using this month's President's Page to pass along some tips I came across while formulating my game plan to whip my household into order.

I'm starting with the easy stuff, like keys to my house. I have a set of keys with one neighbor, but I'm going to increase the likelihood that next time we are locked out of the house, I have more than one person to call.

**Financial Accounts.** The Costco Connection, the monthly Costco magazine sent to their Executive Members (read: fanatics; yes, of which I'm certifiably one), recently published a master list of financial accounts to gather and keep safe:

- Bank accounts
- Investment accounts
- 401(k) plan
- Pensions
- Life insurance
- Home insurance

- Credit Cards
- Loans: mortgage, car, etc.
- Titles and deeds to your cars and home

Once I gather the account number and login/password credentials for all of the financial accounts I compiled a master list, I'm going to stow it with...

**Other Important documents.** A quick online search listed the following items are best kept at home (rather than a bank), in a fireproof box or safe:

- Passports
- Original birth certificates
- Original social security cards
- A list of family doctors, prescription medications and contact information for all pharmacies you use
- CDS or an external hard drive containing digital copies of family photos
- Safe deposit keys
- Copies of legal documents, including powers of attorney, living wills, and health care proxies
- Copy of wills and all wills in which you are designated the executor
- Valuables: jewelry, coins, cash
- Spare keys and titles to all vehicles

The above collection process does not sound fun. The alternative of having all that important information living in various file folders, online, or worst of all — only in my head? That's worse. My hope is this exercise will result in me feeling a level of preparedness akin to you-take-your-umbrella-with-you-and-it-doesn't-end-up-raining prepared.



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## Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

on September 18, 2017 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary

**Attendees:** Lynn Ankney, Howard Silver, Adrienne Chan, Colleen Kenny, Meredith O'Sullivan, Anna Sobor, and Bart Goldberg.

**The Board meeting commenced at 7:08 p.m.**

**Treasurer's Reports:** The Treasurer's Reports for the month of August were unanimously approved..

**Membership:** Meredith updated us on the status of renewals. They are still coming in quite slowly with slightly over half of our members having not yet renewed. Such procrastination is unfortunately about par for our course. Many of us are just too busy to remember, but when they don't get that beloved newsletter, and have to search for a potentially counterfeit copy, they tend to return to the flock..

**Advertising:** Colleen Kenny reports that advertising is proceeding quite well. We have about 27 advertisers for our next issue, and she was pleased that she has been able to convert all but two of them to renewing on line through the Wufoo system

**Outside Meeting:** Lynn Ankney and Anna Sobor will both attend a meeting in the next week or two with Gidley Management Group and other people for a very preliminary discussion as to whether or not there is now sufficient interest from the local business community to form some type of local business organization. The 45th Ward Advisory Council has invited us to a preliminary meeting to discuss revised plans being presented by the owners of the development of The Point at Six Corners. That project has been stalled while searching for additional tenants.

**Zoning:** Howard Silver updated us on a few ongoing zoning issues. One matter of note is that there is now an update on the property at 4301 W. Montrose Avenue. You will recall that many neighbors had been unhappy with the prior problem business owner and that the business had since shut down. A license was recently issued to a new business that will operate a cab repair shop at that location. They are intending to be a good neighbor and have already started making positive overtures..

**Miscellaneous:** Our website, the greenspace program, the viaducts and the murals were all also discussed.

**Future Meetings:** The next meeting with Representative Andrade, along with several other future meetings were discussed. The date of December 10 at 5 PM was selected for the holiday dinner, with details to follow.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**



### NEXT MEMBER MEETING

Monday, October 9, 2017, at 7 p.m.

Lower Level of  
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# Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting

on September 11, 2017 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary

### Prior to the Meeting:

After a summer without meetings, the anticipation from our membership was palpable. The good people of Old Irving Park started arriving early and kept coming. You would have thought that they were seeking refuge from a storm. They were not attending just to eat treats, as none were provided. They simply wanted to assemble in peace and friendship to enjoy the camaraderie of a meeting of our beloved neighborhood association. At least 50 such pure souls were in attendance, and many of them were first-time visitors. **President Ankney** commenced the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

### Committee Reports and Announcements:

**President Ankney** brought everyone up to date on ongoing matters through the summer and then called on several of the members of the Board to present committee reports. The Board has been meeting during the summer, and I have reported previously on these developments in the minutes for those meetings. As to the announcements, there were three that I want to mention in particular. Past President **Anna Sobor** wanted people to know that Cook County Towing which operates out of Avondale Collision and Repair at Milwaukee and Keeler has allegedly been behaving poorly. Anna will attend a City meeting on October 5 in Room 805 at City Hall at 10 a.m. discussing their violations. She invited anyone else that is aware of the situation to attend as well. The second announcement was from **Claudia Hine** in her capacity as Planter-in-Chief of the Old Irving Park Gardening Club. She reported that the group has had an unusually fertile season and that they have stayed true to their mantra, which is to "Dine, Drink and Dig." She informed us about an upcoming meeting on October 28th at noon at St. John's Episcopal Church

that will feature a speaker from the Audubon Society discussing neighborhood birds. **Michelle Foik** from Eris Brewery also let us know that their opening has been pushed back due to construction issues, some of which stemmed from the difficulty of providing an elevator that stops on seven floors! She feels confident that they will be opening in December.

### Candidate Statements:

In odd-numbered years OIPA elects new officers, and the Board is elected in the even-numbered years. The election for officers will occur at next month's general meeting, and it will be quite uneventful as there is only one candidate for each position, so the result is pretty much a given. Each of the candidates presented a written statement that appeared in last month's newsletter, and they were given an opportunity to speak at this meeting. **President Ankney** will be seeking re-election and she spoke movingly about OIPA, her accomplishments (too many to enumerate here) and her hopes for second term. **Howard Silver** (who has thankfully been our Treasurer since time began, except for when he was President) reminded us why we would be so fortunate to have him continue as our Treasurer. **Adrienne Chan**, who has served admirably on the Board during the past year, is running for Vice President. She pointed out that no one knows what a VP is supposed to do (except serving in time of Presidential absence), but she seemed confident that whatever her duties are that she will be up to the task. I am seeking reelection as your Secretary. I informed the membership that I intend to be spread a little thin with my time in the near future, and that as a result, they may not want to vote for me as Secretary. However, if the wisdom of the electorate should see fit, I would be honored to continue serving.



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## OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT

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Seth Wallen, Issac Bloom (owner of Backlot) and Adam Hong

### Main Speaker – New Businesses, etc.:

**Chicago Taco Authority** (4219 W. Irving Park Road) – I am so excited about this place — I just love tacos. **Jose Bustos** is the owner, and it looks to me that this idea has a lot going for it. First off, what a great name. He was amazed that the name had not been used before. Jose is going to play it up by having some decorations that remind people of the CTA and an earlier time in Chicago. Jose has lived in the neighborhood since the 2nd grade. His restaurant will feature several different types of tacos, including weekly specials. He will offer discounts to veterans and schoolteachers. He hopes to allow BYOB (with no corkage charge). The opening will be in October.

**Backlot Coffee** (3983 N. Avondale) – **Isaac Bloom**, who owns Backlot with his friend **John Kim**, came to tell us about their new coffee shop that opened up about a month ago at the old Bow Truss location (they have a second location in Evanston). Isaac said that they believe that coffee is an experience, and from his personality, it is clear that Backlot is a friendly place that can be appreciated even by the non-aficionado. They get their beans from Stumptown Beans in Portland, and in addition to coffee and tea, they serve donuts, baked goods, and gelato. They plan on expanding their food menu soon, and being here for a long time.

**Rise Through Learning** – **Kristen Sudnik**, founder Rise Through Learning spoke to us about the services they offer. Most of their services are performed in the homes of their clients, although they will operate out of 4318 W. Irving Park Road on Fridays. Kristen

is a psychologist with a specialty in education who has worked in area in schools, including through the CPS. At Rise, she leads a team providing education, coaching, and wellness services for both children and adults. Many of their services are for children including services when children are struggling academically or need a life coach. To learn more, visit her website at [www.risethroughlearning.com](http://www.risethroughlearning.com).

**YMCA** – 4251 W. Irving Park Road – **Ron Anderson** has been the outreach director at our local Y for about two years, and he does a great job staying in touch with us. He talked about a few of the programs such as sports, dancing, swimming, arts, and wellness. I will personally always be appreciative of the after-school care programs that my daughter attended there years ago. He stressed that their mission includes providing for the less fortunate in society and he discussed how they to do so.

**Gidley Management Group** (4210 W. Irving Park Road) – This is a family-owned company that manages associations. They have existed since 1992 and owned by three sisters: Sheila, Susan, and Debbie Gidley. They are longtime residents of Old Irving and jumped at the chance to move their business into the neighborhood about two months ago. They can provide full-service association management or a smaller part of that function such as managing meetings, bookkeeping, member services, event planning or data maintenance.

**The meeting then adjourned at about 8:15 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: October 9, 2017, at 7 p.m.** at our regular location, the lower level of the Irving Park Baptist Church at 4401 W. Irving Park Road. After the election of officers, our featured speaker will be **40th District State Representative Jaime Andrade**. This will be the first time we will be hosting him as our featured speaker, and the timing could not be better. After the tumultuous, though fascinating year that our state has had in 2017, I am sure we will look forward to his insights and being able to address our questions. See you there!

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4517 N. Larchmont .....	\$635,000
4153 N. Keystone .....	\$645,000
3719 N. Keeler.....	\$1,199,000



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3853 N. Kedvale, A3 .....	\$215,000
4109 N. Lowell, 2R.....	\$231,500
4037 N. Pulaski, 2B.....	\$291,000
4358 N. Tripp.....	\$305,000
4251 W. Montrose .....	\$349,000
3721 N. Milwaukee, 5 .....	\$491,000



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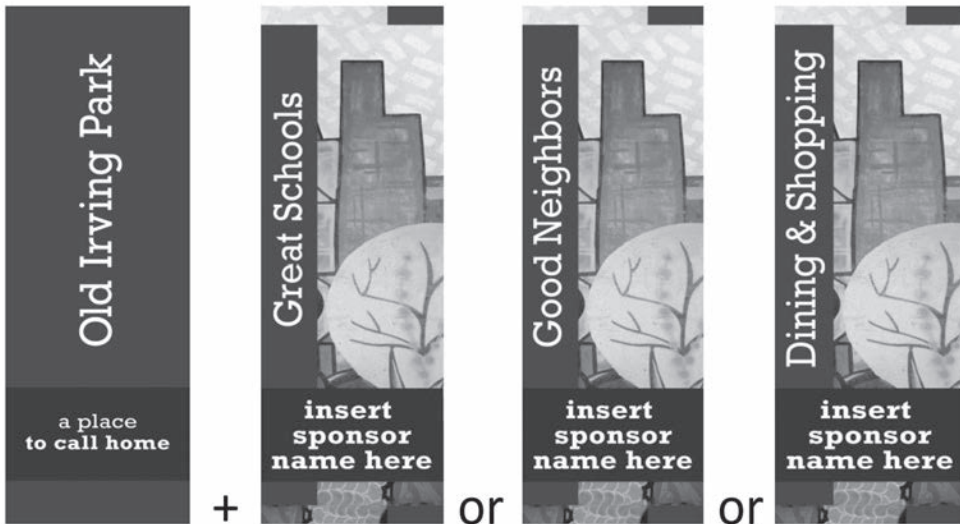


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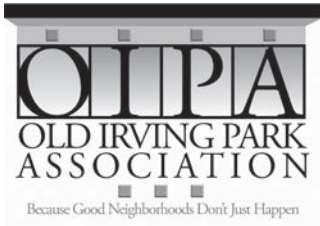
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If you would like to purchase a street banner, please complete the form below and return by **November 30, 2017** to: Adrienne Chan, OIPA Director, 4101 N. Kilbourn Ave. Chicago, IL 60641. Questions? Contact at [adriennechan@gmail.com](mailto:adriennechan@gmail.com)

Banners are displayed on Irving Park Road from Kilbourn to Pulaski. Each banner sponsor has 2-3 lines, up to 15 characters on each line, including spaces. Please print the information as you would like it to appear on the banner, including capital letters and punctuation (we cannot print logos). A final proof will be sent for your approval to the email address you provided.

### YOUR MESSAGE:

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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NAME OF CONTACT PERSON

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# Backyard Birds Swooping In — Claudia Hine

The Irving Park Garden Club will wrap up its 2017 season in October with a presentation on backyard birds. Roberta Asher of the Chicago Audubon Society is the featured speaker for our final meeting of the year, which will be held at noon on Saturday, October 28, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave.

It will come as no surprise that gardeners enjoy attracting birds to their yards. From Asher's presentation, club members will learn more about the lives and behaviors of the birds that live in our community, how to identify them, and the songs they sing.



We'll also take time to elect officers for 2018 and enjoy lunch with a glass of wine or two. Members will have an opportunity to fill out a survey about the just-completed garden club season with a chance to provide input on programming for the upcoming year. One lucky member will take home a birdbath, a generous door prize donated by Christine and Chris Gorz.

## A Look Back

Garden club members enjoyed a terrific season in 2017. We especially appreciated our collaboration with OIPA on the club's planters along Irving Park Rd. Hope you noticed them. Additional highlights of our year include the following:

- Milkweed for Monarchs presentation
- Tool Sharpening
- Succulent Container demonstration
- Field Trip to Sunrise Greenhouse
- Community Planting Day
- Plant Exchange
- Midsummer Night Wine & Cheese Social
- Garden Walk featuring 10 Gardens
- Mosaic Garden Stone Hands-On Class
- Villa Walking Tour

We are looking forward to the 2018 season. We hope you'll join us. You can follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub](https://facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub), where we'll publish news about the new season when we meet again in March.

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- 06 Rob & Vicki Ross
- 07 Mona & Jorge Garcia
- 09 Charles & Monica Graff
- 09 Pete Jurgeleit & Carolyn Morehouse
- 10 Lauren & Felix Lopez
- 10 Rebecca & Jonathan Miller
- 12 Adrienne & Chris Chan
- 12 Claudia & T.J. Hine
- 12 Juliet & Dave Pierce
- 14 Shoshana & Corey Friedman
- 15 Alisun & Richard Liu
- 15 Kristin Gross & John Nicewick
- 15 Nicole & James Nenabar
- 16 Leslie & Blake Batterson
- 16 Michael & Patricia Cier
- 17 Beth & John Ruark
- 18 Meridith & Michael Cannon
- 19 Fred & Dawn Wu
- 20 Phoebe & Chris Craig
- 22 Cynthia & Jose Rivera
- 22 Elizabeth & Michael Basile
- 22 Jennifer & Daniel Dahir
- 23 Fraya & Christopher Black
- 26 Mary & Mark Sussman
- 27 Susan Gidley & Phil Timberman
- 30 Kiki & Brad Schotanus

## Birthdays

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 Elisa Ankney     | 20 Christopher Black  |
| 01 John Miller      | 21 Brian O'Donnell    |
| 01 Juan Salinas     | 21 Daniel Dahir       |
| 02 Jackie McKernin  | 21 Dee Barrett        |
| 04 Kate Cain        | 22 Chris Faris        |
| 04 Rachel O'Mara    | 22 Daniel Leavy       |
| 05 Margo Pecoulas   | 23 Fred Wu            |
| 05 Paul Pickering   | 24 Christina Calvit   |
| 06 Martin Geraghty  | 24 Christopher Cannon |
| 07 Felix Lopez      | 24 Clisson Rexford    |
| 07 Joe Gugle        | 24 J.R. Cadawas       |
| 08 Gregory Ward     | 24 Jonathan Ankney    |
| 08 Kellee Simz      | 25 David Evaskus      |
| 08 Winston Greene   | 25 Sara Yoest         |
| 09 Megan Beseth     | 26 Alice Sheets       |
| 10 Andrea Larsen    | 26 Cristina Evaskus   |
| 11 Leanne Neurauter | 26 Gayle Christensen  |
| 12 Maureen Miller   | 28 Beth Ruark         |
| 14 Frank Gogliotti  | 28 James Bychowski    |
| 15 Kurt Fries       | 29 John Kaufmann      |
| 17 Katie Brandt     | 30 Martin Yorath      |
| 17 Maile Solis      | 31 Bridget Bauman     |
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## NW Side Writers Open Mic

- Oct 3 | 9 p.m.** Quenchers, Fullerton & Western  
**Oct 10 & 24 | 7 p.m.** Gallery Cabaret, 2020 N Oakley  
**Oct 13** Merla's, 5207 N Kimball  
**Oct 16 | 8 p.m.** Nighthawk, 4744 N Kimball
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## Moods and Foods

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**Oct 19 | 6-7:30 p.m.** Steve Kaiser & Adjacent Cruise  
**Oct 26 | 6-7:30 p.m.** Marianne & Imaginary Band  
**Nov 1 & 2 | 6-9:00 p.m.** 2nd Annual Day of Dead Celebration
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## Copernicus Center | 5216 W Lawrence

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## City Lit Books | 2523 N Kedzie

**Nov 3 | 6:30 p.m.** | NW Side author Tim Chapman book signing *The Blue Silence*. Tim Chapman is a former forensic scientist for the Chicago police department who currently teaches writing and tai chi chuan. He holds a Master's degree in Creative Writing from Northwestern University "Part crime story, part historical fiction, *The Blue Silence* moves from modern day Chicago to Reconstruction Era Louisiana and back to the bayou where the most dangerous animals aren't the gators." – *Goodreads*

Northside artist, **Juan Carlos Frias** pictured with his "Bella" cancer awareness piece sponsored by Corboy and Demetrio law firm for **K-9s for Cops** art exhibit now on display at Wrigley Building on Michigan Avenue. *Photo provided by Juan Carlos Frias.*



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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Schurz High School

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### Schurz Builds a Learning Garden

The Kitchen Community awarded Schurz with equipment and training to create a Learning Garden, a dynamic outdoor classroom where students will learn to grow fresh food and have opportunities to interact with the community. Students built out the garden on the school's front lawn, planted the first crop, and welcomed neighbors for the garden's ribbon-cutting ceremony in late September. Read more about learning gardens at <https://thekitchencommunity.org>

### Seniors Compete for Posse Scholarship

Twenty-seven seniors are competing for the Posse Scholarship, a four-year full-tuition scholarship designed to identify students who can excel at selective colleges and universities. Nominees began the rigorous process in September and it will conclude in December. Posse Scholar alum Yesenia Silva (Class of 2013) graduated in May from DePauw University with a B.A in Communications and a minor in Education Studies. She is currently a program coordinator at Minds Matter in Chicago.

### Yolobe Network Expands in Year Two

This year, every Schurz student will have the opportunity to connect with Chicagoland businesses or organizations via Yolobe, a social networking site, that connects high school students with opportunities in their community. Last year's 10-week pilot established connections to 26 Chicagoland businesses, 28 community members and provided 32 opportunities to Schurz students participating in the pilot!

**How can you get involved?** Create your profile at [www.yolobe.com](http://www.yolobe.com) and connect to the Schurz Network, then send your scholarship, employment, volunteer, and workshop opportunities to [schurz@network.yolobe.com](mailto:schurz@network.yolobe.com). For more more information on how to get involved email Dee Barrett at [dee@yolobe.com](mailto:dee@yolobe.com).

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**Help Equip Budding Photogs** | Photography teacher Elena Diadenko is in search of donations of digital cameras for a class on basic photography. If you have a gently used, functioning camera that you would like to donate, bring it to the Schurz Main Office anytime during the school day. Please put it in a Ziploc bag and include the charging cable. Batteries and/or memory/SD cards are also appreciated. Please also include a note with your name and email address so the class can thank you for your generosity!

Photo provided by Schurz  
High School



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Local School Council Meetings

**October 10, 6 p.m. | Social Room**

The Schurz Local School Council (LSC) meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. LSC meetings are a great way to learn about the school and to get involved as community members.

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### Fall Open House for Prospective Students

**Thursday, November 2 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Attend the Schurz Fall Open House and find out what our neighborhood school has to offer! Meet faculty, tour the school, and learn about Schurz' wide range of academic and Career and Technical Education programs.

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### Haunted Evening at Schurz

Mark your calendars for a concert of haunting music from Oct. 27, 6 to 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Watch for details on the Friends of Schurz Facebook Page!





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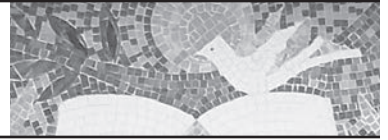
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***Friday-Saturday 10:00am-1am***

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## Viator Vibrations — Stacey Stevens / Kris Nielsen

Stay tuned for upcoming events at [stviatorchicago.org](http://stviatorchicago.org) or on our Facebook page.

**W**e Believe In Providing A Rigorous Curriculum For Every Student. The 2017-2018 school year is in full swing with parent's night, the first family mass, school picture day and inaugural Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts meetings behind us.

Last year's **Boosterthon Fun Run** netted proceeds that this year equipped our World Language Lab with new Chromebooks for student to access 27 different languages on Rosetta Stone.

St. Viator is continuing our partnership with St. Patrick High School to offer Algebra I to the 8th graders. Following successful completion of the course and exams, St. Viator graduates earn high school mathematics credit.

**Congratulations to our Cross Country team** on competing in a series of meets hosted by DePaul College Prep, Regina Dominican, St. Patrick and Notre Dame College Prep.



5th and 6th graders celebrate the completion of a 1.5-mile course in their first Cross Country meet of the year hosted by DePaul College Prep.

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### Join our growing community!

St. Viator Elementary School and Parish is a diverse and thriving community, and we invite you to learn more by attending our events or taking a tour of the school. For more information, please call 773-545-2173 or email Marge Tiritilli at [mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org](mailto:mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org).

## Halloween Fun

Halloween is one of our favorite times of the year, thanks to St. Viator's longstanding traditions of the Halloween Dance and "Stairway to Insanity" Haunted House. The dance on Oct. 27 is great for pre-K and elementary school children, while the Haunted House typically appeals to teenagers and adults. It is SCARY!

## Upcoming Events

*All events at the St. Viator Rec Center are open to the Community:*

**Wiggles & Giggles Playgroup – Oct. 5 and 19, 9–10:30 a.m.** – This fun and FREE playgroup is for children in the community (ages newborn-4) and their parents/caregivers. Open gym with balls, blocks, hula-hoops and so much more!

**Halloween Dance – Oct. 27, 6–9 p.m.**, \$15 ticket (kids 3 and under are free). Includes dinner, dance party, face painting, games and costume contest.

**"Stairway to Insanity" Haunted House –** \$10 ticket, open from 7-10 p.m. on Oct. 13-14, Oct. 20-21 and Oct. 27-28.

**Winterfest! Dec. 1–3** – Mistletoe Market and Artisan Craft Fair, outdoor ice skating rink, wreath and tree sales, Snowflake Café and Hot Cocoa Bar, Winter Cocktail Bar and photos with Santa.



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## We Are One

To celebrate this year's school theme, "We are one Body" each classroom created a puzzle, showing that we are all connected.

St. Edward School has acted upon this "We are one Body" theme by donating towards the Archdiocese special collection for Hurricane Harvey victims. The school celebrated "Deep in the Heart of Texas Day" by dressing in any Texas wear and bringing donations for the hurricane victims.

Please join St. Edward School for this month's tour Tuesday! On October 10, registration begins at 8:30AM and the campus tour begins at 9:00AM. Tours are open to all prospective parents with children entering school or older students that might want to transfer. We will have parents available to answer questions and tour classrooms while school is in session.

**Questions or to RSVP** please email [rsvp@stedwardschool.com](mailto:rsvp@stedwardschool.com) If interested in scheduling a shadow day please call the school office 773-736-9133



## Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, November 14 from 9–10:30 a.m. is Tour Tuesday!** Potential St. Edward students and families are welcome to tour and learn about St. Edward School 4343 W. Sunnyside.
- **Saturday, November 18 from 4–8 a.m. is the Boy Scout Pasta dinner!**
- **Saturday November 25 and Sunday the 26 will be a Pro Life Wreath Sale** – more details to come

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### CICS Irving Park School kicks off the 2017-18 school year with exciting news.

Mr. J.W. Kuebler was appointed the new school director, stepping into this role as the outgoing director, Karin Breo, takes on a larger leadership role as the Director of Community Partnerships and Engagement for Distinctive Schools. Together, Ms. Breo and Mr. Kuebler have built an amazing school. Last year twenty-one 8th graders were accepted to Selective Enrollment high schools, and another seventeen were accepted to International Baccalaureate and Scholars Programs.

CICS Irving Park students enjoyed their first back at school days with several events including Back To School Night, team-building field trips, and the solar eclipse viewing.

A majority of the student body participated in a \$2 dress-down day to raise money and awareness for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Three very determined sisters Amanda, (6th grade) Arianna (5th grade), and Miley (kindergarten) created an ice cream sundae stand on their front lawn, and, over the course of two days, raised more than \$120, for the CICS Irving Park Hurricane Relief Fund. All told, the school raised \$850 towards this effort!

There will be many more exciting events in October, as CICS Irving Park celebrates National Bullying Prevention Month, the Fall Book Fair, and the Fall Fest, which takes place on Halloween. Keep up with CICS Irving Park on Facebook @CICSIRVINGPARK or at [cicsirvingpark.org](http://cicsirvingpark.org).

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### CICS students participate in some Solar Eclipse fun and Hurricane Harvey fund raisers.





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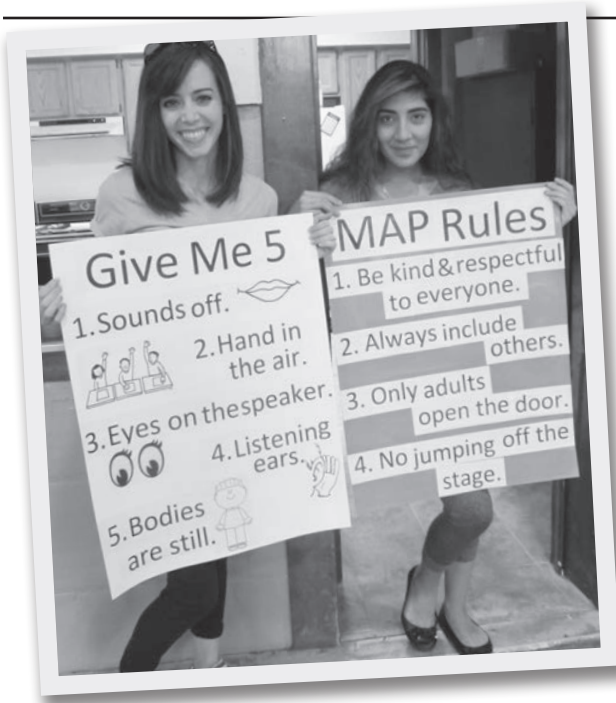


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SPOTTED: Patricia and Clisson Rexford, with sons Peter and Charlie, at the 10th Annual Tripp Ave. Chili Challenge. Clisson took first prize this year. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

### SPOTTED AT CARLSON COMMUNITY

MAP staff Miss Rachel and Miss Janeth review MAP's simple but effective rules. *Photo by Liz Mills.*

SPOTTED: Counselors and kids from the Irving Park Lutheran Church Summer Camp visited the Irving Park Food Pantry in August to volunteer. They made double bags, sorted toiletries and helped the regular volunteers. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*







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## Fall Happenings at Carlson Community



### Magic After-School Place

The Magic After-School Place is in its 11th year of providing high quality, affordable after-school care for children attending Murphy and Belding Schools. This year, MAP has reached record enrollment of 60 children! With a tiered tuition structure based on income, MAP is a valuable partner for working, low-income families who need a safe place for their children to after school. Equally important, children receive homework help and tutoring, gain leadership skills and participate in a mentoring program with high school students from Schurz High School and Northside College Prep. Affordable tuition is made possible by foundation and corporate support, individual gifts and fund raising events.

Program space is generously donated by Irving Park Lutheran Church, helping us do this important work in our community. MAP welcomes high school students in need of service hours and adult volunteers. For more information, contact Rachel Lockhart at [mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org).

ABOVE LEFT: First day of school smiles from kids at the Magic After-School Place

RIGHT: The 2016 winners of Carlson's Trivia Night. Test your knowledge at the 2017 contest November 4th!

*Photo by Liz Mills.*

### Trivia Night Fundraiser November 4th

It's time for Carlson's Trivia Night! The annual contest will be held on Saturday, November 4th to benefit Carlson's after-school program, community garden and concert series.

Teams of 8 can purchase a table for \$280 (\$300 after October 24). Wine, beer and soda will be sold at the bar, but bring your own snacks! Trivia Night takes place at the Irving Park Lutheran Church gym at 4057 N. Harding from 7 to 10p.m. The event is open to adults 21 and over. For more information or to register your team, call or e-mail Liz Mills at 773.398.6766, [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org).

### Three Brothers Garden

Carlson's organic garden is winding down another successful season of growing vegetables for the Irving Park Food Pantry. Our volunteers are still harvesting every Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m., through October. Help is always needed – join us at the garden, located at 4107 N. Pulaski to pick and prepare veggies for pantry clients. All are welcome!

Carlson Community Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that helps at-risk kids succeed with The Magic After-School Place (MAP), reduces hunger and beautifies our neighborhood with Three Brothers Community Garden and makes fine arts affordable and accessible through the Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series. For more information, visit [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org).

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## Pantry Seeks Coat Donations

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is distributing winter coats to clients this month and is still accepting donations. Please check your closets for any gently used coats that you can do without and bring them to the Pantry.

Donations can be left at the bottom of the stairs at the Grace Street entrance at the Irving Park United Methodist Church or delivered on Wednesday mornings during Pantry operating hours (8:30 to noon) and on Tuesday October 9th (6 to 7:30 p.m.). Additional drop-off points include Disney II Magnet Elementary School (3815 N. Kedvale), Old Irving Brewing (4419 W. Montrose Ave.), and the Linnemeyer front porch (3822 N. Tripp Ave.). All sizes of coats, especially those for men, are needed.

## Jewel Donates to the Pantry

The Pantry was selected to receive a \$1,000 donation from Jewel/Osco in celebration of the Six Corners store's grand reopening. We appreciate all of Jewel's support on a weekly basis, which includes a variety of grocery items.



## Pantry at GIPNA Farmers Markets

Volunteers from the Pantry will be staffing a booth at the last GIPNA Farmers Markets of the year on October 8th and 22nd. They will answer questions and accept donations. You also can sign up to receive our Breadcrumbs e-mail newsletter. We appreciate all your support in ensuring we live up to our motto of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

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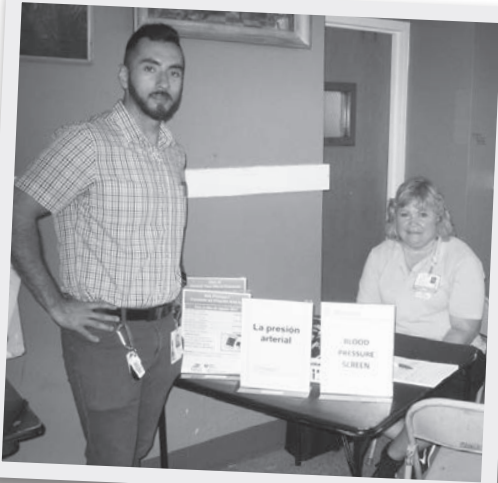
The Pantry is participating in a promotional effort with AT&T to pass out information about the company's new low-cost broadband service available to SNAP recipients. AT&T also has made a \$2,500 donation to the Pantry.

**Thank you** to Marla Cueva, Andrea Guthman, Christine Lee, Renee Linnemeyer and Kitty Tataryn for handling our weekly school-supply distribution to clients' children during August. Thanks also to everyone who donated money, supplies and time to help more than 250 neighborhood children start the year right!

Jewel-Osco Six Corners Store Manager (center) and mascot Jojo present a \$1,000 donation to Irving Park Community Food Pantry Executive Director John Psiharis during the store's grand reopening in August. *Photo by Craig Shutt.*

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### Health & Wellness

The Pantry's program of health screenings and blood-pressure readings, along with information for clients, expanded in September to include health classes. The programs continue all fall. The programs are conducted in cooperation with Presence Resurrection Medical Group, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and the American Heart Association.

Elvis Eliseo Munoz, the community health coordinator at Advocate Health Care, and Lisa Byers, community health representative for Presence Resurrection Medical Center, set up their information center at the Pantry where they are taking blood-pressure readings and handing out information to volunteers and clients through the fall. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

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- 10 Schurz LSC Meeting | 6 p.m.**
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- 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 St. Viator "Stairway to Insanity" Haunted House | 7-10 p.m. | \$10 ticket**
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- 14 Irving Park Methodist Church Yard Sale | 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. | 3801 N. Keeler Ave.**
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- 21 Schurz Homecoming Football Game vs Collins High School | Lane Stadium | 12 p.m.**
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- 27 Schurz Halloween Concert | Schurz Auditorium | 6 to 7 p.m.**
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- 28 Irving Park Garden Club | Roberta Asher of the Chicago Audubon Society**  
Noon | St. John's Episcopal Church, 3857 N. Kostner Ave

## November

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- 2 Schurz Fall Open House** for prospective students | 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
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- 4 Carlson's Trivia Night**, fundraiser for Carlson's programs  
Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym | 4057 N. Harding Ave.

## December

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- 1-3 St. Viator Mistletoe Market and Artisan Craft Fair**
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- 10 Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Presents: An Octave Above Holiday Concert** Irving Park Lutheran Church | 4100 N. Harding Ave.  
Free Admission - Reception follows the concert | 2 p.m.



## Be a Super Hero Spread the News!

Please consider passing this newsletter on to a neighbor as a gentle reminder to renew his/her household membership or, better yet, to someone on your block who is either a new resident or not familiar with OIPA.





# 2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

This is a:

- New Membership
- Renewal
- Gift Membership

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

NAME (FIRST/LAST) BIRTHDAY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (FIRST/LAST) BIRTHDAY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

ANNIVERSARY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** expire August 31 and are due by September 1. Membership dues received after May 1 will be applied to the following year membership.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES (per household)

- Membership Benefits:** Monthly meetings, hand delivered paper newsletter, member/spouse birthday and anniversary published in newsletter, ice-cream social, holiday dinner
- \$25/year Standard - \$15/year Standard Seniors (age 65+)
  - \$75 Good Neighbor: Standard membership plus — One child and/or pet's name and birthday in newsletter and an OIPA Tote Bag
  - \$150 Neighborhood All-star: Standard membership plus — One child and/or pet's name and birthday in newsletter, an OIPA Tote Bag, and admission for two to an exclusive OIPA party
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## From the Editor: SUBMISSION TO THE NEWSLETTER POLICY

Note: Ten newsletters are produced annually (Newsletters are not published in the months of January and June). A heartfelt thanks to everyone who continue to submit articles and photos for the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you throughout the year.

Submission  
deadline:  
2nd Tuesday  
of the month.

All members are welcome to submit letters, photos, articles (440 words maximum without photos, 300 with photos) for publication. 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 event for community calendar, etc.

Photos should be accompanied with a caption(s) and photo credit. If your files are too large to email, please use <https://wetransfer.com>. You can send several files at a time using [wetransfer](https://wetransfer.com).

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