

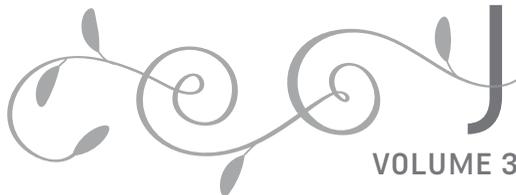
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OIPA | Meet Your Volunteer Delivery Team



Sharon Graham



Photo (above) provided by Sharon Graham

Why did you start this volunteer gig and how long have you been doing it?

It may be 15 years. I wanted to get involved in the neighborhood, and joined OIPA, Historical Society and the Garden Club all about the same time.

To which blocks do you deliver newsletters? 3900 block of Keeler, and Irving Park Road west to Epco.

How long does it take you to deliver to your route and do you do anything else while making deliveries? It takes but a few minutes, especially when my husband, Terry McGuire, does it for me in cold weather. I used to stop to warm up and chat at Pert Cleaners. Sigh.

Do you have any funny stories or observations you've made while delivering newsletters? No matter how early in the day I deliver to the Unforgettable Lounge, there are always people in there at the bar.

Is there anything you would like newsletter recipients to know that would make your job easier? It wouldn't make the job easier, but I cringe when I see all the dandelions, Creeping Charlie and violets taking over yards on my route.

Three words to describe Old Irving Park:

Green, small-town, home.

OIPA Member Social

Sunday, June 2, 2019

2 p.m. (Please note start time)

LOCATION: St. John's Episcopal Church
3857 N. Kostner

Note: This event is in lieu of a General Member Meeting. The next general OIPA meeting will be in September. Watch for and email with all the details.

Start of Summer Social



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Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

May 20, 2019 – Bart Goldberg, Secretary

The Board meeting commenced at 7:09 p.m. Thanks to Colleen for hosting the meeting on short notice. Such notice is evidently not a problem for her because of a combination of her being the most effortless host in Chicago and that she probably eats this way at home every night anyway. Her dining room table was beautifully set for a feast. There were fine delectables, including three different cheeses, fancy crackers (ritzy, not Ritz) grapes, cookies and honey to spread on top. To complement the courtly feast she served wine from a carafe. Knowing her that was not to simply disguise the

Boone's Farm. I mention all of this because if the Board gets their way, Colleen will host the All-Star Party for OIPA members again this year, so make sure you upgrade your membership. It is well worth it.

Treasurer's Reports: President Ankney, presented her Treasurer's Reports for March and April, along with a slight modification of the previous February report, which had simply re-categorized an entry. The reports were all encouraging and showed no surprises. So far our income has exceeded expenses by about \$2,000 in this fiscal year. The reports were unanimously approved by the Board.

Independence Park Library: Anna Sobor updated us on the status with our new library. It got some very nice press recently when it was featured in the NY Times. However, the new Library has a real need for additional funding because it is being funded at the level of an existing library, whereas it has many additional needs as a result of it being brand new. The Board unanimously approved a \$250 gift to help defray some of their costs. The Friends of Independence is requesting additional assistance from anyone so inclined. One way to support them is to visit the Wish List for Independence Library on Amazon and have your purchases shipped straight to the library.

OIPA Know Your Neighbor: The Board had a somewhat lengthy discussion about additional things that OIPA could be doing to increase interest in our meetings, and also to foster social interactions in our community. As to the first point we felt that we should have more meeting subjects that would have more immediate appeal to our younger members, concerning topics such as education and camps. As to the latter, it was decided that we would attempt to foster the informal Know Your Neighbor



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parties that have already been sprouting up on some blocks. Additional information is provided by Adrienne Chan, (**See page 12**).

OIPA Archives: The Board has decided to move their archives to **Sulzer Regional Library** since they seem best equipped to house them, and will offer digital archiving. However, the timing of the move will be determined by when their new space becomes available. CPL "deed of gift" letters were reviewed. Our photographs are going to be sorted by decade and volunteers for this task are being solicited. President Ankney again encouraged individual members to utilize the Google Drive for our documents, but I did not pay much attention as I like to get some exercise by walking to meetings, and while somewhat feeble I find that I can still carry my own documents.

Business/Developments: The status with **Burt's Pizza** was discussed and that we had shared statistics on neighborhood demographics with them. A car repair shop previously located on Elston Avenue known as Auto Boutique is moving into a new location at 3920 N. Kedvale. I had met with the owner of this business and they assured me that since they are also leasing the lot across the street that they could pledge to not park the vehicles that they service on the public streets in our neighborhood, and they followed up by putting this promise in writing. Also discussed was the pending demolition permit for the six unit building at 4242 N. Kedvale, and that the building has an "orange" designation from the Landmarks Commission.

Greenspace Adoption: Adrienne suggested that since we still did not have any sponsors for the three in-ground planters that are west of Kolmar (towards Six Corners) that we explore hiring a professional landscaper for those planters. It was agreed that we will do this and Adrienne is looking into the costs. (See page 22 for more details on the program.)

Future Meetings: The next general meeting for OIPA will be the traditional Ice Cream Social, which we will try to make a little less traditional this year. It will be held outdoors so long as the weather cooperates. It will be on a Sunday evening (June 9th at 6:30 PM) at St. John's Episcopal Church which is located at 3857 N. Kostner Ave (the corner of Kostner and Byron). Scott Legan is working on seeing if one of the local breweries would be interested in providing adult refreshment as well, so please check your email regarding that. We also decided that we are going to continue holding our general meetings at St. John's for the foreseeable future. **There will be no Board meetings in June and July, and the next general OIPA meeting will be in September. Have a Great Summer!**

This lengthy meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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Summarized Minutes of the "Spring" General Meeting

May 13, 2019 – Bart Goldberg, Secretary

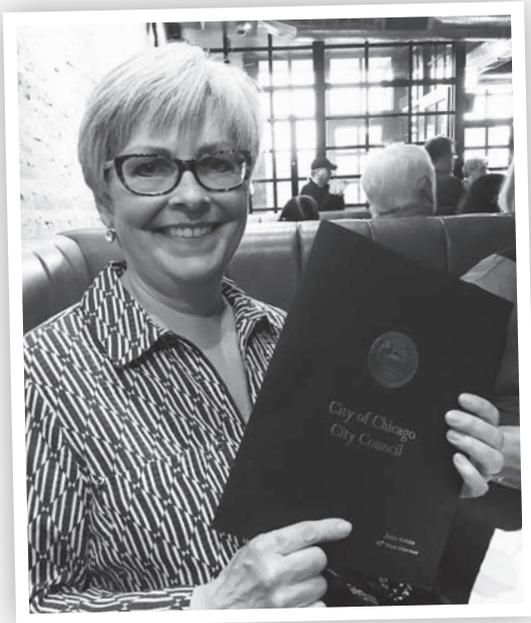
Attendance: President Ankney commenced the meeting at 7:35 p.m. In what seems to now be a rite of spring itself, we had our meeting celebrating all things that grow from the ground. About twenty-five OIPers were in attendance, some of whom were heard to complain about how sore they were after working all weekend in their yards. One first time attendee was **Don** who after giving our neighborhood a trial run for three years as

a renter decided it was time to buy into the OIP Dream and now owns a home in the 4100 block of Keystone. **Jana Hwang** who lives on Kostner, and has children that attend Belding made her first appearance in quite some time. We welcome them both.

Committee Reports and Announcements: President Ankney brought us up to date on several matters of interest to the community.

Aldermanic Affairs: Just as several members of our Board had previously met with **Alderman-Elect Jim Gardiner** (who is replacing Alderman Arena in the 45th), a group from the Board recently met with **Alderman –Elect Samantha Nugent** who will be replacing Alderman Margaret Laurino in the 39th. The purpose of these meetings is to get to know our new representatives, so that we can continue to work together effectively. There will be some continuity in the 39th since for the time being she is going to keep her office at the same location, and she will be retaining Rose and Gail from the prior staff. Alderman Gardiner has not announced the location of his office as of yet.

Lady Anna Zolkowski Sobor: Our own **Anna Sobor** received an extremely well earned honor for her decades of selfless public service to our neighborhood, when the City Council of the City of Chicago issued a royal (or maybe just municipal) Proclamation (or maybe just a Resolution) honoring her vast volunteer contributions. **Alderman Arena** introduced the Resolution before the City Council, and she was presented with a copy of the Resolution at an event at



OIPA board member Anna Sobor displays a proclamation from Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the City Council that honors her many volunteer contributions to the Old Irving Park community and the city of Chicago. The proclamation was passed by the City Council in April and presented to Anna on May 10 by Ald. John Arena.

Photo by Claudia Hine.



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the new **Foundation Tavern and Grille** (Foundation is at 5007 W. Irving Park Road and was recently opened by the same brothers that are taking over the space at McNamara's, and just like Lady Sobor, the new restaurant looked "Mahhvellous"). The Resolution listed many of her voluminous efforts on our behalf including: four terms as President of OIPA; fighting to create Disney II School park and playlot; working to save the Portage Theater; one of the leaders of a coalition advocating for a new, permanent location for the Independence Branch library; serving as Commissioner on the Six Corners SSA; and her countless volunteer hours to preserve the character of

our neighborhood over the course of 20+ years. It also documented that in 1982 she was the Queen of the Polish American Constitution Day Parade. No surprise there, as she will always be royalty in Old Irving Park, and now she finally has a Proclamation that proves it.

Main Speakers: To celebrate spring we welcomed a trio of speakers that all had three things in common: (1) they are very interesting speakers; (2) they or representatives of their group had spoken to us before; and (3) they all had opposable first digits of a decidedly emerald hue.

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Claudia Hine and Laura Marie Sanchez – Irving Park Garden Club: Once again, these two put on a multimedia presentation where Claudia handled the speech and Laura Marie the slide show. The Garden Club was formed in the 1980's and they have over 80 members. The club remains a wonderful dating opportunity for men, as the ratio of women to men is about 5 to 1, and the Club's motto is "dine, drink, and dig". Some of the members are master gardeners, while others are just out for a filthy good time. I was surprised to find out that many of the their members live outside of Old Irving, with a large contingent residing in the Villa or Independence Park, and some considerably further away than that. OIPA is particularly appreciative for their efforts each year in maintaining our square urn planters with beautiful vegetation, and they also beautify Tripp Garden (located across from Eris). Membership dues are \$20 a year, and that includes a fine newsletter. The club meets regularly at St. John's Episcopal Church, where a bevy of knowledgeable speakers discuss all things botanical (while drinking wine). The future schedule looks like this: the Annual Garden Walk on June 22, the Mid-Summer Stroll in July, Still Life Painting is followed by Water Gardening, and then they settle down for the long winter with "Putting Your Garden to Bed" in October.

Karen Wehrle – Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse: Last year, Renee Costanzo (the Director) told us about this amazing place one block south of OIP (3501 N. Kilbourn) where it is spring the year round. This year our own Karen Wehrle, who is a long time volunteer, told us even more. The Greenhouse was built in 1936 and was established as a teaching space by the Chicago Park District in 1996. It is one of only four greenhouses in the park system and is the only one

that is still being utilized. Their mission is to "advance environmental stewardship in the community by connecting people to nature, teaching sustainable gardening practices, and promoting fresh and healthy food to people of all ages through garden based programming." They offer a lot of programs which can be explored at the CPD website, including many programs for children, yoga in the greenhouse, and star-gazing. Karen is involved with the Friends of Kilbourn Park Organic Greenhouse which was formed in 2007. Their biggest even of the year is their annual plant sale, which will have already occurred when you read this newsletter. I mention it because many in our group spoke so glowingly of this very popular annual two day event where you can purchase plants and seeds that you may want to bookmark it for next year.

Karen was good enough to take some questions from our inquisitive group, and I will relay a couple concerning tomatoes. **Charlotte Tyre** wanted to know what one can do to keep those dreaded squirrels out of her tomato patch. I am glad to report that unlike the farms I was around in my youth, Karen's solution had nothing to do with the Second Amendment. Instead she pointed out that those no-count scoundrels eat the tomatoes simply because they are thirsty, so the solution is to place water near the plants on hot days. So Charlotte, don't forget to water your squirrels. Another question concerned whether or not they had "heirloom tomatoes" at the plant sale, and shockingly to me there is such a thing and they indeed have them. As a lawyer that has handled many estates, I have often seen family members fight over prized "heirlooms", but fortunately never over a tomato. I can imagine that could be quite a mess.

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Adrienne Chan – Vice President of OIPA – Adopt a Greenspace Program: Adrienne has taken charge of this important neighborhood program, which was started by President Ankney a couple of years ago. While the Garden Club maintains the smaller square planters on Irving Park, we have to take care of the larger painted concrete planters and in-ground planted beds located on Irving Park Road. To do this, OIPA has created the Adopt a Greenspace Program. Businesses or individuals (or a group of neighbors) sign up to improve one in-ground planter. They take care of planting the flowers, maintaining them through the fall, and pick up the trash in the planters. Many of the beds are already adopted by returning volunteers, but others are available so you should

contact Adrienne or OIPA if you are interested. To make it even more fun this year, Adrienne is instituting a program allowing people to name their flower bed, and she intends to have a contest later in the year offering prizes for the best flower beds. I know that a lot of people in OIP play to win, so anyone caught defacing another team's flower bed will be barred from future competitions. However, bribing of judges shall be permitted. **(See page 22 for more details)**

Next Meeting is a Social Gathering on Sunday, June 2, 2 p.m. at St. John's. The next general OIPA meeting will be in September. Watch for an email with all the details on the June 2 event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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OIPA's 2019 Summer Challenge

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

— Adrienne W. Chan, Vice President, Old Irving Park Association



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We believe healthy and safe communities are made up of interdependent, engaged residents. Sadly, [national] studies have shown that (1) fewer than half of American adults know most or all of their neighbors and (2) a majority of American adults know only some (29%) or none (28%) of their neighbors by name. Now, we suspect that those percentages are probably better in Old Irving Park, but there is always room for improvement. This summer, we challenge the residents of Old Irving Park to make an extra effort to get to know your neighbors. How might you go about this?

Front Yard Fridays

Several years ago, our block party committee was brainstorming ways to engage more residents of our double-long block. Borrowing an idea from a friend, **Frank DeJohs** suggested we organize “Front Yard Fridays” (aka “Front Porch Fridays” or “Flamingo Fridays”). There are probably endless interpretations of the “Front Yard Friday” concept, but the basic idea is that it is a casual opportunity to gather with neighbors outdoors at rotating homes on block. The host provides the location; neighbors bring their own beverages, snacks, chairs, kids, etc. As **Julia Henriques** says, you “just show up with something to eat and a bottle of wine at some point during the evening!” Organizing more frequent gathering opportunities has fostered a greater sense of community and participation on our block. Julia points out that Front Yard Fridays “give us all an opportunity to get to know each other better. The annual block party also brings everyone out but that’s more kid oriented and the adults often seem to divide up into smaller groups or just hang out in front of their own house; the fact that different people host Front Yard

Fridays encourages more mingling.” **Michelle Clark** likes that Front Yard Fridays provide an opportunity to catch up with neighbors you may not regularly see in passing, as well as a forum to discuss community-related issues.

Meridith Cannon thinks that Front Yard Fridays “create a real sense of community on the block that, in my experience, is a rare thing in such a big city. That sense of community enables us to really take pride in our neighborhood and share responsibility for the wellbeing of our neighbors. We get the best of both worlds, we live in vibrant Chicago, but also reap the benefits of what feels like a small town community where neighbors really know and care about each other.”

Keep it Simple

The key to Front Yard Fridays is keeping it simple – minimal effort is required. **Organize:** designate a host and a date. **Communicate:** spread the word to neighbors through email, online invitations, paper flyers, or even with a flamingo in your front-yard. **Participate:** establish it as a BYOB/potluck-style gathering, so that hosting does not become an overwhelming endeavor. Most importantly —keep it casual and don’t overthink it!

Take the Challenge

If your block has never held a front yard Friday, give it a try this summer. As extra encouragement, OIPA is designating the second and fourth Friday of June, July and August as “Front Yard Friday” night. Pick one or both nights and make it happen. Tag photos from your Front Yard Fridays with #Oipaporchparty and your block name for a chance to win prizes and OIPA fame. Let’s see how many Front Yard Fridays our neighborhood can host in a single night!

OIPA EASTER FUN

Easter Egg Hunt

– Allison Clark Young

On April 22, the OIPA hosted the 22nd Annual Spring Egg Hunt! It was a beautiful day for approximately 150 families and neighbors to come together to celebrate warmer weather and spring fun! Coffee was donated by **Backlot Coffee** and **Belding Elementary Principal Heather Yutzy** graciously allowed the Belding playground and field to be used for the hunt!

Many thanks to **Sheri McGuire** to donning the bunny suit again this year! Thanks to organizer **Allison Clark Young** and a host of volunteers who made it all possible!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers:

- Allison Clark Young
- Norah Jones
- Erin O'Donohue
- Lynn Ankney
- Bryan McCoy
- Rachel Allmen
- Steph Epstein
- Sheri McGuire
- Kelly Greif
- Seana Huizenga
- Catherine Green
- Matt Young



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Celebrating

June & July Birthdays & Anniversaries

The OIPA News is not published in July so we are featuring both June & July anniversaries and birthdays.

June Anniversaries

- 8 Richard & Rosemary Knight
- 9 Dana & Paul Moran
Karen & Bill Whitehead
- 10 Annie & Lee Swingen
Kelly & Joe Ferenc
Mike Manier & Tony Mallerdino
Missy & Bart Goldberg
Steph & Jon Epstein
- 12 Kara & John Wagner Sherer
Mary & Jerry Czarnowski
- 13 Charlene & John Adamski
Lindsay Hunter & Ben Lyon
Matt & Allison Young
- 14 Ally Skoog-Hoffman & Ben Hoffman
- 16 Janine & Kyle Kostelny
- 21 Esther & Jake Massick
Terry McGuire & Sharon Graham
- 23 Devin & Liz Breen
- 24 Julia & Steve Poskus
- 25 Kris & Dave Cloud
Marjorie & Brian Monaghan
- 26 Hannah Lehman & Sinisa Rasberger
Sean & Nina Elliot
- 27 Alison & Joseph Weston
John & Theresa Mueller
Rachel & Peter O'Mara
- 28 Scott & Heather Legan

June Birthdays

- 1 Urban Wellness
Carolyn Morehouse
Debby Fries
- 2 Sally Frau
- 3 Alan Allmen
Brian Cooley
Mark Murray
- 4 Ed Caplan
Sharon Johnson
- 5 Terrie Carpenter
- 6 Howard Silver
Mary Lou Agronomoff
Prutha Davis
- 8 Bill Dearhammer
- 9 Charles Southwick
Fred Lundgren
- 10 Betsy McKelvey
Robert Elworth
- 11 Cindy Grimaldi
Judith Baumhart
Mary Pat Serpone
- 12 Guinevere Moore
Jen Knox
Mary Dette Verdaguer
Tim Menard

- 13 Jim Lynch
Mike Lindauer
Sharon DeBates
- 14 Robert Liebich
- 15 George Halka
- 16 William Lachman
- 19 Andy Greene
- 21 Jeremy Sermersheim
Mark Palmieri
Michael Polzin
- 23 Betsy Ries
- 24 Richard Liu
Sheila Quinn
Tom McDonough
- 25 Gail Gogliotti
Larry Delby
- 26 Leona Mae Quinlan
Michael Basile
- 29 Terry McGuire
- 30 Eugenie Boisvert
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OIPA | JULY ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

July Anniversaries

- 2 Tom & Dee McDonough
- 5 Howard Silver & Judy Maas
- 6 Albert & Jane Falasz
- 11 Cristina & David Evaskus
- 12 Alexandra & George Gantner
Lynn & Jonathan Ankney
- 13 Denise & Steve Sonberg
- 15 Debbie Gidley & Michael Abbott
- 17 Wendy & Fred Lundgren
- 19 Christine & Jon Levy
Kristen & Jim Lynch
- 20 Vivian & Bruce Bailey
- 21 Bindu & Tim Alexander
- 23 Rachel & Alan Allmen
- 24 Marnie & Roman Zabicki
- 26 Amy & Jason Isadore
- 27 Kelly & Dan Jacobs
- 28 Robert & Kathy Liebich
- 30 Michael King & Andrea Montgomery

July Birthdays

- 3 Alexandra Gantner
- 4 Jeremiah Kaye
- 5 Barbara Chadwick
Caleb Johnston
- 6 William Mason
- 7 Rita Larson
- 9 Nancy Rimkus
- 10 Betty Ryan
Juliet Pierce
- 11 Donald Jensen
- 12 James Higham
Lauren Palmieri
Mike Gerson

- 14 Stephen Stockley
- 15 Janine Kilch
Nina Elliot
Stephanie Cutter
- 16 Jon Epstein
Lindsey Schendel
- 17 Bruce Bailey
Greg Jensen
- 18 Annie Lawrenz
Susan Patke
- 20 Linda Townsend
Scott Legan
- 22 Albert Falasz
- 23 James Damato

- 24 Ben Lyon
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Christine Lopez
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4022 W. Waveland.....	\$825,000
3814 N. Kedvale.....	\$925,000
3626 N. Keeler.....	\$964,155



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4213 N. Kedvale, 2J.....	\$124,000
4340 N. Keeler, 1F.....	\$144,000
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Behind the Garden Gate — Claudia Hine



Karen and Bill Whitehead will man the ticket booth for IPGC's garden walk on June 22.

Photo by Claudia Hine.

Come rain or come shine, the Irving Park Garden Club will hold its annual garden walk on Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a self-guided tour. Garden Walk Coordinator Mike Basile has arranged for us to visit a beautiful lineup of yards with nine gardens spanning Old Irving Park and the Villa.

Although garden club events are usually members only, we make an exception for this highly anticipated one. While the walk is free for members, nonmembers can join the fun for just \$10/person, payable by cash or check.

Tickets are only available on the day of the event at the starting point, which is 3846 N. Kildare Ave. From there you will be given a map, and you can either walk, bike, or drive to the other destinations. The route will cover approximately 1.5 miles.

Want to get a peek behind your neighbors' fences? Be sure to join us. This event takes place rain or shine.

The Manic Month of May

Eager to escape the bitter cold and rainy weather we've endured this year, 21 garden club members took a field trip to Sunrise Greenhouse in Grant Park, IL, on May 4. With the greenhouses in full bloom, it was easy to forget the winter of our discontent. We filled our trunks and SUVs with plants, then enjoyed lunch at a local restaurant before heading home.

Kathleen Kearns (right) is all smiles after her first field trip to Sunrise Greenhouse. She was one of 22 gardeners who shopped, then stopped for lunch on the way home.

Photo by Claudia Hine.



We're the Irving Park Garden Club. We like to dine, drink, and dig. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub](https://www.facebook.com/IrvingParkGardenClub) or contact me at claudiahine@icloud.com.



IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB

Also in May, our members divided their perennials to attend a plant exchange on May 18 at the Larsen home. Everybody walked away with several new plants for their gardens—all for free.

Nirvana.

In addition, all members who “adopted” IPGC planters along Irving Park Rd. met at the Tripp Garden to receive their flowers and planting scheme as provided by **Farmers Market Garden Center**, 4110 N. Elston Ave. This year’s foster parents are **Sue Geisler, Mike Basile, Lisa Hopper, Madelyn Ryan, Bill and Karen Whitehead, Pam Rock, Gayle Christensen, Claudia Hine, Peggy Krischer, Carolyn Frazier, Laura Marie Sanchez, Eileen Stern, Gina Iliopoulos, and Ed Caplan**. Thanks to FMGC and OIPA for this collaborative way to improve the quality of life in Old Irving.

Emily Plagman and Nick Frank (right) enjoy the presentation.

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Maintain Harmony Within — Annie Swingen

With summer scheduled to arrive in a few weeks, folks are looking forward to getting fit in the great outdoors. However, our mental health deserves some TLC too! Enter Urban Wellness, OIP's newest counseling practice located at 4212 West Irving Park Road.

Old Irving Park is Urban Wellness' third location opened since 2012 by the owner and therapist **Maureen Werrbach, LCPC**. Growing up on, and current resident of Chicago's northwest side, Werrbach has figured out how to "make wellness a down to earth practice" while helping adults, couples, teens, and kids thrive.

Urban Wellness offers services from approximately 30 licensed therapists (bios available online) with expertise ranging from traditional therapy and psychological testing to dance/movement and art therapy. The practice is open seven-days-a-week by appointment. Clients are matched with therapists after an intake call and are provided a keypad code to gain access to the cozy, private space; It feels like home sans dust-bunnies.

As for the nitty gritty, the practice accepts major health insurance including BlueCross Blue Shield PPO, United Healthcare, Humana PPO/HMO and Medicare and is happy to work with those not in-network.

Urban Wellness is not only committed to its clients but the community at large. As part of the practice's overall mission (to help members of our communities thrive, both in their personal lives and in their relationships), in the past year, they've donated technology (Chromebooks) to a CPS' Special Education department as well as provided financial support to several neighborhood businesses.

Additionally, counselors engage in monthly outreach events focusing on the elimination of mental health stigma "by creating awareness of, appreciation for, and acceptance of mental health self-care." Past events include screening of "Screenagers" at the Irving Park YMCA followed by a panel discussion, Taft High School panel discussion on "Teen anxiety, stress, and behavioral issues" and forums with local businesses to discuss how to facilitate healthy workplace environments. Members of the community are encouraged to visit Urban Wellness' website to submit speaking engagement requests.

Visit urbanwellnesscounseling.com to learn more about the practice and its licensed counselors.

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Old Irving Park Association 2019 Adopt a Greenspace Program — Adrienne Chan

OIPA has six “mural planters” and sixteen in-ground planting beds on Irving Park Road that need to be maintained over the warmer months. For the past couple of years, we have asked neighborhood residents and businesses to “adopt” one or more of these plots and take care of plant upkeep and trash clean up. We are asking our community to step up again this year and adopt one of these green spaces.

This year, sponsors will have the option of naming their garden bed for the season; OIPA is exploring identification signs for in-ground garden bed plots for those interested. All sponsors will be identified on Facebook and in the Newsletter.

Garden Bed Contest

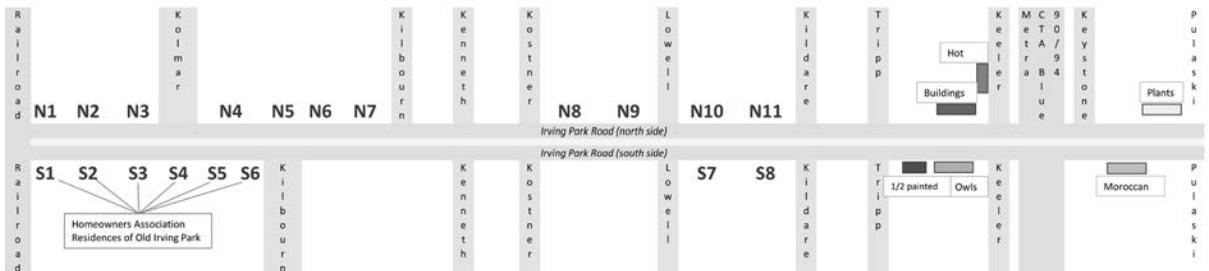
Also new this year is our In-ground Garden Bed contest. “Before” pictures will be taken the week of May 13. The Old Irving Park Garden Club will review the in-ground garden beds in June and August, and determine which beds earn bragging rights (at least until next season). Sponsors of the “Best Overall”

garden bed will receive their choice of admission for 2 to the Neighborhood All-Stars Cocktail Party this Fall or a One Month Full Page advertisement in the OIPA Newsletter. Honorable mention awards will also be granted for “Most Improved,” “Most Creative,” and “Most Colorful.”

This is a FUN opportunity for a family, group of neighbors or local business to get out and improve our street scape. You do not have to be a master gardener to take this on — any maintenance or improvement is appreciated! You’ll have a tangible impact on the beautification of our stretch of Irving Park road and enjoy a sense of pride and ownership whenever you walk, bike, or drive past “your” green space.

To adopt a planter or bed, contact Adrienne Chan at adriennechan@gmail.com to find out what planters are available.

Planters and In-Ground Garden Beds In the Program (The map can also be viewed at <http://bit.ly/2QfE6sa>)





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OIPA New House History Database — Cathey Curley

The process of documenting the history of your house can be a daunting task. Perhaps you read “Your House has a History” pamphlet and quickly put it aside for another day. I have good news for you. The History Team of OIPA, the Irving Park Historical Society (IPHS) is building a database of the historic building permit information for the majority of houses in our neighborhood.

Our little enclave of heaven was annexed in 1889, and since then most of the streets in our neighborhood have changed names three times. When you couple the street name with address number changes in 1909, following the horse and buggy trail can be frustrating and rewarding.

Our neighborhood is steeped in rich history, and over the years, people have collected bits of data related to the IPHS Housewalk or their dwelling. No one data source exists— until today. The Irving Park Historical Society is pulling together historical permit information on the houses, stores, flats, and a few barns too. The boundaries are north of Addison, south of Montrose, west of Pulaski and east of Kilbourn from 1871 to current (so it includes a bit of Grayland, too).

The database, available to all OIP residents, will only contain publically available information:

- Index Cards, translates the current address to the original permit address and include the permit date.
- Architect information from the American Contractor database (1897-1916)
- Detailed permit information from the City of Chicago Permit Ledgers
- Archived and current photos of dwellings, where possible
- City of Chicago Building Permit data (2007-today)

We need help!

If you have an interest in the history of Old Irving Park and would like to volunteer, we need help! The project requires a wide variety of skill sets.

Specifically, we are looking for people who are interested in:

- Collecting permit information from the microfilmed archives
- Taking pictures and identifying homes (Google maps, i-phone or other)
- Creating a web portal so the community can access the data
- Creating various fun stats and maps that show the progression of OIP
- Performing data integrity checks

The data we are collecting is the tip of the iceberg. We know that there is a margin of error with the historical records. The beautifully scrolled 19th-century permit information can be a challenge for our 21st-century brain to decipher. We will look to the community to validate the accuracy of our database.

While the recorded information only gives us an outline of the homes' history, it is the color inside the lines that makes our neighborhood so interesting. If you see me aimlessly wandering through the neighborhood with my executive assistants Tex and Markie, I'm not lost; I'm just transported to a time when horse and buggy ruled the roadways.

Cathey Curley, 312/543-9051
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Fridays by the Fire at Keeler Gardens —Ed Caplan

After work on Fridays, at the end of a long week, it feels good just to sit and relax, take a break. We may not even realize it, but we're looking to the weekend as a respite to recharge, get back some of the energy that we expelled all week. Spending some time connecting with nature can really help to put us back on track, revitalize, and relieve stress.

How fortunate that Keeler Gardens at 3631 N. Keeler Ave. is offering just that opportunity, a haven to relieve stress, relax, and connect with nature. Starting May 31, join the community every Friday night to sit around the fire and enjoy the gardens. And if you prefer to watch people go by, you're welcome to come and sit on our front porch and enjoy our rocking chairs at any time.

**Join us Fridays, May 31 – July 26, 2019,
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

L'Occitane en Provence at Old Orchard Saturday, June 8, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

Welcome the summer with a wonderful pampering event at L'Occitane en Provence at Old Orchard. Join us on June 8 at 9:30 a.m. for a short but informative presentation on how L'Occitane incorporates nature into all their products. We will have a chance to experience some of their beautiful fragrances and skin care products. And this isn't just for women, they have an incredible men's line, too. Everyone will get a small gift and a discount if you'd like to take something home. Email Gina to reserve your spot at Gina@KeelerGardens.com.



Keeler Gardens is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization improving the health and sustainability of urban community life through environmental experiences, supporting diversity and youth development, and building a love of nature through service to self and the natural world. More information is available at KeelerGardens.com.

Come Down Memory Lane with Us

Service of Celebration

11 a.m. | Pentecost Sunday, June 9

**12:30 p.m. | Luncheon by La Villa
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**3801 North Keeler Avenue
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**RSVP to evite: <http://evite.me/m8Tyftfaau>
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Join members and friends of the Irving Park United Methodist Church on Pentecost Sunday, June 9 as we celebrate our ministry at the corner of Grace and Keeler in the Old Irving Park neighborhood. For 127 of our 131 years, we have called this corner home and are grateful to have served God and community from this place. As we pursue the sale of our building and consider a new location, we invite you to join us to celebrate our long-time home and the various ministries that have served so many here.

We chose Pentecost Sunday because it is a day that marks the promise of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit moved the disciples out of the upper room and into the streets. While IPUMC is celebrating its past, we are doing so with the hope and promise that the Holy Spirit is moving us into the future.

As Rainbow People, we are united in Christ and hold fast to God's promises as we move into the future. While denominational issues add to our uncertainty, we hold fast to who we are during this time of transition. As a reconciling congregation, we understand God's promises continue to include

all people irrespective of gender identity, sexual preference, ability, race, economic status, or education.

Come down memory lane with us and with others who are returning to this place with so many memories of good work that has been done here. Perhaps you attended worship, a wedding, a concert or art show, helped at the pantry or another organization that met here. Share with others the stories about special life events, celebrations, meetings, and more that have happened because our doors were open to all. If you have a memory (or photo) you would like to share; please send it to vicciroddgers@gmail.com. A keepsake book is being prepared and will be available for purchase. Pass the word to those who have memories of time at this church. All are welcome.

The Irving Park United Methodist Church has a long history in the Old Irving Park community. The Irving Park Community Food Pantry started here as an extension of the personal efforts of one member who wanted to feed those less fortunate. The Reconciling Ministries Network had their national offices here for many years. This church has shared our space with the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Weight Watchers, OIPA, Irving Park Historical Society, Alcoholics Anonymous, Daughters of Sarah, Apogee Academy, and many other organizations. We are hoping to sell the building to a school, church, performing arts organization, or another community-minded group that would likely have an interest in this place and neighborhood. If you have questions about the sale of the church and property, please contact irvingparkumc@comcast.net.

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Create You... a Disney II Titan

Transfer applications are now open for students who wish to transfer to Disney II Magnet High School for high school. This year we will be accepting 10th and 11th-grade transfer students for the 2019-20 school year. If your student is interested, please email jcardenas28@CPS.edu or call 773-534-5010 with questions.

Create You...a Chef

In May, Disney II's 5th and 6th-grade students were thrilled to collaborate with Pretty Cool Ice Cream in Logan Square for a special and delicious project! In a partnership with Pilot Light (a nonprofit organization that helps children make healthier choices by connecting the lessons they learn in their classrooms to the foods they eat on their lunch trays, at home, and in their communities) and Pretty Cool Ice Cream. Disney II students helped to design and market two Pretty Cool Pops that were sold at Pretty Cool Ice Cream from May 15-31st! Their two pops were Sprinkles of the Sky: Bubblegum ice cream with blue shell and rainbow sprinkles and The Ultra Flavor Pop: Cherry and lemonade.

Our students were so excited to hear that fifty-cents from the sale of each pop went to support Pilot Light!

Create You...a Graduate

On May 1st Disney II's Class of 2019 celebrated "Decision Day." Every Disney II senior received a "Decision Day" sweatshirt and pennant announcing their "decision," whether it be college, work, or gap year. We have 1% of our students entering the military, 4% entering trade school, 10% entering the workforce, and 84% of our senior class will be pursuing higher education! Our graduates will be attending colleges and universities all over the country, such as: Cornell University, Northeastern University (Boston), The University of Wisconsin Madison, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, DePaul University, Loyola University, City Colleges of Chicago – Wright College, Harold Washington College, Malcolm X College, and Truman College as well as Illinois State, Dominican University, Western Illinois University, University of Illinois Chicago, the School of the Art Institute Chicago and more! Congratulations to all of our Titan graduates!

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The Buzz at Belding — Lisa Owens, 4th Grade Reading/Social Studies Teacher

BELDING FUN RUN

Belding loves to have fun while staying physically fit.



On Thursday, May 16, students, parents, and staff turned out in high numbers to participate in the 4th Annual Belding Fun Run. Running a course that is just short of a mile through the surrounding neighborhood, students were cheered on by parent volunteers and neighborhood spectators. The Fun Run is a great event that is enjoyed from students in the middle grades to our pre-k and kindergartens. We love the fun of a good run!

Summer Construction

Belding is under construction! Built in 1901, Belding is receiving a much-needed capital upgrade including tuckpointing, handicap accessibility, a larger cafeteria, and six new classrooms. We are thrilled by the improvements. Once the school year ends, the construction project will kick into high gear, and the school will be closed for the summer.

New Families to Belding

Summer registration will be affected by the construction project. We may hold registration "off-site" at our preschool location on Irving Park Road or at another nearby school. We encourage new families to register before the school year ends on June 20. **To schedule a time to register, please email the school secretary, Zulema Razo (zgrazo@cps.edu).**

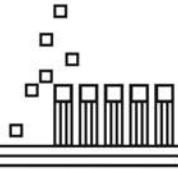
Curious About Belding Elementary?

Each month Principal Heather Yutzy offers school tours for prospective parents. This is an excellent opportunity to see Belding teachers and students in action and to learn more about our school. Upcoming tour dates include June 4 and June 11. Tours begin at 8:00 a.m. in the school office.

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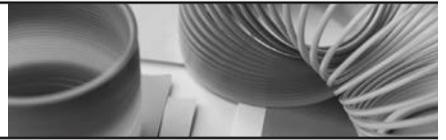
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The Inside Scoop at Scammon — Renee Klimkiewicz, Curriculum Coordinator



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During May alone Scammon students experienced Disney's The Lion King, publishing parties, PALS activities, Special Olympics, Mother's Day Tea, Chicago Junior Math Team competition, a performance at The Goodman Theater, track and field meets, soccer games, Algebra Exit Exam, Six Flags, cheerleading

events, and so much more. The Scammon students' smiles and pride are endless, nurtured by opportunities that Scammon teachers create every day. Therefore, we recognize and celebrate Scammon's exceptional staff and express our gratitude for their dedication to the field of education.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Enrollment

As a Level 1+ CPS neighborhood school, we are excited to begin the enrollment process.

Pre-K: Visit chicagoeearlylearning.org to begin the application for PreK at Scammon. Please call the Chicago Early Learning Hotline at (312) 229-1690.

Kindergarten: Enroll your child in Scammon's Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. Please come to the main office to enroll. Call (773)534-3475 for more information or to schedule a school tour.

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SPOTTED (Left): Karina Miska and her mom Charity dropped off two cases of Girl Scout cookies to the Irving Park Food Pantry. Accepting the donation were (l-r): Volunteer Manager Leslie Frazier, Executive Director John Psiharis and Volunteer Manager Michelle Buchecker. *Photo by Craig Shut.*

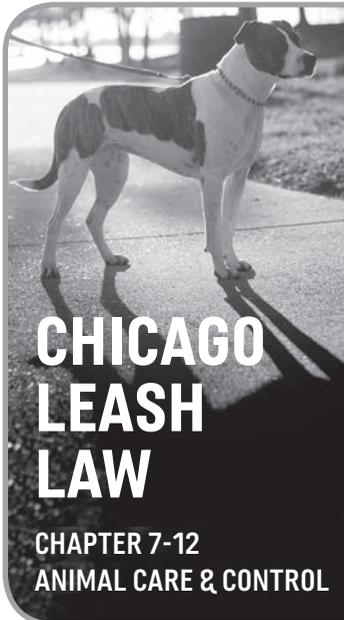


SPOTTED: Ted Theo owner of B-Side Burger on Irving Park (across from Independence Park) greets guest to his casual dining establishment.



SPOTTED (Above left) Kathleen Kearns (right) and Carolyn Aronson with Dan Gillogly at Carlson Community Services' Dueling Pianos

(Above right) Helen Lira (left), Renee Linnemeyer and Tarin Kendrick enjoy a pre-show moment at Dueling Pianos. *Photos by Liz Mills*



Dog Owners are You Aware of Our City's Leash Laws?

A friendly PSA reminding folks to leash their dog. Not only is it the neighborly thing to do, keeping your dog on a leash in public spaces is the law. Chicago's leash law requires that dogs be restrained when in public spaces, either with a leash, crate, cage, or vehicle, or confined on the owner's premises (in a fenced-in yard, not roaming free). This helps ensure the safety of both the pet and people.

Local parks require that dogs be leashed. Small playlots such as Kolmar Playlot do not allow dogs in the park.

Fines range from a minimum of \$300, to \$10,000 depending on the level of the offense. In addition to a fine, if there is an injury to an individual or property damage, the dog owner may be required to submit full restitution to the victim.

For more information on the leash ordinance, dog friendly parks or general Q&As visit:

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www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/dog-friendly-areas

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Middle School Academic Bowl National Championships

The St. Edward Quiz Bowl team (pictured above) competed against 176 other schools from across the nation at the Middle School Academic Bowl National Championships. The competition took place on May 11 and 12. All teams had to qualify by placing top 5 at a state competition. St Edward took 4th place at a Quiz Bowl tournament that took place at Loyola Academy to advance them to the National Competition. Congratulations to our 8th graders: Emmet Rhoades (captain) Charlie McNeill (captain), Connor Kennedy, Kyan Gibbs, Ethan Ewert; 7th graders: Miriam Elia, Zoe Essex, Charlie Shear; and Coaches Ms. Carabio and Mr. Enrile. We are Big Red proud of you!

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 who will graduate on May 30th. We wish you the best of luck with your future and look forward to watching your high school accomplishments.

All Chicago parents know the crazy High School selection and testing process. Our students were accepted at the following schools: DePaul College Prep, Loyola Academy, Notre Dame College Prep, Resurrection College Prep, St. Patrick High School, Trinity High School, York High School, Niles North High School, Niles West High School, St. Ignatius College Prep, UIC College Prep, Lane Tech, and Whitney Young.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2019

These students, who graduated on June 3rd, accomplished so much during their time at St. Viator, and we are so proud of them. They will be heading off to high school in the fall at Chicago Academy of the Arts, Jones College Prep, DePaul College Prep, Lane Tech College Prep, Loyola Academy and Taft High School. Best wishes to them as they continue on their educational journey!

May was a busy month at St. Viator! The 8th graders traveled to the state capital in Springfield for their class trip. Other classes took advantage of the (sometimes) spring-like weather and enjoyed field trips to outdoor locations such as Wagner Farm, Lincoln Park Zoo and The Grove. The annual Boosterthon Fun Run on May 6th was again a success, with students running laps around the gym to raise money for our school. We watched many students show off their talents at the Peacebuilder Talent Show on May 13th, which featured dancing, singing and several other performances.

The St. Viator Class of 2019 returning from their 8th grade class trip to Springfield. *Photo credit is Huguette Cogan.*

Teacher Appreciation Day

We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day on May 7th by spoiling our amazing faculty and staff. This year's theme was "The Best Teachers in the WORLD are at St. Viator." Throughout the week, teachers and staff enjoyed sweets, treats and beverages from around the world, a breakfast buffet, and lunches featuring foods from Italy, Greece and Columbia. Teachers also received flowers, thank you cards and travel totes filled with granola bars, mints, hand cream, pens, post-it notes and other essentials. Thank you to our teachers and staff who work so hard all year long, and to the parents who helped to make this week special for them!

Join Our Community!

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are still welcome. Please contact the office to find out about capacity in your child's grade. Email: mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org or call 773-545-2173



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Upcoming Events

Old Irving Park Beer & BBQ Challenge – Saturday, August 3rd, 1 – 5 p.m. in the St. Viator parking lot (3644 N. Kedvale). Now in its 6th year, the Beer & BBQ Challenge has become one of the best summer events in the city. 20 local cook teams put their own unique spin on BBQ, which is thoughtfully paired with a craft beer tasting from the team’s partner brewery. Each brewery will also be pouring a special “bonus beer,” for a total of 40 craft beers in a variety of styles. YOU vote for Best Beer, Best BBQ and Best Pairing. All proceeds benefit St. Viator Elementary School and Parish. **Tickets and more info at www.beerbbqchallenge.com. Walk-up tickets were SOLD OUT by 2 p.m. last year, so make sure to purchase your tickets in advance!**



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The Scene @ Schurz

Schurz HS a finalist for the Obama Foundation & CPS Youth Impact Award!

Schurz' own Estudiantes Sin Fronteras (Students Without Borders) was recognized as a top 3 finalist for the Obama Foundation and Chicago Public Schools Youth Impact Award! We are honored that these amazing young people are being recognized for their activism and advocacy around immigration issues!

Schurz Senior Selected for Mayor-Elect Lori Lightfoot's Transition Team

Congratulations to senior Priscilla Tito, Schurz student and youth organizer with our community partner Logan Square Neighborhood Association, has been selected to participate as a youth advisor on mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot's transition team.



Congratulations to our Schurz Special Olympians! 31 student-athletes brought home 27 medals from last months games!
Photo courtesy of Schurz High School

Save The Date! The Schurz Schuffle 5K

Friends of Schurz invites you to the 1st Annual Schurz Schuffle on October 19th! Lace up your sneakers and join us for a fun 5K through the streets of Old Irving Park. Proceeds from the race will go to support the Schurz Cyberdogz Robotics Team. For more details, or to register visit <http://bit.ly/SchurzSchuffle2019>

Family Movie Night - *The Goonies*

Join us on the Schurz Great Lawn on Friday, June 28th for *The Goonies*! Bring your blankets and enjoy this classic! The movie begins at dusk, and admission is FREE! Popcorn, candy, and pizza are available for purchase! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Family Movie Night is every last Friday of the month! Parking is available on Waveland Avenue behind the school.

The Seed Keeper Project

In recognition of Schurz High School's gardening efforts the school has received The Seed Keeper Company's state award for Illinois gardens! The Seed Keeper Company recognized our school with an amazing gift box with garden tools: pencils, measuring tape, pruning shears, seeds, recipe cards, burlap container planter, and garden encyclopedia. These supplies will help us in our work planting, harvesting, teaching and hosting students, faculty, staff, and community members in these spaces!

Keep up on the latest happenings at Carl Schurz High School Visit us at www.schurzhs.org , or follow us on Twitter and Facebook @CarlSchurzHS. Questions or concerns? Kudos and compliments? Contact Dee Barrett at dibarrett@cps.edu.



Dueling Benefits Carlson Neighborhood Programs

The Irving Park Lutheran Church gym was rocking with the sound of dueling pianos the evening of May 10th. Villa resident **Dan Gillogly** and his dueling partner **Ted Oliver** treated an audience of 140 people to two hours of non-stop music and laughs. A fundraiser for Carlson Community Services' neighborhood programs, the event featured an appetizer and dessert buffet, cash bar and silent auction. The audience kept Dan and Ted busy with song requests, leading to rousing sing-alongs of classics like American Pie, Sweet Caroline, and Piano Man. Ted and Dan generously donated their song request tips to Carlson. A good time was had by all.

Carlson would like to thank **Wente Family Estates** for donated wine and Revolution Brewing for beer. The following donors contributed wonderful silent auction items: **Chris Altman, Bruce Anderson, Roger Bingaman, Erin Bouman, Clark Street Sports, Amber Gillogly, Michael Jordan, Glenn Kotche, Music Theater Works** and **Amy Sobin's ArtCo.86**.

All American Dueling Pianos raised over \$5,000 for Carlson Community Services' neighborhood programs.

Three Brothers Garden takes a Breather

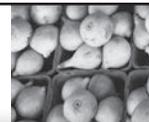
With spring finally here, Three Brothers Garden volunteers are usually gearing up for the growing season. But instead of sowing seeds for a summer crop, Three Brothers Garden volunteers will be focused on restoring the garden's soil and making space for improvements to Irving Park Lutheran Church's parking lot, adjacent to the garden. Garden volunteers determined that a low yield and pest infestation that occurred in 2018 were likely due to tired soil. So after the harvest of a spring crop of radishes and lettuces, we'll add organic matter and plant the raised beds with a nutrient-restoring crop. We'll be back to growing vegetables for the Irving Park Food Pantry's clients in the fall or next spring at the latest.

In the meantime, if you'd like to help with garden maintenance throughout the summer, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org or 773.398.6766. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome. Students in need of service hours find working in the garden with other teens fun and rewarding.

Girl Scout Troop 20221 kicked off spring clean up at Three Brothers Garden in April. The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski Rd. and is a project of Carlson Community Services, a neighborhood non-profit. The mission of Carlson Community Services is to connect the Irving Park Community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture, and service.



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



Community Aids Pantry

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry wants to thank the variety of organizations and people who recently have supported the Pantry with individual contributions of time and money:

- **Pat Eisenhart and family**, for their donation in memory of Bob Eisenhart, a long-time volunteer driver for the Pantry's homebound-delivery program. The money helped purchase a 2015 Ford Transit 250 truck that will replace our current truck. Thanks also to the **FDC Foundation**, which donated \$2,000 to our truck fund, and **Scott Sim from S&T Automotive**, a regular supporter, who helped locate the vehicle and negotiate a price.
- The **Irving Park Jewel branch of TCF**, whose manager, **Cindy Paredes**, along with staffers **Cynthia Delgado and Alicia Benitez**, brought in a \$500 donation and then stayed to help at food stations.



Executive Director John Psiharis (left) and Operations Manager Rick Leitel look over the new Ford Transit 250 truck that the Pantry will be using for pickups of food in the neighborhood.

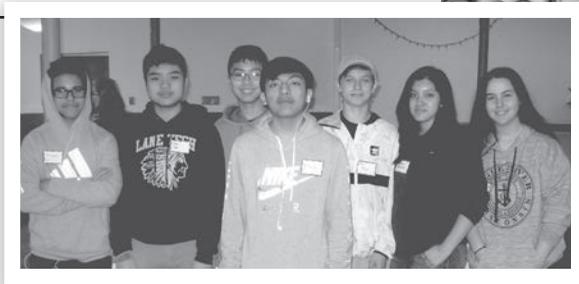


Photo by Craig Shutt.

- **Eight students from Lane Tech** (pictured above), who volunteered during their Spring break and received service hours for their hard work. We are always willing to work with high school students during breaks or in the summer.
- **Karina Miska**, who asked her customers to donate extra boxes of Girl Scout cookies she was selling to give to Pantry clients, She and her mother, **Charity**, brought in two cases of cookies in mid-April, and they put them on our distribution line to be given out.
- **Eight employees from ConAgra**, who worked several food stations and performed other duties for one distribution in April.
- **Heather and the staff at Pet Supplies Plus** on Elston, who donate all the returned pet food they take in and set up a donation basket for customers to donate treats and toys for Pantry clients.
- All of our Easter basket-program volunteers, comprising Tuesday night volunteers **Chris and Jenny Delaney** along with their son **Alex**, plus **Bob Hostettler and Colleen O'Rourke** and Wednesday volunteers **Jessica Hartkopf, Emil DeJulio, Sharon Spellman** and **Aaron Pendleton**. In all, the program gave out 190 baskets over three weeks.

We appreciate all their help and that of everyone in the community who supports our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"

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Two Local History Buffs Advance to State Finals

Two seventh grade Old Irving Park residents—**Sinead O'Sullivan** and **Sam O'Mara**—advanced to the 2019 Illinois History Fair State Finals in Springfield.

Sam and Sinead were classmates in early elementary school and took the bus together every day from Old Irving Park to Skinner North Elementary School. Sam is still at Skinner North, and Sinead is now at Taft Academic Center.

Both Sam and Sinead participated in the annual CPS school history project for the 2019 Chicago Metro History Fair. This year's theme was "Triumph and Tragedy in History." More than 15,000 sixth- to twelfth-grade students participated. The students could work alone or in pairs, first submitting a written research paper on their chosen topic, and then creating a poster, website, documentary or presentation.

Sam O'Mara (working with his partner, **Jack Heller** of Jefferson Park) and Sinead O'Sullivan both elected to create a documentary. Sinead focused on the historical impact of George Pullman and the riots at his company town. Sam & Jack focused on the Black Panther Party. Both won for their respective class, then won for their school. As winners for their individual schools, Sam and Sinead advanced to the City of Chicago competition. Again, both proved their history chops and creative flair by advancing to the State Finals in Springfield on May 2, 2019.

Making the neighborhood (and their parents, one or more of whom may have participated in the writing of this article) proud yet again, both Sam & his partner, and Sinead took home Superior Ribbons, meaning they earned top scores in each of their competitive groups.



History Buffs shown proudly displaying their Superior Ribbons. *Photo provided by Meredith O'Sullivan*

Check out the Winning Documentaries

Sam & Jack's Black Panther documentary, "Black Panther Party A Huge Step Towards Equality" can be seen at the following link: <https://youtu.be/FlwY08jtncQ>

Sinead's documentary, "George Mortimer Pullman, A Life of Triumph Turned to Tragedy" about the Pullman and the labor riots can be seen at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmTUirH3TP4>

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Advertising &
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BOTH DUE
JULY 9
(SECOND TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH)
BY 5 p.m.

2 Next Meeting is a Social Gathering on Sunday, June 2, 2 p.m. at St. John's. Watch for an email with all the details.

22 Irving Park Garden Club | Garden Walk | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Tickets available on day of event at the starting point, 3846 N. Kildare Ave. | Free for members; \$10 for nonmembers. Cash or check only.

NEW to the Area Tergar Chicago Meditation Community, a long-running secular meditation practice group, following the Joy of Living teachings of Yongey Mingyur Rinpoche, meets Sundays, 9:30 – 11 a.m. at 4041 N Milwaukee (Filament Theatre bldg, elevator and ADA accessible) No previous meditation experience is needed, which is free. We share the expenses for our meeting space with voluntary donations. For additional information visit www.facebook.com/tergarchicago/ or Tergar International: www.tergar.org

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

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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. We cannot use photos that are embedded in a Word document, you must provide images as separate files. Links to websites or Facebook are NOT acceptable as content submission.

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.

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

Deadline for advertising AND editorial submissions is

the second Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m. Materials SUBMITTED AFTER the deadline date will be held over to the next month's issue.

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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.

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