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Sixth in a Series: Meet Our Board

Meredith O'Sullivan, Board Member

Where did you grow up?

I was born and raised in Texas. About a year after graduating from U.T. (hookem horns!), my parents decided to move to Chicago. That was in 1990. I quickly hitched onto that gravy train, and we have all been here ever since. My brothers joined before long—one is now in OIP and the other in Mayfair. Parents are still downtown. My husband is from Ireland and moved to Chicago in the late 1980s.

How long have you lived in Old Irving Park and who is in your household?

I discovered Old Irving Park one day with my then boyfriend and now husband, Tim. I couldn't believe how great it was and that I had never heard of it before. We bought a two-flat in 2001. Or maybe 2000. Does it say something about me that I can't remember when we got married? After a couple of years and a couple of kids, we knew we needed more space and a bigger yard, so we moved to another house in the neighborhood. Now there are three kids, scratch that, teenagers. Wow.

Work outside OIPA?

My career has been in institutional real estate. For many years, I commuted downtown on the train. But now I teach part-time at DePaul—I teach the intro to real estate as an online course—and consult on the side. My current gig is with a big data firm specializing in real estate related research.

Favorite business

There are so many! Our first date was at Sabatino's. I love that when we walk into Pert Cleaners or the Golden Nugget they greet us by name. My kids have cleverly added the Potbelly app to their phones and now go there almost every day. I know because I get the bills on email. Now that I think about it, we hardly have to leave the neighborhood for any good or service. We love Old Irving Park!

Breakfast drink of choice

Coffee. We used to drink tea, but ever since getting a Keurig, the tea kettle is hardly used. I also appreciate a nice bubbly, but at my advanced age, that is usually followed by a nap. So coffee is a better choice.

Interests/Hobbies

Oh, I hardly remember having hobbies. It used to be reading and knitting, but more recently involves binge watching something or other on Netflix. My daughter and I are working our way through *The Office*. And I love almost anything English, from Father Brown to Luther.

Favorite things to do outside

I love getting together with friends for the concerts at Millennium Park. Wine, music, friends. What could be better than that?



Passion for plants? Definitely. Knows Old Irving Park? Absolutely.

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Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

August 20, 2018 — Bart Goldberg, Secretary

Attendees: Lynn Ankney, Anna Sobor, Meredith O’Sullivan, Adrienne Chan, Colleen Kenny, and Bart Goldberg.

The Board meeting commenced at about 7:07 PM. Our thanks to Meredith for hosting. If Meredith provided any treats for our consumption (beyond beverages) there was no evidence of them at the time of the meeting. Unlike the last time, I will not jump to conclusions and throw her otherwise exemplary children under the bus.

Treasurer’s Reports: The Treasurer’s Report for May, June and July were all unanimously approved. The June report was of particular interest since it showed the figures through the end of our fiscal year. There was great jubilation (and some backslapping) at the meeting when we saw that last year our receipts had exceeded our disbursements by about \$6,000. It was about \$10,000 prior to including our annual

charitable donations. How did this happen? Our revenues from advertising plus dues exceeded the costs of our newsletter plus postage. The banner program generated a profit, and the additional revenue from some people joining OIPA at the higher levels (which we had offered for the first time this year) was also a success. Our ace Treasurer, Howard Silver, also noted that with banks paying higher interest rates now on certificates of deposit that we should explore placing some of our assets into such vehicles. That was unanimously approved and Howard will look into it.

Membership: Meredith reported that last year OIPA had 524 dues paying members, and that so far 84 people have already renewed for the 2018/2019 year. That is actually not a bad start as the renewal push is just now about to go into overdrive. Please make it easy on us!

Advertising and Banners: Adrienne reported on the banner program. The news was good on all fronts as the banners were installed in late July, there are many more banner locations available, and the program generated a profit for the year even without further sales.

Tote Bags and OIPA All-Star Party: The tote bags have been distributed, and the All-Star Party for those that joined at the Good Neighbor level of membership will be on Friday, September 7, 2018 at the home of Colleen and Rich Kenny. She is an amazing planner and it looks like it will be great.



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OIPA BOARD | Meeting Report

Miscellaneous: Business development in our area was discussed, as was the issues with the planters, etc.

Future General Meetings: Our September 10th meeting will hopefully feature both Alderman Arena and Alderman Laurino who can each present their respective State of the Ward address, as well as answer your questions. The October 8th meeting will feature a Halloween theme concerning The Ghosts of Old Irving Park, along with relevant house histories, and will hopefully include our resident expert, Laura Marie Sanchez. Please contact her or the Board if

you know of any stories that you want to share. That meeting will also include the election of Directors for the next two years. For November, we will have a meeting on How to Give Back which will include participation by several local charities. Of course, December will be the Holiday Party. We will keep you updated on all of these

The meeting adjourned at about 8:12 PM.

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MEET THE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



Election of Directors will be held at the October Members Meeting.

Colleen Kenny

Past/Present Participation with OIPA: Director, 2016-present. Ad Manager, 2017. Neighborhood All Star Party Host, 2017.

Past/Present Volunteer Activities (non-OIPA): Pro Bono: Forest Preserve Foundation, Chicago Housing Authority, Off the Street Club

Past/Present Professional Experience: Senior Vice President, Account Director at Leo Burnett (Advertising and Creative Solutions Agency) and other Marketing Communications Agencies

Goals/Priorities as a member of the OIPA Board: 6 years ago my husband and I saw an old house that most people would have torn down and decided to renovate and make Old Irving Park our home.

The historic nature of Old Irving Park often makes me want to be part of an era less isolated by technology and individualism and more motivated by compassion and community.

Serving on the OIPA board of directors, I love to welcome new members and see together, how great we can make this already magnificent neighborhood.

I also enjoy helping spread the word about our great local business via our robust ad/newsletter program.

I would be honored to serve another term.

Calnen (Annie) Swingen

Past/Present Participation with OIPA: Newsletter subscriber; general enthusiast of the organization

Past/Present Volunteer Activities (non-OIPA): Beaubien LSC member (2017-present); CPS parent volunteer (2015-present) (fundraising, classroom support); Condo Board President (2010-2012)

Past/Present Professional Experience: Past – Freelance writer, "Mommy Nearest," *Chicago Tribune* — (should come out of hiatus)

Goals/Priorities as a member of the OIPA Board: I would like to work to promote continued economic development in the neighborhood as well as liaise with sister organizations in adjacent neighborhoods who share our interests; support local public and private schools; help ensure that the neighborhood remains a vibrant and diverse area as we continue to evolve.

Anna Zolkowski Sobor

Past/Present Participation with OIPA: I've been involved with OIPA for over 20 years, serving as President, Vice President, Secretary, co-chair of the Zoning Committee and co-founder of the original Parents Committee in 1996. As a current board member, create daily content for OIPA's Facebook page and weekly e-mail blasts.

Past/Present Volunteer Activities (non-OIPA): Regional executive director, Polish Girls Scouts of Chicago; Vice Chairman, Polish Constitution Day Parade Committee; translator for elected officials, Polish talk radio & TV are among the past highlights. Currently serving as volunteer Commissioner on the Six Corners SSA.



MEET THE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Past/Present Professional Experience: Commercial and residential property manager, Chicago and Union Pier, Michigan; Director of Development, Polish American Association; Account executive, The Sive Group (public affairs); Director of Human Resources, The Morton Group including Morton's of Chicago steakhouses.

Goals/Priorities as a member of the OIPA Board:

As a member of the OIPA Board, I hope to continue informing and organizing our community around important issues using social media, email and other platforms. Will work with the newly forming Irving Park Chamber of Commerce to improve the appearance of Irving Park Road itself as well as assist with economic development and marketing. Lastly, pigeons. Continue pressing for a remedy for the dirty sidewalks under all of our viaducts.

Meredith O'Sullivan

Past/Present Participation with OIPA: Current board member

Past/Present Volunteer Activities (non-OIPA): Friends of Skinner North, board member, fundraising chair

Christian Family Co-op, board member; Friends of Downtown, board member, treasurer, president; Junior League of Chicago, member

Past/Present Professional Experience: n/a

Goals/Priorities as a member of the OIPA Board:

I would like to continue working on the member database and newsletter. Some day I hope to merely push a button to get a list of birthdays for the newsletter!

Scott Legan

Past/Present Participation with OIPA: I've been a semi active member of OIPA for the last 2 years. Recently started delivering monthly newsletters with my family.

Past/Present Volunteer Activities (non-OIPA):

Assisted with HS track and field program in Louisiana for 5 years. Worked with Muscular Dystrophy Association as a camp counselor as well as telethon phone bank operator. Former Americorps member working in CPS. While being a teacher, I have worked with Burton Chill to provide inner-city middle school students the opportunity to learn to snowboard.

Past/Present Professional Experience: 6 years active duty Air Force, making the rank of Staff Sgt after 4 years. While in the service ran the night shift of 16 airmen maintaining nuclear cruise missiles. While stationed in Louisiana for the duration of my service, I assisted with 6 months of Hurricane Katrina relief work.

For the last 7 years, I have been a physical education teacher in Chicago. I have worked all around the city from Rogers Park, North Lawndale, Avondale, East Garfield Park, to currently Bridgeport. In my previous role, I was the high school athletic director running a sports program of 16 coaches and as many as 200 student-athletes.

Goals/Priorities as a member of the OIPA Board: With a job that is no longer as time-consuming as it was when I first joined OIPA, I am looking to get more involved in the neighborhood. Being relatively new to the neighborhood, I want to have the opportunity to work with the current leadership in OIPA and be mentored by individuals who have made great strides in the neighborhood. Working alongside with the other members of OIPA, I want to bring a long-term look at what I would like to see 30-40 years from now in the community.



OIPA MEETING • October 8

Ghost Stories of Old Irving Park

Share Your Spine-tingling Stories at the October OIPA Member Meeting

October OIPA Member Meeting

7 p.m. | Monday, October 8
Irving Park Baptist Church

Hear the occasional sound of footsteps above when no one was upstairs or the inexplicable relocation of a candle from the fireplace mantel to other corners of the room. Do you have a spine-tingling story or a creepy legend to share? The October 8th meeting will feature a Halloween theme concerning The Ghosts of Old Irving Park, along with relevant house histories.

If you have spooky tale to share, please contact Lynn Ankey at jlankney@prodigy.net. She will add you to the line-up. If you can't attend the meeting, send her your story.

The October meeting will also include the election of Directors for the next two years.

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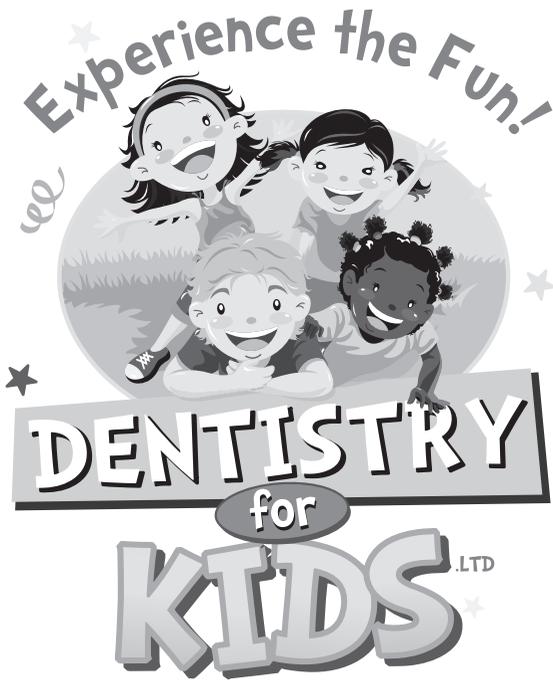
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- 17 Danielle & Randy West
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- 18 Kerry & Matt O'Brien
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- 20 John Doyle & Katherine Heinrich
- 21 Sara & Mark Yoest
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September Birthdays

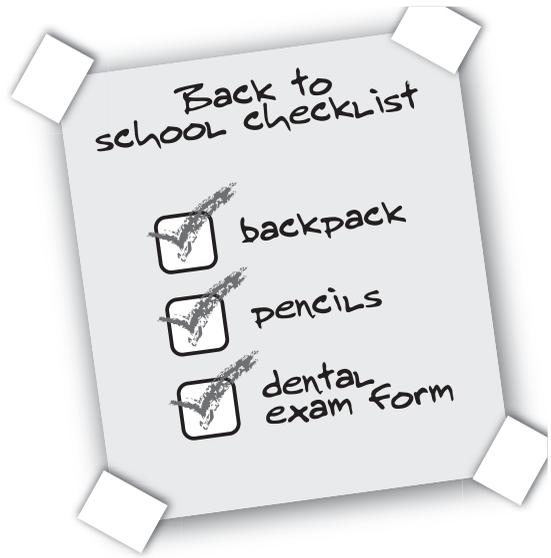
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- 28 Carol Finkenstadt
- 28 Jerry Czarnowski
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Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? Not sure if you provided your info in your renewal form? If so, please contact Meredith O'Sullivan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



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From Garden To Table — Claudia Hine

Herbs are easy to grow whether you plant them in the ground or in a container, and fresh herbs can provide a great boost to an otherwise bland dish. So how can you get the most out of the herbs you've grown?

Members of the Irving Park Garden Club will find out at **7 p.m. on Thursday, September 20**, when herb gardener **Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh** teaches us how to become herbal gourmets. Marcy established Backyard Patch Herbs in 1996 with a mission to provide quality dried herb blends for home, cooking, and tea that are preservative and chemical free.

We'll discover how adding basic herbs to our culinary palette can make cooking more interesting, delicious, and enjoyable. We'll learn to enhance flavors, create herb mixtures to replace salt, and hear other tips for using herbs to cook with every day. Discussion includes flavor families, herbs to use with certain dishes, and creating herb vinegar, butters, and spreads.

Club members will meet at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3827 N. Kostner Ave. Interested? It's not too late to join. Membership is just \$20 cash or check, and you can pay at the door. We have two great programs left on our 2018 schedule: Be an Herbal Gourmet and Sustainable Gardening.

For more information, visit [Facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub) or contact me at claudia.hine@yahoo.com.





IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB

Flower Arranging Indoors & Out

In August, the club held two Hands-On events. At one, dedicated volunteers led by Mike Basile cleaned up and deadheaded at the Tripp Garden. They picked up the never-ending trash and cigarette butts that accumulate there, deadheaded the spent flower blooms, and pruned other plants that needed to be cut back.

At the second, members gathered for a lesson in flower arranging with Angie Yorath, Angilily Floral Studio. Under Angie's direction, attendees each created a beautifully designed vase of flowers to take home along with tips from an expert.



Mary Foster, Trudy Moore, and Mike Basile cleaned up and deadheaded at the Tripp Garden in August. Also lending a hand were Jen O'Brien and Karen Wehrle. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

Below: Irving Park Garden Club members display their newly learned skills at the August flower arranging class taught by Angie Yorath with assistance from Roger Stanley. *Photo by Tom Starck.*





Experience Nature's Abundance



Photo by Aaron-Burden on Unsplash

As the summer comes to a close, Keeler Gardens is so pleased to be working with local schools in the community. As reported in the last month's newsletter our Pollinator Habitat is complete and we will begin educational programs with several schools in the area this fall and into next spring. Students will use the Pollinator Habitat to learn about native plants, pollinators, and on a larger scale, the ecosystem that supports them.

Programs Offered

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you and all the families of Old Irving Park to take advantage of the programs at Keeler Gardens.

In addition to the science-based programs, we also offer artistic programs, urban green space design,

and nature photography. We welcome small groups for our hands-on activities, like building insect hotels and identifying and labeling plants. What would like to learn? Plan a customized program with us, or just enjoy the space sitting in a rocking chair.

Take advantage of what nature has to offer us, our families, and our community. Let us help you connect with nature. Visit our website KeelerGardens.com, our Facebook Page (@KeelerGardens), or email Ed@KeelerGardens.com for more information.

Keeler Gardens is a 501(c)(3), and our goal is to strengthen the health of local communities through a connection with nature. We hope you will take advantage of all that nature has to offer. Learn more at KeelerGardens.com.



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Ice Cream Parlors of Old — Laura Marie Sanchez

It's the end of summer, but it's still hot and the dog days have settled in. Where to find some delicious ice cream in Old Irving Park?

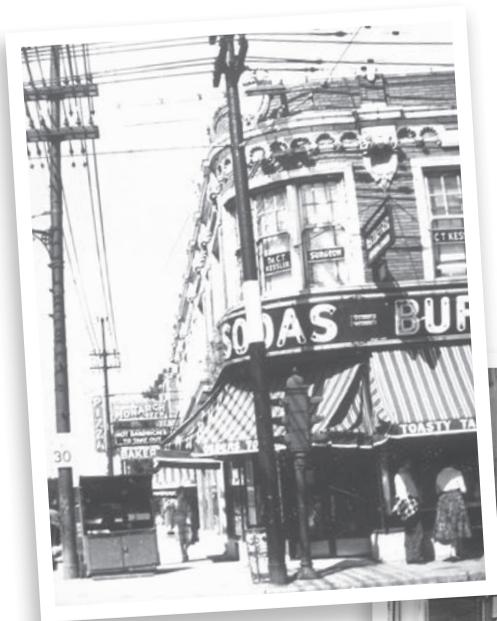
Historically, the answer to that question was **The Buffalo**, known city-wide as THE place to go. But before the heyday of The Buffalo, the Irving Park neighborhood enjoyed many excellent spots to enjoy an ice cream or a soda on a hot summer's day.

Here are some places frequented by the residents of long ago:

"Everybody knows Kjellander's..." one of the most famous bakery/soda fountains in the area. It was located right next to the Whistle Stop, at 4202 W. Irving Park Rd. It's iterations later in life were a laundromat and an assortment of cafes and/or restaurants. The location is empty now.

Machen's Pharmacy was located on the southeast corner of Springfield Avenue and Irving Park Blvd. It did a thriving business due to its close proximity to Independence Park.

The **Progress Ice Cream Parlor** borrowed its name from the Progress Theater, a nickelodeon once located nearby. Today, one can drop into the Golden Nugget Restaurant at that site and order up a summer refreshment.



The neighborhood's all-time hands-down favorite spot for ice cream—The Buffalo.

Undated photo from the Virginia Johnson Collection, IPHS Archives

Undated photo of the Buffalo's "soda jerks," IPHS Archives





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Above: Mee's Groceries, later Brown's Drug Store, and Whistle Stop, in an early 1890's photo. (Note toll gate in foreground)

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Greenwald's was one of the many stores to offer home delivery service of the confections sold there. The large multi-story commercial and residential building which once housed the store is long gone, as is the Star Crab Restaurant which occupied the site for many years. In its place now stands a new multi-story commercial and residential buildings. History repeats itself.

Hensel's Drug Store had an excellent location at the busy intersection of Irving Park Blvd. (now Rd.) and Crawford Ave. (now Pulaski Rd.)

Brown's Drug Store made the Malted Milk their specialty. Brown's had been Mee's Grocery, the building was built by Henry E. Nichols as a grocery store with second-floor living space, and the location was previously the Irving Park Road toll station from 1891-94. Above the drug store was the local library. The building eventually became the home of the Whistle Stop, the name of the business using the space when it became a Chicago Landmark on December 5, 1990.

So, times change and so do tastes, and these days we also enjoy frozen yogurt, paletas y helados, Italian ices, and other tasty summer treats at any number of places in the neighborhood. The quest for sweet frozen goodness continues...

—Portions of this article reprinted from *The Irving Park Review*, Volume 16 No. 2, 2004

Left: Kjellander's Bakery at 4202 W. Irving Park Rd. in an undated photo.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Six Corners



County Fair Chicago invites city dwellers and country folk to experience Americana with an urban twist as Six Corners Association fixes to blend the farm with city for Portage Park's newest event. The County Fair will be held at 4901 W. Irving Park Rd on September 8, 12-10 p.m. and on September 9, 12-9 p.m. Admission will be \$10.

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With New Autumn Favorites



The autumn leaves are sweeping in and they're bringing some new and nutritious recipes for baked goodies with them this season. Tried-and-true white and wheat flours have always been favorites for our homemade cookie, muffin, and bread creations but, this season why not experiment with the nutrient rich and naturally gluten free acorn flour? An excellent way to welcome the Fall into our kitchens is with a simple yet, tasty acorn bread recipe.

Acorn flour not only brings variety to our new baked Fall favorites, but also an excellent and natural way to invite calcium, potassium, and magnesium to our dinner tables this season. Experiment with different ingredients and flavor combinations to stay creative and craft a signature style of acorn bread that really makes the recipe your own!

By Magic Miles a friendly neighbor, freelance writer, and Chicago-native living in the beautifully diverse Uptown neighborhood.

ACORN BREAD

Step 1

Combine two cups of acorn flour with two cups of your favorite grain flour – corn, millet, or wheat flour are a few of the many options to start with.

Step 2

Add three teaspoons of baking powder and a third of a cup of the sweetener you enjoy most. Maple syrup or brown sugar will enhance your bread nicely with the traditional autumn flavors we all love so much but, if you're looking for something with a low glycemic index, agave or palm sugar can complement your new recipe beautifully.

Step 3

Add three tablespoons full of the oil of your choice. Consider using olive, peanut, or safflower oils as heart-healthy options that lend themselves particularly well to baking breads.

Step 4

Add one large egg and a half a cup of whole or 2% milk, then stir until the ingredients form a thick and dough-like consistency.

Step 5

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The School Year is Off to a Great Start!

The school year is off to a great start! We welcomed many new families to our school community, and we look forward to a fantastic school year. To help new families get to know other new families as well as returning families, we host Coffee Meet 'n Greet. Conveniently scheduled for right after school drop off in the morning, it's a great way to start the day.

Welcome Wednesday Tours

On Wednesday, September 12th, we will host Welcome Wednesday. Join us for coffee and a tour. Registration begins at 8:30am, with a campus tour at 9am. 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. If you are interested in scheduling a shadow day, please call the school office 773.736.9133

Annual Harvest Bash and Pig Roast

On September 29th, St. Edward Parish is hosting the annual Harvest Bash and Pig Roast. This year, we are excited to have Iron Horse perform at the Bash. You may know the band from the show "America's Got Talent." Tickets are available on our parish website (www.stedparish.org/harvest-bash) for the presale price of \$20 (\$25 at the door) or \$10 for kids.

We are a 2017 recipient of the National Blue Ribbon and are located at 4343 W. Sunnyside Avenue. We welcome students in grades PK3 – 8th grade. For more information, please visit our website at www.stedwardschool.com or call us at 773-736-9133.

Homecoming

Homecoming is a big deal at St. Ed's and the entire school is involved! For the third year, 1st – 5th grade St. Ed's students are invited to participate in Flag Football and Cheer Clinics. Kids spend the afternoon learning the game and the cheers and are active participants in our homecoming games. Save the date – it's Saturday, October 6th, starting with the Homecoming parade at 9:15am.

Be Delighted by the Antics of Peter Pan

You can fly! We are excited for the January production of "Peter Pan." Rehearsals are underway every Friday for 1st through 8th grade. St. Ed's has the most extensive school program produced by Windy City Performs. Come and see our young thespians on stage!

Music Lessons

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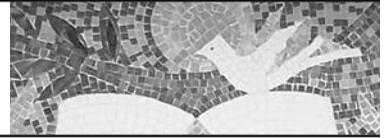
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Back to School!

St. Viator students returned to class on Monday, August 20th. We welcomed many new families this year, with both a playground playdate and a garden party prior to the start of school, where parents and students could meet and mingle with current families. Enrollment is up 11% this year, continuing our pattern of growth over the last several years. Limited spots are still available in some grades, please contact the office for more information.

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Fond farewells...

Congratulations and farewell to our outgoing principal, Ms. Colleen Brewer, who accepted a position within the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools as Regional Director for Turnaround Schools. We are so proud of her outstanding work at St. Viator, and we wish her the best in her new position!

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And new beginnings...

We are pleased to introduce our new principal, Mrs. Lisa Rieger! Mrs. Rieger holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois at Chicago, a Masters of Teaching from Dominican University, and will complete her Master's in Education in Administration & Supervision and Type 75 certification at Loyola University in May. Mrs. Rieger comes to us from St. Catherine - St. Lucy School in Oak Park, where she was the director of marketing

and development and their Pilot Lead for Personalized Learning. Mrs. Rieger also has over a dozen years in sales and marketing in the commercial print, direct mail, and paper manufacturing world. In her introductory email to St. Viator parents, Mrs. Rieger said, "Managing demanding clients, diverse product lines, and accounts that routinely exceeded a million dollars has given me a unique perspective in school leadership. I have a clear vision of marrying talented faculty with a relevant and contextualized curriculum that will result in St. Viator's students achieving at their highest level. I am excited and eager to bring my skills as an educational leader to St. Viator School and work with you as a partner in education and in the spiritual formation of your beautiful children. Along with the teachers and staff, I will work hard to continue the legacy of success established by St. Viator in building strong relationships with parents, students and community partners." We are looking forward to an exciting year with Mrs. Rieger!

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Upcoming Events:

Sunset Cinema, featuring Willy Wonka (starring Gene Wilder) – Friday, 8/24 in the St. Viator parking lot. Doors open at 7, movie begins at dusk. Popcorn and soft drinks will be available for purchase, as well as all of your favorite Wonka candies. We will also be selling "Wonka Bars", with a special prize for the person who finds the Golden Ticket!

Join our growing community!

St. Viator Elementary School and Parish invites 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.



Old Irving Park Beer & BBQ Challenge at St. Viator



Local cook team Independence Pork, partnered with DryHop Brewers, swept the awards at the SOLD OUT Old Irving Park Beer & BBQ Challenge on August 4th, winning both People's Choice and Judges Choice for Best Beer & BBQ Pairing.

Photo Credit: Brian Butler



Super volunteers Marge Tiritilli, Kris Nielsen and Mary Pat Serpone greet guests. *Photo by Kathleen Kearns*



St. Viator celebrity Tony!
Photo by Kathleen Kearns



St. Edward School is a nationally-acclaimed elementary school offering classes from three-year-old preschool through eighth grade. Testing amongst the top 15% in the nation, St. Edward School was presented with the prestigious and coveted National Blue Ribbon Award by the U.S. Department of Education.

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Irving Park Fine Arts Committee Announces 25th Season

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is pleased to announce its 25th season, featuring a mix of classical, contemporary and folk music. In the first concert of the season on October 7th, Wael Farouk will perform a solo piano recital. Next, blues artist Bear Williams brings his band to perform a Christmas show, including sing-alongs, on December 9th. The third concert of the season is February 17th and will feature Mary Jo Neher, horn, and Joe Burgio, organ. In the final concert of the season, Old Irving Park resident John Ling will perform with his mariachi band on March 24th.

"I'm delighted to bring these diverse artists and programs to the Irving Park community in celebration of our 25th season," said Roger Bingaman, the series artistic director. "Whether you're a long-time patron or new to the series, please join us for exceptional performances in the neighborhood, at a price everyone can afford."



Three Brothers Garden intern Eleanor Ermentrout (from left) with garden volunteers Ellen Olech, Ruth Olech, Rebecca Haneberg and Sara Anderson. Weekly harvests for the Irving Park Food Pantry take place every Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 at 4107 N. Pulaski. All are welcome! photo by Liz Mills.

All concerts are at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave., and are free of charge, but donations are gladly welcomed. A reception with the artists will be held after each concert, hosted by the Fine Arts Committee. Dates and programs are subject to change.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is a program of Carlson Community Services, a non-profit serving the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture, and service. For more information, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773.398.6766.

Golfers Wanted For First Annual Golf Outing!

Have a passion for golf and want to help our community? Then join us for Carlson Community Services' first annual golf outing! The outing will be held Tuesday, September 11th at 1 p.m. at Maple Meadows Golf Course in nearby Wood Dale. Entry is \$125 per golfer, which includes greens fees, cart, prizes and dinner. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Carlson board member Michael Jordan at attorney@michaelfjordan.com. To sponsor a hole for just \$100, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org. Proceeds benefit Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit which operates three neighborhood programs – an after-school program, community garden and classical music concert series. For more information visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or follow us on Facebook.



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Pantry Seeks Gently Used Coats

Check your closets for any gently used coats. The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is asking readers to donate any gently used winter coats for our October coat program to help our neighbors through the harsh Chicago winter. They can be brought to the Pantry at 3801 N. Keeler during Pantry operating hours (Wednesdays 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesday, Sept. 11th and Oct. 9th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.). **Additional dropoff points include** Disney II Magnet Elementary School (3815 N. Kedvale), Old Irving Brewing (4419 W. Montrose Ave.), OIPA Member Meetings, and the Linnemeyer front porch at 3822 N. Tripp Ave. Watch for more locations on our Facebook page.

Thank You To Stephanie and Barbara

A big thank you to **Stephanie Cutter** of Coldwell Banker and **Barbara Murphy**, owner of Josi's Frozen Yogurt Café at Six Corners. On behalf of the Pantry, Stephanie hosted Free Fro-Yo day at Josi's in July, with Barbara donating 20% of pre-tax sales and Stephanie matching that donation. Stephanie, through the Stephanie Cutter Group: Chicago Real Estate organization, also made an additional donation based on a percentage of every home sale made by her group.

Along with individual donations, the result was a combined donation totalling nearly \$975! We appreciate everyone's efforts on our behalf and everything that Barbara and Stephanie have done to support the Pantry.



Betsy Minor, Sarah Lee and their helpers divided up and handed out school supplies to clients at the Irving Park Food Pantry during the second week of the program. Supplies were provided to kids in kindergarten through 8th grade throughout August. Photo by Craig Shutt

33rd Annual Hunger Walk

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's 33rd annual Hunger Walk will be held Saturday, September 8th at Jackson Park (near Hyde Park). Friends of the Pantry will walk the 2-mile course to raise awareness about food insecurity throughout Chicago.

If you would like to donate on behalf of the Pantry, go to www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org, or our PayPal link at GCFD's Walk page at www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hunger-walk/.

Click on the Register button at the bottom, then click on the Donate button and request "Irving Park Food Pantry" (which should autofill) to make your donation to our GCFD account. You also can register to walk on the page (but it's not required).

We appreciate all your support in ensuring we live up to our motto of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

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Hands to Help is currently looking for a paid, part-time Service Manager. The Service Manager provides direction and supervision to the Outreach Worker, meets with clients during office hours and interacting with the Hands To Help committees. We are looking for someone with Social Services skills. For the full job description or if interested, please inquire at info@handstohelpministries.com.

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OIP neighbors spotted at on a hot summer day at the 5th annual Old Irving Park Beer & BBQ Challenge.

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SPOTTED: Members of the Sow Chicago mission based in Independence Park volunteered at the Irving Park Community Food Pantry in July. They worked food stations, helped clients to their cars, replenished stations and performed other duties. *Photo by Craig Shutt*



SPOTTED: Customers of all ages enjoyed Free Fro-Yo day at Josi's Frozen Yogurt Café at Six Corners. The event was a fund-raiser sponsored by **Stephanie Cutter** of Coldwell Banker and Josi's to benefit the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. *Photo by Stephanie Cutter*

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Beginning early September, Department of Water Management (DWM) and NPL Construction Co. crews will begin the work to install 2,615 feet of 8-inch water main on North Keeler from West Montrose to West Irving Park. The water main along this stretch of road has been identified as being over 100-years-old and needs to be replaced.

When crews are working in the street, they may close or limit it to traffic for safety reasons. However, residents will always be able to reach their homes or businesses. Outside of working hours, a travel lane will be left open for local traffic only.

“No Parking” signs will be posted as needed during working hours (generally 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Parking outside of those hours will be allowed, but cars will need to be moved by the start of the next workday. Crews will try to preserve as much parking as possible.

DWM and my office understand that construction always involves inconveniences and noise. Crews will do everything possible to maintain residents’ quality of life throughout these projects, and will conduct themselves as kind and thoughtful neighbors in the course of their presence on your street.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you can either ask the construction foreman on the project site, email my office at Ward45@CityofChicago.org, or call the DWM Office of Public Affairs at 312-744-6638.

The water main installation is anticipated to be completed by late November 2018. Once the water main is installed, the street will be restored so that traffic is not impacted. However, final restoration is weather dependent and may not occur until the spring of 2019 or until weather permits.

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9 Independence Park Farmer Market | 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

10 OIPA Member Meeting | 6:30 p.m. | Irving Park Baptist Church

20 Irving Park Garden Club | Be An Herbal Gourmet | 7 p.m. | St. John's Episcopal Church, 3827 N. Kostner Ave. | Free for members; \$20 to join

October

8 OIPA Member Meeting | 6:30 p.m. | Irving Park Baptist Church

Be a Connector — Spread the News!

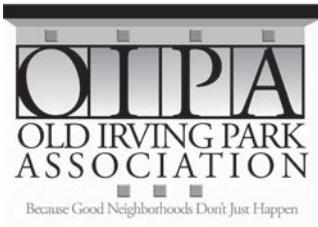
Please consider passing this newsletter on to a neighbor as a gentle reminder to renew his/her household membership or, better yet, to someone on your block who is either a new resident or not familiar with OIPA.



OCTOBER OIPA Member Meeting

7 p.m. | Monday, October 8
Irving Park Baptist Church





RENEW TODAY

2018-2019 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.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).

NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTHDAY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME (FIRST/LAST)

BIRTHDAY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

ANNIVERSARY MONTH & DATE (OPTIONAL)

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

E-MAIL 2

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS expire August 31 and are due by September 1.

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

MEMBERSHIP 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.

See page 4 for details.

- Add \$17/year for OIPA NEWSLETTER deliveries out of boundaries. (Boundaries: South of Montrose, North of Addison, West of Pulaski & East of Milwaukee District North railroad tracks adjacent to Kilbourn/Kolmar)

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 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 Meredith O'Sullivan, OIPA Director / Membership, 4061 W. Warwick Ave., Chicago, IL 60641

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

From the Editor: SUBMISSION TO THE NEWSLETTER POLICY

Note: Ten newsletters are produced annually (Newsletters are not published in the months of January and July). 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 (400 words maximum without photos, 300 with photos) for publication. Please send content as a Word document or in an email. Links to websites or Facebook are NOT acceptable. Send your contributions to: Kathleen Kearns at k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com. Please include **"OIPA submission"** in the subject line of the email. Also include the category of the item you are submitting — advertisement, article or 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).

Deadline for advertising AND editorial submissions is the second Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m. Materials SUBMITTED AFTER this date will be held over to the next month's issue.

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 necessarily reflect the official position of the Old Irving Park Association.

**AD SPACE Purchase and upload your ad at:
www.oldirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad**

AD SIZES: Full Page: 6.25" X 7.5"
Half Page: 6.25" X 3.75"
Quarter Page: 3" X 3.75"

ACCEPTABLE AD FILES: High Resolution (minimum 300 dpi) grayscale; jpg, PDF, or eps.
Microsoft Word files are NOT acceptable.

Call for Contributions to the OIPA News



While we receive most of our content from organizations, we welcome individual article submissions!

A few ideas:

- Give a shout-out to a kind neighbor.
- Did you recently visit a new business or restaurant? Then share your great experience.
- Write a fun story about our neighborhood or a fond memory.
- Share your knowledge on a topic.

Deadline for editorial submissions is the second Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m. to k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com. Please include "OIPA submission" in the subject line of the email. See page 40 for full details on submission requirements.

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Unless, of course,
you have renewed your OIPPA dues!

2 easy ways to pay your dues.

1. Pay online via oidirvingpark.com/join-us
2. Complete the renewal form on page 43

