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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

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# Interested in Contributing to Make Your Neighborhood a Better Place?

– Annie Swingen, Vice-President:

**W**hile OIPA meetings may be on hold during the pandemic, the Board remains active and engaged with neighborhood developments affecting us all. Whether we're discussing new construction projects with all parties involved, coordinating with neighborhood businesses (hooray for ERIS and their newly expanded outdoor dining section!), or continuing to focus on the maintenance and beautification of streetscaping initiatives (public-way gardens, signage, etc.), we remain committed to listening to our neighbors and advocating for all of OIP.

This fall, we will hold our biennial board of directors' election. Given **Anna Sobor's** (alleged) retirement, we will have at least one director opening on the OIPA Board of Directors, for a two-year term commencing in October 2020. If you are interested in contributing to OIPA in more formal fashion, meeting your neighbors and once COVID-19 has passed, the amazing All-Star party (seriously, you don't want to miss this,) please consider volunteering. The time commitment is minimal, and I can honestly say after nearly two years on the Board, the friendships developed make it a breeze. If you need more incentive to get involved, below is what Anna Sobor (our longest serving member) and **Merry Marwig** (our newest member) have to say about their time on the OIPA board:

### Why run for the OIPA board of directors? It Can Be a Life Changing Experience.

Who knew that when I joined a group of neighbors to lobby for a grass field and playlot in 1996 that I'd still be involved with OIPA, volunteering for the community, 24 years later. That effort to transform an asphalt parking lot full of broken glass at what is now Disney 2 School altered my life trajectory.

Thanks to my involvement in OIPA, I've made lifelong friends and met kindred spirits. I have the amazing satisfaction of knowing that we've woven together with a community that cares, which causes "good trouble," which fights for what is just and right; and demands a seat at the table when matters impacting our communal quality of life are discussed.



*Photo courtesy of  
Anna Sobor*



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As an organization, we've rolled up our sleeves over the decades and lived the mantra "Because Good Neighborhoods Don't Just Happen." It requires lots of effort and hard work. OIPA is blessed with a vast talent pool of residents who get involved and work collaboratively for the common good. I've had the privilege of working with so many wonderful people who've left their positive imprint here. I am incredibly grateful that the next generation of Old Irving Park community leaders is continuing OIPA's 48 year legacy of activism.

– **Anna Zolkowski Sobor**, current OIPA board member, past president, vice president and secretary, 1996–2020.

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### Merry Marwig. Why I'm running again:

I joined the OIPA Board in November 2019, and it has been a fantastic experience. I admire our Board because we are a group of people who get things done. We are organized. Transparent. We often have what Bart calls "spirited debates." I see this as a passion for the betterment of our community. I joined the OIPA because I care about our neighbors and our neighborhood. One of the first things I worked on were those "We <3 OIP" mini yard/window signs. My goal was to show neighborhood pride and unity. This sign idea was conceived well before the coronavirus changed all of our lives, but they became such an important symbol of "we are all in this together" as we collectively fight this pandemic. Even though attending in-person community meetings, sitting in coffee shops or dining inside restaurants, or throwing a block-party are off-limits this year, we are still connected as a community. It is such a joy for me to go on walks and see the neighborhood spirit through the mini OIP yard signs, Black Lives Matter signs and sidewalk chalk

art that neighbors put in front of their homes. I'm running for the OIPA Board again to continue to be part of our efforts that strengthen the fabric of the Old Irving Park community.



*Photo courtesy of Merry Marwig*

### A Little Bit About Merry Marwig

**Where did you grow up?** I grew up in the Chicago 'burbs.

**How long have you lived in Old Irving Park, and who is in your household?** My husband and I moved to OIP in 2018 from Norwood Park. We're Metra riders and wanted to stay on the UP-NW line. One great thing about OIP is how transit-oriented our neighborhood is—we have two Metra lines, the Blue line, several buses, divvy bikes, bike lanes, and easy access to two interstates. Getting around the City couldn't be easier.

**Work outside of OIPA?** I work as a privacy and cybersecurity market analyst. I love my job. Fun fact: Illinois has the toughest biometric information privacy law in the nation that protects people's fingerprints, faceprints, voiceprints, and other

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### Board Elections *continued from page 3*

biometric characteristics. The people who crafted that legislation were ahead of their time.

**Favorite local business:** There are so many fantastic OIP businesses...it's hard to choose! Well, I'm a huge fan of Impossible Burgers, so I'm going with Old Irving Brewery.

**Breakfast drink of choice:** Coffee. I'm currently drinking the Veteran Roasters ground coffee that I picked up at Fearless Cooking up on Milwaukee Avenue.

**Interests/hobbies:** I love to dance. Before the

Coronavirus lockdowns, I performed with a Latin dance team. I miss it and look forward to getting back to the dance floor post-Coronavirus.

**Last book you read:** A book about Chicago activist Fred Hampton's life.

**Favorite part of serving on the OIPA board:** We have such talented, committed, caring, fun, and funny members of our Board. It's an honor to be part of this group and work on projects and activities that benefit the entire OIP community.

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## OIPA ICE CREAM SOCIAL **MODIFIED**

# ICE CREAM TREATS

Our annual Ice Cream Social was revised a bit due to COVID-19 ala the ice cream truck.

On Sunday, July 26, the truck parked for about an hour each at Belding and at Disney schools so that OIPA members and their families could partake of delicious ice cream treats compliments of OIPA!

*Photos courtesy of OIPA*





## Summarized Minutes of the Meeting on July 1, 2020

— Bart Goldberg, OIPA Secretary

**Attendees:** Adrienne Chan, Lynn Ankney, Scott Legan, Colleen Kenny, Annie Swingen, Merry Marwig and Bart Goldberg.

**Commencement:** President Chan commenced the meeting at 7:35 PM after all of us that were going to be able to attend this month had managed to Zoom in. The meeting occurred on the first day of the second half of this lousy excuse for a year. People often say that hindsight is 20/20. I just want to put 2020 in hindsight. Here's to a better second half for our families, community, country, and world! (Note that the omission of "the universe" from my benediction was intentional as it is still expanding at an increasing rate, so it seems to be doing just dandy; though some other universes have suggested that it is getting a little too big for its britches).

**Treasurer's Reports:** To be absolutely clear, it is not Lynn Ankney's fault that we donated so much to charity this year. She seemed to be a little sensitive about this when she presented her Treasurer's Reports for June and for our fiscal year which ends on June 30th. (Maybe we should all agree that the entire world is now on our fiscal year, and then 2020 might be over). The financials for June were not particularly interesting as there was not much to see in terms of income or expenses. So far, so good. It was when she started to discuss the year-end figures that Treasurer Ankney seemed to be getting a little defensive. To my undiscerning eye the yearly financials looked great. The revenues generated from the premium memberships had easily exceeded the costs of the All-Star party and bags. The "I Heart OIP" signs had been a great hit, and their popularity increased membership well beyond the cost of the program. So what was the problem? We ran a shortfall for the year of about \$2,500, which was something

that no one remembered happening on Howard Silver's watch when he served as our Treasurer. Of course, this should not matter as we have quite a bit in reserves and it is fine to spend money from time to time. Particularly if it is for a good cause. So Lynn reminded us at least three times that we had increased our charitable giving this year to nearly \$6,000 which was about \$3,000 more than in prior years, and that this accounted for the shortfall. Clearly, this was not her fault! (even though when she is in her normal role as a certified "Angel on Earth" she had clearly favored all of these donations). In order to restore her self-confidence the Board decided to take a "confidence/no confidence" vote on the Treasurer's performance, and amidst hearty cheers the vote of "confidence" was unanimous. After that, the financial reports were unanimously approved by the Board.

**Newsletter and Website:** The Message From the Board schedule was discussed, including the article this month on reasons to join the OIPA Board. The Board elections will be coming up this fall for two year roles, and it looks like that we are unfortunately going to be without our most valuable member as Anna Sobor has determined that she intends to invoke an obscure provision in the By-Laws that allows her to retire. While we all know that she most certainly deserves to do this, we hope that she will change her mind and stay on as a member of the Board. On the technology front, Merry Marwig updated us on her efforts to do some things for us that I do not pretend to understand. They involve OIPA transitioning from being a Yahoo Group to Google. Merry has great ability in this area, but she confessed that the project is much more involved than she had hoped. She has already been working on it in her free time for many months. She now has conceptualized



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it as being a five step process and after the decisions that were made at this meeting she is now ready to complete Step Number One! Thanks to Merry for keeping us "Steady as She Goes".

**Zoning and Development:** Burt's Place obtained their required zoning change that we had previously approved, and will now be starting to obtain building permits. The Planned Development Amendment for "The Point" was approved by the City, and the Developer intends to break ground on the project in October of this year. We have heard back from the developers of the Northwestern Memorial care facility that is expected to be built on the site that used to house Sabatino's, and we hope to be able to meet with them remotely in

the next month to discuss it further. Adrienne spoke with Walter at Meta-Wine (they had presented to the Community at a General Meeting in February) who said that they are doing well, but that the initial focus of their new business is being shifted to off-premise sales due to the economic fallout from the virus.

**People's Gas Site:** We discussed at length the feedback we had obtained the night before when we had the pleasure of participating in a video meeting with regards to this development proposal. The meeting had been at our request and was set up with the assistance of Alderman Gardiner. The participants were Mitch Goltz (the principal of GW Properties, the proposed

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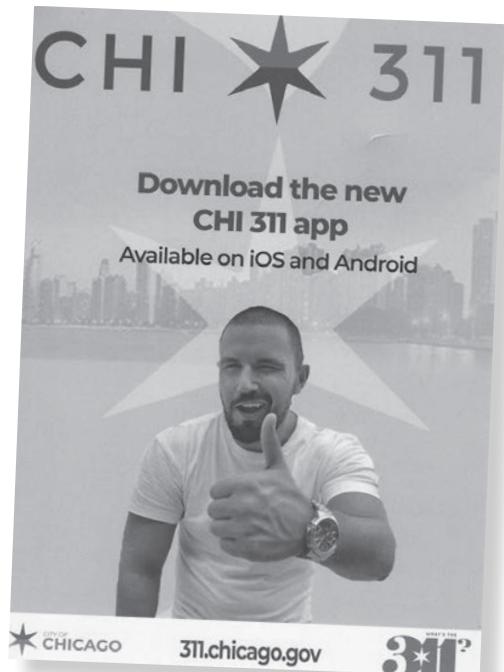
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# OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT



## Summarized Minutes of the Meeting on July 1, 2020, *continued from page 7*

developer), Sara Barnes (a partner with the Law Offices of Samuel V.P. Banks, the zoning attorneys for the project), Dan Miletic (an Engineer), Alderman Gardiner, and all nine members of the Board of OIPA. There had been a lot of concern in the community that this project was very far along and so we were eager to meet so that it would not be too late to provide feedback from our Board and then the OIP community.

Possibly the most important thing that we learned at this meeting was that the project is not nearly as far along as some had feared. GW Properties does not even own the property yet. They have a contract to purchase it from People's Gas and hope to close by the end of this

year. The land is approximately 6.4 acres, and due to its size it will require City of Chicago approval for a Planned Development Overlay. It is presently zoned residential (RS3) so a zoning amendment will also be required. The importance of these two facts is that the project cannot happen without City of Chicago and Aldermanic approval, and the Alderman has assured us that he would never approve it until it has been thoroughly vetted by the community. So we have a long way to go. Environmental remediation work will also need to be performed prior to construction.

In order to be able to engage in a frank and constructive dialogue about a proposed development, it is the practice of OIPA's Board to insure confidentiality about some of the details of the meeting. However, there is a good deal that can be revealed here. First off, the People's Gas buildings that are on the property will be demolished, and they do intend to build a commercial project that would include various retail establishments and restaurants. They do not intend to include a residential component.

The marketing diagram that was available on the Mid-America Group website seemed to be a pretty accurate representation of their current planning with regards to the property, as they did present a diagram substantially similar to this diagram to us at the meeting. However, they strongly stressed that this is an early iteration and that the final configuration of buildings and types of stores may be entirely different. They have already received various levels of commitment from potential tenants for many of the buildings on the development. Most importantly, they have reached agreement with a national grocer as an anchor that would be renting the approximately 40,000 square feet in the SW corner of the land. They told us that they thought that we would be very pleased with this tenant, but they did not reveal the



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name of that tenant or any other potential tenant. They did say that outside of the proposed anchor they would be primarily mid-market retailers and that there would not be any discount stores.

We had discussed during the meeting some of our concerns, such as with traffic problems, the lack of greenspace and the tenant mix. They encouraged us to provide them with some of our proposals and thoughts and we intend to do so in the very near future. After that we hope to have another meeting with them to discuss those proposals. Of course, there will also be community meetings in the foreseeable future. We look forward to it

all and will keep you posted.

**Future Meetings:** The dates for the next Board meetings were discussed. We still do not know when public safety will allow us to conduct a General Meeting, but we are still hopeful that it will be this year. Until then Stay Safe and Stay Sane.

This meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.

**Subsequent Update:** On Wednesday July 15th the Board sent to the Developers and Alderman Gardiner via email a 19 page Google slide presentation detailing our feedback and providing inspiration photos for the greenspace.



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# OIPA | ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



## August Birthdays

1	John Wagner Sherer	11	Mathias Delort	24	Colleen Kenny
1	Julian Lopez	11	Whitman O'Donnell	25	Clyde Steele
2	Vivian Bailey	15	Matthew Coe	25	Rob Ross
3	Susan Hobgood	16	Barbara Karp	27	Jessica Springer
4	Ivy Walczak	16	Linda Fay	29	Patricia Loheny
4	Jeff Cain	16	Mary Kay Shutt	31	Anne Bennison
4	Michelle Bauman	17	Charles Roche	31	George Unzueta
4	Teddy Palmieri	17	Patrick Wasser	31	Lily Boran
5	Tara Connors	17	Shawn Cirton	31	Sawyer Boran
7	Wade Johnston	18	Leslie Batterson	31	Morgan Foster
8	Erin Brandenburg	19	Joan Jones		
8	Mack Rood	21	Charlotte Tyre		
9	Susan Strozewski	21	Jessica Adams		
10	John Ruark	23	Kelly Jacobs		

## August Anniversaries

1	Dan & Erin O'Donohue	19	Sarah & Bryan Quinlan
1	Susan & Larry Delby	22	Michelle & Steve Bauman
2	Mark & Betsy McKelvey	23	Lindsey & Charles Southwick
4	Kitty & Robert Tataryn	24	Charles & Monica Martinez
6	Mary Ann & Liam McLaughlin	24	Jonathan Calfee & Jennifer Barton
7	Terry & Taya Fallen	24	Kathy & Rich Lucki
8	Jeffrey & Sarah Kessler	27	Dean & Kinsey Wolf
9	Carolyn & Donald Jensen	27	William Mason & Sara Freeman
9	Sabrina Cimo & Demian Christiansen	28	Andrea & John Larsen
10	Tara & Terrence Connors	28	Gregory & Jessica Kick
11	David Werem & Barbara Karp	29	James & Linda Higham
11	Marianna & Tadeusz Czajko	30	Julie & Roger Tye
12	Annmarie & Keith Handley	30	Tom & Katie Brandt
14	Paige & Michael Passman	31	Andrew & Dana Sarros
14	Rochelle & David Jones	31	Lauren & Mark Palmieri
15	Larry & Diane Ehrhart		
16	Marian & Charles Roche		



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June 30, 2020

*Submitted by Lynn Ankney*

<b>YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020</b>	
<b>BEGINNING BALANCES - July 1, 2019</b>	
Bank of America Checking	\$18,672.02
Wintrust Bank	40,511.90
	<b>\$59,183.92</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Newsletter Advertising	\$10,619.63
Membership Dues - Standard	12,319.81
Membership Dues - Premium (+ donations)	6,983.89
Interest	21.54
Century House Program	125.00
Greenspace Donations	1,130.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$31,199.87</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Newsletter - Design	\$7,613.90
Newsletter - Print	8,341.00
Postage, Envelopes + Office Supplies	975.70
Meeting Expenses - Rental + Refreshments	2,135.74
Premium Membership (Bags + Party)	2,487.85
Membership Yard/Window Signs	1,100.00
Charitable Donations	6,000.00
Website	979.86
Directors' and Officers' Insurance	856.00
Federal and State Annual Reports	31.00
Banner Program	112.50
Clock at IP & Lowell	77.00
Greenspaces	2,940.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$33,650.55</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCES JUNE 30, 2020</b>	
<b>Bank of America - Checking*</b>	<b>\$56,733.24</b>
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4464 W. Hutchinson .....	\$487,500
3916 N. Tripp .....	\$510,000
3817 N. Lowell.....	\$537,500
4407 W. Waveland.....	\$545,000
3930 N. Kildare (F).....	\$601,000
3923 N. Kilbourn .....	\$815,000
4018 W. Waveland.....	\$820,000
3808 N. Kildare.....	\$853,500
3700 N. Keeler .....	\$1,075,480



## Attached Single Family

4239 N. Kedvale, 2D.....	\$163,000
4326 N. Kedvale, G.....	\$191,750
4042 N. Pulaski, 2E.....	\$434,900

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## Prepared for Change — Claudia Hine

**G**ardeners learn to adapt to ever-changing landscape conditions. A tree dies, and suddenly their shade garden is in full sun. A favorite perennial they always count on decides not to return. And when they least expect it, an invasive weed has taken over, seemingly without warning.

Members of the Irving Park Garden Club have had to adjust to an erratic season of plans gone awry since the beginning of 2020. March and April meetings were cancelled. The May plant exchange was done via email with social distancing plant pickups. Happily, the June garden walk took place when 11 generous homeowners

shared their outdoor spaces, while monitors kept the yards to less than 10 visitors at a time.

In July, the club cancelled its Midsummer Night Stroll, a very popular social event that did not seem prudent to hold in the age of coronavirus. But we adapted to that hurdle by rescheduling our April speaker, Natalie Lichtenbert, who presented "Climate Change and Your Backyard Adventures!" via Zoom web conferencing.

**Above image:** At the starting point of IPGC's June garden walk, Stephanie Cutter and Jordan Mummer's kids, Jasper and Dorothy, showed their entrepreneurial spirit with a lemonade stand and art exhibit. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*



## IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB

### Fingers Crossed

We expect our August 15 Hands-On meeting will take place as planned with some members tackling a Tripp Garden cleanup, led by Mike Basile, and others learning to make felted wool luminaries, taught by **Carolyn Aronson**.

We also expect **Nick Frank and Emily Plagman** will be able to show us the correct way to do worm composting on September 17. In October, **Pam Karlson** is scheduled to present *Birds in the Garden: Tips for Creating and Enjoying a Bird Oasis*. Being flexible and taking one day at a time will be the way forward this year.

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### In-Ground Garden Bed Contest

As part of its Adopt-a-Greenspace program, the Old Irving Park Assn. invited IPGC to, once again, judge the in-ground garden beds along Irving Park Rd. Four IPGC members went out in June to see the “before” condition of these gardens and will return this month to pick the winners in four categories.

We are grateful to all the adopters who volunteered to take on these difficult parkway spaces and transform them into something the whole neighborhood can enjoy.

**Photo, upper right:** IPGC members report plants have been taken out of two of our Irving Park Rd. containers. *Photo by Claudia Hine.*

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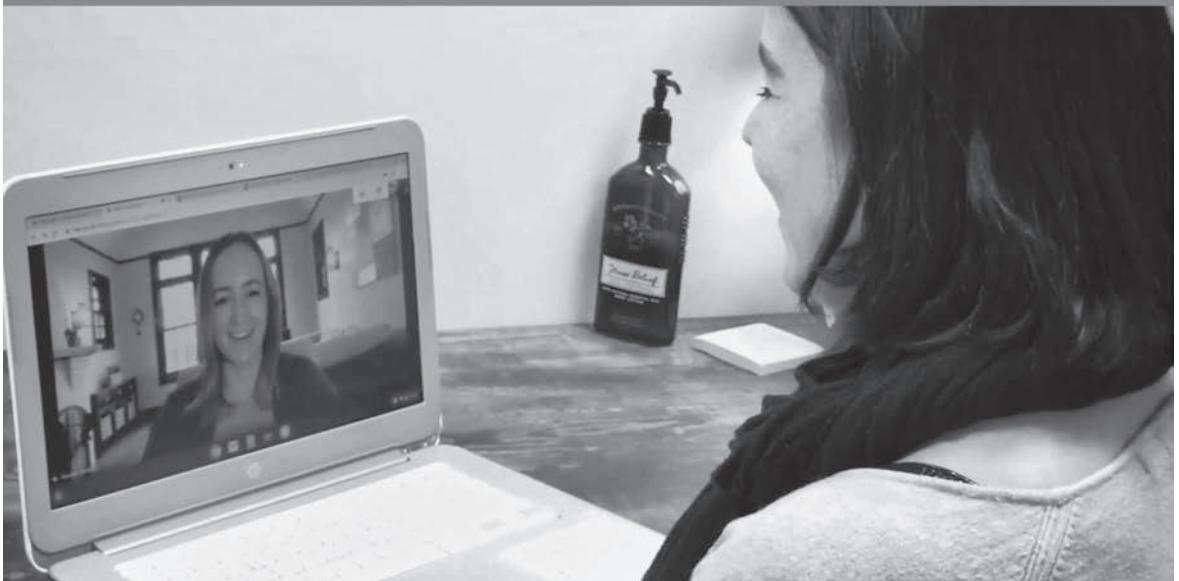
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## Summer Internships at Keeler Gardens

— By Serena Westcott



Even as we begin to embrace interactions as safe encounters, many summer plans are begin canceled: vacations, amusement park visits, and for many, work. As Keeler Gardens is still thriving, their internship program is supporting students and the community this summer.

As a returning After School Matters intern myself, I have much to say about the value of this internship program. It is a hands-on opportunity to employ interests—art, research, or public outreach—all while fulfilling a nature-centric mission. Last summer, my role was managing the gardens, working on anything from designing a garden space to conducting citywide scientific research on monarch butterflies! Another vital role interns can take on relates to technology and media—which is now the focus of physical distancing guidelines. This year we met virtually for orientation, and our work is mostly remote.

As interns, we are excited to utilize our talents while learning Keeler Gardens and nature, both directly and experientially. Intern **Maeve Farley** is looking forward to revamping the Keeler Gardens website with her computer science skills. Maeve offers, "From this experience, I think I'll gain a better understanding of all the work that goes into building/updating a website and how to make it fit with the mission of Keeler Gardens." Intern **Charlie Gray**, also working on technical advances, adds, "I am looking forward



Keeler Gardens Intern Serena Westcott.  
*Photo courtesy of Keeler Gardens.*

to using my skills to give back to nature and the community." Farley and Gray are both students at the Latin School of Chicago, which partnered with Keeler Gardens this year.

The internship program is a two-way-street: Keeler Gardens offers an exceptional experience, and interns provide invaluable help and inspiration.

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If you want to help out, you are welcome to make donations to our **Little Free Food Pantry** (in the shed between the church and the garage, come through the driveway from Byron). Especially needed are easily opened and heated, one-serving, non-perishable foods. Please take what you need!



**Hands to Help** is still open to help folks who are homeless or in danger of homelessness. The hours are Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.



Our **garden is open** for prayer, play, and picnics during daylight hours. Please stay physically distant.

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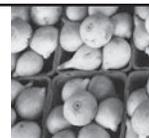
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## School Supplies Needed for Students



Sara Yoest and kids show off some of the school supplies donated for the Pantry's program in 2019. Again, the Pantry is looking for donations this month to give to clients with children in 1st through 12th grades. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

**T**his month, the Pantry is distributing school supplies to its clients with children in grades first through twelve to help them start the school year strong. The program continues all month.

Donations can be delivered to the Pantry on Mondays (10 to noon) or Tuesdays (1 to 3 p.m.). *Please do not bring them during the Wednesday operating hours due to large crowds and barriers to access.*

They also can be dropped off at Jet's Pizza at 3951 N. Kimball during operating hours. Additional drop-off points have been added; please check our Facebook page for options.

You also can donate online from our registries at Amazon and Target. Links are available on our Facebook page. Please send them to the address indicated and not to the Pantry's address.

We need:

- Loose-leaf paper (narrow and wide ruled)
- Spiral notebooks (narrow and wide ruled)
- Pocket folders
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Erasers
- #2 pencils
- Crayons (24 pack)
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John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry  
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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry

The Pantry continues to provide food to more than twice its previous client total, with totals thankfully dropping in recent weeks as businesses reopen. We appreciate the support of so many people in our neighborhoods who have donated food, money, and time. If you wish to help us purchase food for these large numbers, please visit [www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org](http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org) and use our PayPal link.

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



Each Monday, the Greater Chicago Food Depository delivers 10,000+ pounds of food to the Pantry for its Wednesday distributions. Additional deliveries of produce, dairy, and other supplies help meet client totals that have more than doubled since March. *Photo by John Psiharis*



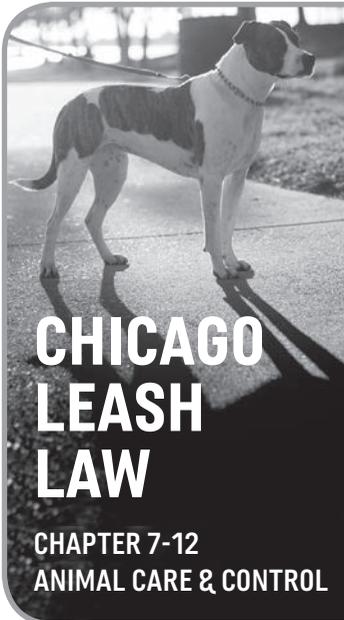
Thank you to **Bradley Wiseman**, owner of Wise Pak Foods (4225 N. Pulaski), who donated 100 packages of sushi to the Pantry in June. A customer canceled an order, so he arranged to deliver it to us. We appreciate his generosity. We are always willing to work with companies if they have food they can donate!

*Photo by John Psiharis*



**Dan O'Donohue** (left) and **Bryan Gilbert**, co-owners of Jet's Pizza at Irving Park Road and Kimball Ave., stopped at the Pantry in June to give Executive Director John Psiharis the proceeds from their two-day promotion.

*Photo by Craig Shutt*



# CHICAGO LEASH LAW

CHAPTER 7-12  
ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL

## 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.

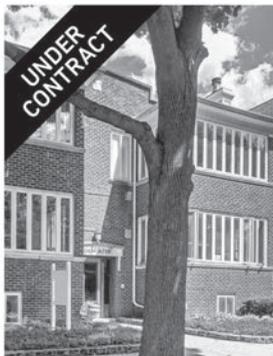
Local parks require that dogs be leashed. Small playlots such as Kolmar Playlot do not allow dogs in the park.

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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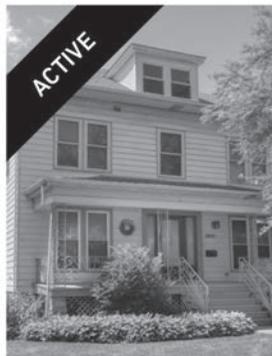
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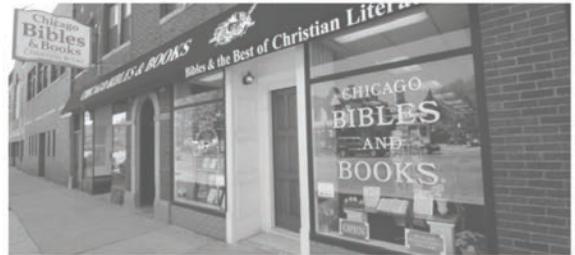
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**General Editorial  
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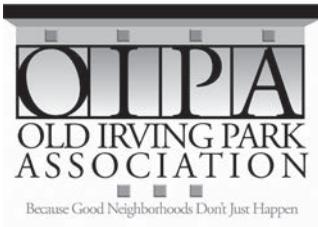
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- **Advertising:** First Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m.
- **General Submissions:** First Thursday of the month by 5 p.m.
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November	10/6	10/1
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