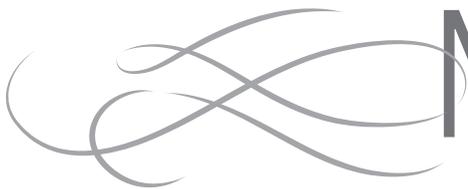


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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Holiday Favorites



Thanksgiving might look a little different this year for many of us. We thought that perhaps this would be a good time to try out some new recipes. Here are a few favorites from the Board of Directors:



Roasted Fall Veggies

Submitted by Adrienne Chan.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups Brussels sprouts (halved)
- 2 cups butternut squash (cubed)
- 1 small sweet potato (cubed)
- 2 shallots – large dice
- 1 clove garlic (minced)
- 1.5 tsp chopped fresh rosemary
- Olive Oil
- Salt/Pepper

Directions:

1. Pre-heat oven to 425°
2. Microwave sweet potato for 2 minutes.
3. Toss all ingredients with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Bake on a rimmed baking sheet until Brussels sprouts are crispy and sweet potato and squash are soft and lightly browned (about 20-25 minutes). Stir once during baking.

Option: Add 1 cup of chopped asparagus and/or broccoli during the last 12 minutes of baking.

Cranberry-Apple Kale Salad with Maple Dressing

Submitted by Merry Marwig.

A tart and sweet healthy salad full of color and flavor perfect for a Thanksgiving meal.

Ingredients Salad:

- ½ cup toasted pecans
- 8 oz kale, de-stemmed
- 5 radishes, sliced
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- 1 medium apple, cut into bite-size pieces (I like using Honeycrisp)

Ingredients Dressing:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 ½ tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 ½ teaspoons maple syrup
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Add bite-sized kale pieces in a large bowl and massage the leaves with your hands for a few minutes to make them tender. Mix in sliced radish, toasted pecans, and apple pieces. In a small separate bowl, mix the ingredients for the dressing. Dress the salad and mix thoroughly & serve. Enjoy!

Recipe adapted from a recipe on Cookie and Kate.

Rum and Cola Glazed Ham

Submitted by Scott Legan.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup of non-coconut Rum
- 2 12oz can of Coca Cola
- ½ cup of brown sugar (can be substituted with maple syrup)
- ¼ cup of kosher salt (less salt for a pre-brined ham)
- ⅓ cup of honey

Directions:

- Combine all ingredients except rum in a saucepan.
- Cook on low/med and remove some of the water from the mixture. It should be thick, not syrupy.
- Remove from heat and whisk in rum.
- Apply with a spoon to the top of the ham cover, completely cover the top.
- Repeat every 30 minutes while the ham is cooking.
- If there is any leftover when the ham is done, pour the remainder on ham.

Slice and enjoy!

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Oysters Rockefeller

Submitted by Colleen Fennelly Kenny.

This recipe is my family's favorite Thanksgiving appetizer. Ever since I was little, oysters were a part of Thanksgiving; my grandfather, father, and uncle would battle royal for who would get the most oysters out of the oyster casserole.

Our palates have evolved, but the oysters remain part of Thanksgiving.

Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/3 cup bread crumbs, Panko preferred
- 2 shallots, chopped
- 2 cups chopped fresh spinach
- 2 cups of arugula
- 1/4 cup Pernod
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Dash red pepper sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh shredded Parmesan
- 1 tablespoon chopped chervil or parsley
- 2 dozen oysters, on the half shell (The Fishguy on Elston or Hagen's on Montrose have the best oysters, I think quality matters)
- Rock salt
- Lemon wedges, for garnish

Directions:

- Melt butter in a skillet.
- Saute the garlic for 2 minutes to infuse the butter.
- Place the bread crumbs in a mixing bowl and add half the garlic butter, set aside.
- To the remaining garlic butter in the skillet, add shallots, spinach and arugula, cook for 3 minutes until the spinach wilts. Deglaze the pan with Pernod. Season with salt and pepper, add a dash of red pepper sauce. Allow the mixture to cook down for a few minutes.
- Finish off the bread crumbs by mixing in olive oil, Parmesan and chervil, season with salt and pepper.
- Spoon one heaping teaspoon of the spinach mixture on each oyster followed by a spoonful of the bread crumb mixture.
- Sprinkle a baking pan amply with rock salt. Arrange the oysters in the salt to steady them. Bake in a preheated 450° degree F oven for 10 to 15 minutes until golden.
- Serve with lemon wedges.

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Lucile's Italian Squash

Submitted by Meredith O'Sullivan.

My grandmother's recipe has never been written down, at least in the last 50 years. We never knew why she called it Italian Squash when it is actually a zucchini dish. I did my best to approximate the steps I take each year. The trick is to use the same number of eggs as zucchini. Also, you can substitute any white bread, including sourdough. Our family loves it, and I should make it more often. My grandmother made it almost every time we went to her place for dinner.



Italian Squash Ingredients:

- 6 medium sized zucchini
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 loaf French bread, ideally a bit dry or stale
- 2 cups Parmesan cheese
- Garlic (as much as you like)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper

Directions:

1. Tear apart bread into pieces roughly 2 inches in size and set aside.
2. Beat eggs in a large bowl and set aside. I usually add garlic to the eggs at this point.
3. Cut zucchini into roughly 2-inch cubes. I like to quarter them lengthwise and then cut across a few times. Put into a pot and add enough water to cover them all.
4. Cook until moderately soft but not overly mushy. Maybe 10 minutes after the water boils.
5. Drain and set aside the water for later.
6. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Add roughly 2 cups of the leftover hot water. The consistency should be wet. In fact, you should be thinking "this looks too wet."
7. Cover the bottom and sides of the baking dish generously with your favorite oil. Add the zucchini mixture and drizzle with olive oil. I like to add a bit more salt and pepper here.
8. Cook uncovered at the universal temperature (350° degrees) for 45 minutes or until the top is slightly brown.

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Cooking with Bart — My Favorite Thanksgiving Recipe:

Submitted by Bart Goldberg.

You may as well be asking me for my favorite car repair. You can bet I am pretty darned pleased when Stan is able to fix my car, but I have no idea what he is stirring up under the hood. Similarly, it would be sacrilegious for me to publish my dear old Mudder's recipe for sweet potato casserole that I have loved for half a century, when I have never once been involved in its preparation. My wife Missy makes an incredible meal for family and friends every year, but the closest I come to actual involvement in the cooking is every couple of years she lets me order, pick up and pay for a side dish such as:

1. Cranberries from Boston Market;
2. Mashed Sweet Potato with Pecans from Wishbone; or
3. Kale and Cabbage Slaw or Pimento Mac 'N Cheese from Honey Butter Fried Chicken.

The only time I "cooked" a Thanksgiving meal for myself would have been either during law school or soon thereafter when I felt too sick to drive home to Louisville. While I certainly was sad to not see all of my family at home (I was blessed with a huge family and awesome good times) I was quite pleased with how I took care of the meal. I bought two Swanson Turkey TV dinners. The large ones that include the fruit compote. Since I did not yet own a microwave, the preparation involved folding back part of the tin foil and then cooking it in the oven. I would still recommend that method as you can keep it in longer and get a nice crisp on the edges of both your turkey and those buttery mashed potatoes. I ate both of them and then slept for a long time.

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Pumpkin Cheesecake, from Diane Morgan's *The Thanksgiving Table*

[Chronicle Books, 2001].

Submitted by Michael R. Cannon

This recipe has been a family favorite for years. It's the perfect dessert and doubles as an excellent breakfast with a cup of coffee the next morning. Also, the Diane Morgan cookbook is absolutely bulletproof. Everyone in America should have it in their kitchen.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup +1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted
- 2 cups gingersnap crumbs (from "old fashioned" cookies)
- 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 3 large eggs lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 can (15 ounces) unsweetened pumpkin purée
- 1/4 cup sour cream



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Directions:

Preheat oven to 375° F.

Butter a springform pan with a tablespoon of melted butter. In a medium bowl, combine gingersnap crumbs with remaining 1/2 cup butter until thoroughly blended. Press crumbs in the bottom and about 1-inch up the side of the pan. Bake crust until crisp and lightly colored, about 10 to 12 minutes. Cool on a rack. Reduce oven temperature to 350° F.

In a food processor with a metal blade, process cream cheese until smooth. Mix in sugars, then eggs, and continue processing until thoroughly combined, scraping down the sides of the bowl occasionally. Add cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, vanilla, pumpkin purée, and sour cream. Process until completely smooth and all ingredients are thoroughly combined.

Gently pour cheesecake filling into pre-baked crust. A filling will likely rise above the crust, which is not a problem. Place cheesecake in the center of the oven (with foil or a sheet pan on another rack below it) and bake until the sides are slightly puffed about 35 to 40 minutes. Center of the filling will still be soft and jiggle when you shake the pan gently. Turn off the oven and leave the cheesecake undisturbed for one hour. Transfer to a rack and let cool in the pan. Cover and refrigerate for at least six hours, preferably overnight.

To serve, unlatch the rim of the pan and carefully remove it. Cut slices with a warm wet knife wiping that knife clean between slices.



Sunny's Family Therapy Cranberry Rosemary Digestif

Submitted by Lynn Ankney.

Hosting family and need a little something to fortify yourself in a festive way? This sweet syrup is not only good with spirits, it makes for a tasty ice cream topper. As an added bonus, it makes your kitchen smell wonderful!

Ingredients:

For the cranberry syrup:

- ½ cup water
- 1 cup cranberries
- 1 cup sugar
- 3-inch cinnamon stick
- 2 sprigs rosemary
- Pinch of salt
- 1 lemon, zested

For the drinks:

- Ice
- Whiskey, vodka, or gin

Directions:

Add all ingredients into a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Lower the heat and simmer until slightly reduced in volume and thickened to a syrup. Remove from the heat and strain through a fine-mesh sieve into a bowl. Discard the solids. Refrigerate until cool, about 30 minutes.

To make a drink, put a handful of ice in a shaker along with 1.5 ounces of spirits and 1 tablespoon of the cranberry syrup. Shake gently a few times and strain into a glass.

Recipe adapted from a recipe on Food Network.

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Summarized Minutes of the Meeting on October 5, 2020

— Bart Goldberg, OIPA Secretary

Attendees: Adrienne Chan, Lynn Ankney, Scott Legan, Merry Marwig, Meredith O'Sullivan, Colleen Kenny, Michael Cannon, and Bart Goldberg.

Commencement: **President Chan** commenced the meeting, which was again conducted via Zoom at 7:05 p.m. This was our last meeting amidst the relative calm of only a pandemic, sporadic rioting, and a deeply polarized country. That is because our next meeting is on November 2nd, which is the day before the election. Tensions will be high, and almost immediately after that will be what I call "Moving Day" (not related to Saturday at the Masters), which is when I predict that about one-quarter of our country (one half of the losing side) will be moving to another country. As a result, I may be writing the next edition of the Minutes in exile. On the plus side, it will be a great time to buy real estate.

Treasurer's Reports: The Treasurer's Report for September was presented by our **Super-Treasurer Lynn Ankney**, and she really outdid herself this time. The Association coffers were increased by about \$3,200 this month. This is of course, largely because this is the time of year that the membership dues are flowing. Happily, our income of approximately \$5,600 included about \$2,700 in premium membership dues. However, that amount is a bit misleading due to a very rare contribution of \$1,000 from a benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous. In return, we offered to rename the neighborhood for him or her, but they graciously refused. The September financial report was unanimously approved by the Board.

Initial Meeting for Michael Cannon: This meeting

marked the first meeting for our newest Board member. An important qualification for a member of any Board is the ability to stay awake even when the meeting should possibly get weighed down in minutia, and frankly, this was a pretty boring meeting. I am happy to say that Michael passed with flying colors. I watched him fairly carefully, and he appeared alert at all times, often interjecting with salient points, and he never walked away from the camera for an extended period (pretending to go to the restroom, but really taking a quick snooze as so many of us have done before). We are very excited that he has decided to join the Board, and assuming that the first meeting does not cause him to quit, we really do look forward to working with him in the future.

Membership: **Meredith O'Sullivan** reported that our membership statistics are still doing wonderfully. The newsletter is presently being sent to 636 addresses (including about two dozen complementary ones to advertisers, etc.), and that this is 114 more than at the end of last year. Quite amazing! However, if that were not enough, Meredith and Lynn dropped off about 75 complementary issues to attempt to entice even more members. To some of you this will reek of socialism, as you and I have paid for our newsletters and those 75 people just got one for free. If you should feel this way, I encourage you to let us know by directly contacting Michael Cannon (as it is important that he experience all facets of his new role). Most importantly (and it is very important) for those of you, that have not yet renewed for this year (and that is about half of us) please do so at once, so that you will continue to support your community and receive your newsletter.



OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

Website: We were updated on some of the content for our website at this meeting, and we authorized purchasing our own Zoom account for future use. I was distressed to hear that we were all being requested to submit a photo for use on the Board Bios section of the site. Pictures are always difficult for me because: (1) I tend to close my eyes in at least two out of every three attempts; and (2) the results seem to fall well short of my own perception of my appearance. As a result, I will have to consider hiring a ringer for my photo. This is not completely unusual for me, and it is has worked out well in the past. When we married fifteen years ago, my lovely wife hired a pro (Pierre) to take my place in the wedding photos. I really didn't mind as this left me with more time to spend with

friends and family, and to this day, it pleases me when I see how happy my wife appears in those pictures.

Proposal to Re-Dedicate Kolmar Park: Merry Marwig reported much progress on her proposal to dedicate Kolmar Park for a renowned German-Jewish poet and author, Gertrud Kolmar, who continued to write up until the time of her death in a German concentration camp. Merry had created a google form requesting support and over forty people have already done so. This included the support of a former US Ambassador to Germany! She was also very pleased that the DANK Haus German American Cultural Center supported it

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and wants to be involved in the dedication. Merry also drafted a letter from OIPA to Michael Kelly, the CEO of the Park District to voice our support, and the Board authorized the sending of the letter. Thanks Merry!

Tree Survey Update: This is another project where Merry has taken the lead. Thirty people have responded to request her assistance in obtaining new trees, and she, in turn has forwarded for them an application for an Openlands TreePlanters Grant. She has since followed up twice on that request, but

there has been no response as of yet. Unfortunately for them, Merry can be quite persistent. Following up on a tip from Lynn, Merry also learned that about six of the homes are located in a section of Keeler (4100 and further north) that will soon be dug up for water work, so it is probably best for them to not plant at this time anyway.

Zoning and Building Developments: Shockingly, there is really nothing of import to report this month.

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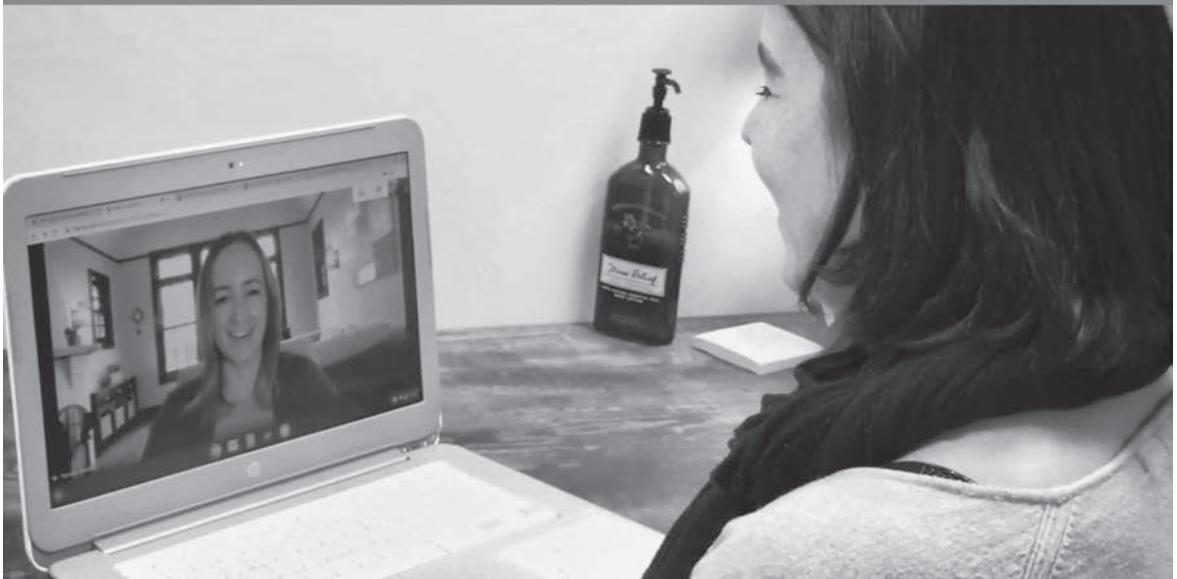
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Miscellaneous Matters:

Lynn and Adrienne reported on a 39th Ward Public Safety Meeting that they attended. Amongst the takeaways were to be a nosy neighbor and to report problematic buildings.

We discussed final planning for the virtual meeting that will have already occurred by the time you read this that featured the Chicago Bureau of Planning and Zoning.

Since the All-Star party has been canceled for this fall there was much discussion about some gifts that we could bestow upon the members that joined at

that premium level.

An appropriate way to honor the great Anna Zolkowski Sobor was also discussed. More to follow.

Get Your Flu Shot!: I know that this is recycled news from last month, but it is just so important. November is still a great time to get the shot. I got mine last week, and it did not hurt a bit.

Future Meetings: No other public meetings have been scheduled at this time. Our next Board meeting is on November 2nd.

This meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting on October 19, 2020

— Bart Goldberg, OIPA Secretary

Zoom Community Meeting: Some of the younger people in OIP may actually remember the “Good Ole Days.” By that, I mean that you still have the cognitive skills to recall last year and possibly even some of the times before then. Back in an age when we knew what day of the week it was and we actually bathed regularly. For me, my addled brain has only fleeting remembrances, but the younger ones amongst us have assured me that we used to gather on a monthly basis in a church basement to commune on issues relating to the welfare of our community and that those meetings were good. So in that spirit, we attempted to conduct a General Meeting via zoom tonight, and it actually worked pretty well. President Chan commenced the meeting at 7 p.m sharp, and approximately 55 people attended the meeting.

Congressman Quigley: We are always pleased when **Mike Quigley** (Democratic Congressman from IL 5th District) can stop by. The Congressman is of course facing re-election in a few days, and the likelihood of his winning is very high. But I might have thought otherwise as he opened with a tried and true crowd-pleaser by making it very clear that he had been at our Ice Cream Social this summer and that he REALLY likes ice cream. **Howard Silver** also participated in the call and you could almost see him marking his mental ballot when he heard that. The Congressman talked about a couple of things that are first and foremost on everyone’s mind right now. One was the pandemic and the need to pass another Cares Act package. But he did not seem to think that agreement was going to be reached prior to the election and that there would not be one in any lame-duck session either. Of course,

he was very troubled by this as he predicts that the impacts will be felt locally in a dramatic fashion, and that they will be felt soon. Nationally, he felt that the Postal Service would need to be funded very quickly in the New Year as well. He also predicted that if the Democrats should win the election that it would be important for them to “go big” very quickly as he feels that the time frame to accomplish something in Congress is now probably only about the first six months of a new administration as the gearing up for the next election then begins. He did not seem too worried about election security as he said that a lot had been spent for that purpose. I know that everyone hopes that he is right about that.

Main Speakers: Kathleen Dickhut, Eiliesh Tuffy, and James Harris from the Chicago Department of Planning and Development: Kathy Dickhut has worked with the City in planning for over 20 years and holds a very senior position, that being Deputy Commissioner. She primarily spoke about a very substantial proposal by Mayor Lightfoot, that being to create the first citywide planning initiative in Chicago since the Comprehensive Plan of 1966. Meetings such as the one we had tonight are part of the many initial steps in their meeting with communities and other stakeholders, while on the way towards creating the new plan. This is a very substantial effort that they are not even expecting to complete until 2023. The idea is to get beyond a piecemeal approach to issues relating to the future design of the City and to implement a plan that emphasizes their mantra of Equity, Diversity and Resiliency. More information on their efforts can be found at wewillchicago.com which, is a site that



OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT

will be continually updated, and where you can sign up for email alerts.

Most of the attendees at our meeting were probably more interested in the current planning process that relates to larger developments in our City, and in particular, our neighborhood. Kathy made it clear that the structure that is presently in place will not be affected while considering the new citywide plan. In recent years there have been some important changes in how the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) functions. Most importantly, under the leadership of Maurice Cox, they have added many additional professional planners to their staff. They have also divided the City into seven regions to allow for localized attention and expertise. Our neighborhood is contained within the Northwest Region, the boundaries of which are large and extend from west

of the Chicago River to O'Hare, south to the 606 Trail, and north to the city limits. We were delighted that two of the planners in this region were able to join us. They were Eiliesh Tuffy (eiliesh.tuffy@cityofchicago.org) and James Harris (james.harris@cityofchicago.org). Eiliesh is listed on the organizational chart as a coordinating planner, and has been there longer than James who is a new planner with the DPD. They made a great impression, and it was great to meet both of them so that we will know who are contacts are within the DPD.

Eiliesh told us that the two of them have already been active in the area. She said that they recently took a tour of the 45th Ward with Alderman Gardiner and a separate tour of the 39th with Alderwoman Nugent. The planners are not involved in all planning decisions

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- »»» Do you have any fun meeting topics or desired guest speaker requests?
- »»» What will pull you away from home on a Monday night?
- »»» A couple of topics to consider are: cool stuff you found during a renovation, bullet journaling in the digital age, and urban farming, composting and chicken keeping.

If you are interested in a topic, chances are others will be too.

Send ideas to oldirvingparkassn@yahoo.com.

OIPA | ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



November Anniversaries

- 3 Carolyn & Jay Hackleman
- 3 Christine & Jeff Krogmann
- 4 Nancy Munsterman & Richard Tetrault
- 7 Bob & Janice Jones
- 8 Kristin DeHaan Simon & Jason Simon
- 8 Richard & Bridget Bauman
- 11 Chris & Jean Faris
- 12 Mike & Stacey Blaha
- 13 Adam & Beth Young
- 15 Heather & Chris Boran
- 15 Randall & Susan Patke
- 15 Tracy & Michael Kennedy
- 17 Mary Kane & Nate Tovo
- 18 Kara Spak & Steve Warmbir
- 20 William Lachman & Gregory Ward
- 22 Erin & Meni Sarris
- 27 Molly Clayton & Dipeshwar Grewal
- 27 Richard & Marie Hoffman
- 29 Charity and Dave Miska

November Birthdays

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Ben Mania | 12 Kara Spak | 21 Nicholas Frank |
| 1 Jim Gruber | 12 Liz Sturrock | 22 Katy Pizza |
| 1 Sarada Amani | 12 Robert Groszek | 22 Margaret Jahn |
| 3 Janice Jones | 13 Curtis Giszczynski | 23 Brad Toth |
| 3 Therese Jezuit | 13 Gerald Pitzen | 23 Margaret O'Donnell |
| 4 Mark Malin | 14 Jeffrey Kessler | 23 Patrick Cicere |
| 6 Lin Romano | 15 Allison DeBoer | 23 Peter Makielski |
| 7 Ahmet Arsan | 15 Claudia Hine | 23 Taya Fallen |
| 7 Lowell Krischer | 16 Robert Kleisch | 25 Charles Martinez |
| 7 Matt Young | 16 T.K. Horeis | 28 Jeff Linnemeyer |
| 7 Maureen Durkin | 17 Adrienne Chan | 29 Kate Meints |
| 7 Nicholas Hanhardt | 17 Rich Kenny | 29 Kerry O'Brien |
| 7 Will Sanders | 18 Florence Tamayo | 29 Kyle Kostelny |
| 8 Marie Hoffman | 19 Jim Covert | 30 Joseph Stypka |
| 10 Brad Schotanus | 20 Michael Cannon | 30 Mike Koehler |
| 10 Stacey Stevens | 21 Dana Nobile | 30 Susan Delby |
| 11 Jose Rivera | 21 Justin Ware | |

Kid Birthdays

November

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 Sinead O'Sullivan | 8 Maren Cicere | 26 Griffin Lynch |
| 3 Wes McDowell | 16 Alex Wolf | 28 Sonia Sanders |
| 4 Seamus O'Sullivan | 19 Clark O'Donnell | 29 Rylan Pitts |
| 7 Michael Bernard Maron III | 21 Andrew Wolf | 30 Jack Danahy |
| | 21 Ford Walczak | |



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



OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT

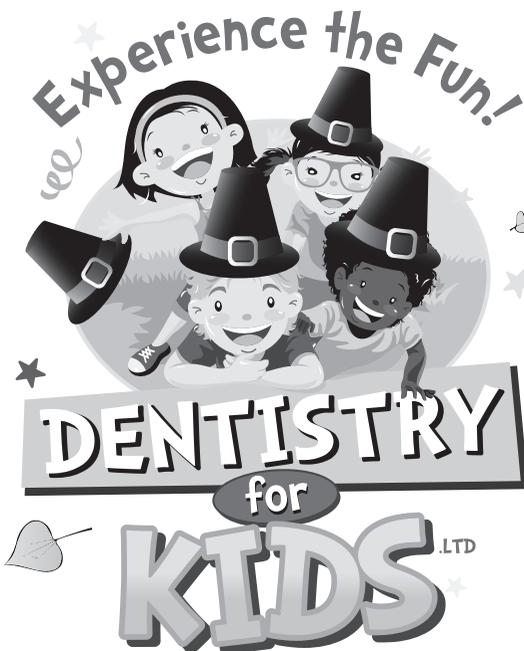
Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting on October 19, 2020, *continued from page 17*

as smaller projects do not automatically come within their purview. However, for larger projects that constitute a Planned Development (PD), they are very involved. For the approval of a PD, an application is filed with the City; there is then review by the Planned Development Division and other City departments. After a hearing packet has been prepared, notice is given to the public, and a hearing before the Planning Commission is held. A recommendation is then presented to the City Council. That recommendation is not binding on the Council.

Concerning some of the large projects presently

being proposed for our area, such as the People's Gas proposal, or the plan for the Northwestern Memorial facility, they stressed that no applications have yet been submitted by the proposed developers. As a result, they have no proposals to review and comment upon. However, they stressed that the information we have sent to them, such as the survey of residents regarding the People's Gas site is very important to them and will be taken into account if a proposal is ultimately received.

Thanks to all of our guests! The meeting concluded at 8 p.m.



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Season Closes on a High Note — Claudia Hine

The Irving Park Garden Club welcomed **Cathey Curley** to its board in October. Cathey takes on the role of treasurer for the 2021-2022 seasons. She replaces the outgoing treasurer, **Karen Whitehead**, who has served us faithfully for the past four years.

Also in October the club held its final virtual meeting of the season for a presentation by artist and garden designer **Pam Karlson**. Her topic: *Birds in the Garden—Tips for Creating and Enjoying a Bird Oasis*.

Pam gardens on a standard city lot on the northwest side, yet she has managed to attract more than 115 bird species to her yard. She provided tips on landscape enhancements, practices, and plant selection, with an emphasis on natives/nativars. Chicagoland's importance along the migratory route, bird species diversity, habitat, diet/foraging, nesting, supplemental support, and citizen science also were discussed.



Cathey Curley will take the reins as treasurer of the Irving Park Garden Club in 2021. *Photo by Cathey Curley.*



IPGC's October speaker, Pam Karlson, presented tips for creating a bird oasis with an emphasis on native plants. *Photo by Mike Edsey.*

This Yellow Warbler is one of more than 115 species of birds Pam Karlson has photographed in her backyard on the northwest side. *Photo by Pam Karlson.*



IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB

Tireless Volunteers

Last month the club did its final organized cleanup at the Tripp Garden. A promise of coffee and donuts brought out a hardy group of volunteers at 8 a.m. to pick up litter, remove plant debris, and install a number of new grasses to the space. Participating were **Mike Basile, James Hicks, Claudia Hine, Laird Larsen, Trudy Moore, and Karen Wehrle.**

Good Samaritan James also helped a local waitress with her flat tire when she parked next to the garden while we were working. Gardeners don't mind getting their hands dirty.

Until We Meet Again

The club is not scheduled to meet again until March 2021. Although we do not yet know what our meeting plans can be for next year, the IPGC board will begin organizing for next season before the end of this year. I know we are all looking forward to 2020 being over, and spring is right around the corner.

If you think you might like to join us in 2021, send an email to claudiahine@icloud.com and I will be sure you receive a meeting announcement next year.

We are 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.

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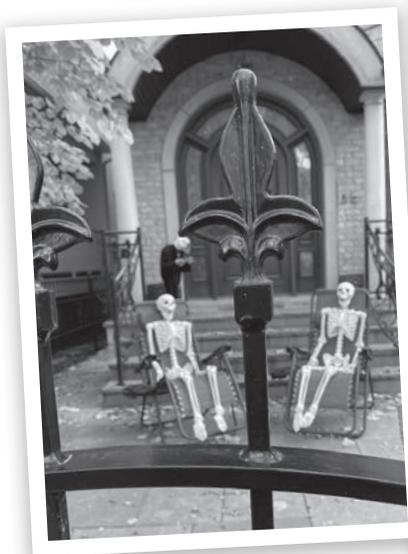
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SPOOKY SPIRITS SPOTTED IN OIP

We hope you had an opportunity to view some of the elaborate Halloween yard decorations keeping the spooky spirit of the holiday alive in OIP, even if trick-or-treating was discouraged on Halloween to help stop COVID-19.

From a skeleton driven carriage to a spooky outdoor theater to the arrival of a martian family on the front lawn—the abundance of creativity was incredible!





Photos by Kathleen Kearns



Pantry Seeks Holiday Donations

As is tradition, the Irving Park Community Food Pantry will be providing special holiday meal provisions to its clients throughout November (for Thanksgiving) and December (for the winter holidays). Due to the pandemic and a lack of drop-off locations and accessibility, we are asking for only monetary contributions to purchase the specific items needed while reducing interactions. Donations can be made at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org or mailed to the Pantry at 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago IL 60618.

Thanksgiving Offerings

In November, we provide clients during our regular weekly distributions with meat and trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner. Typically, we also offer a special one-day program in December to distribute holiday dinner food and toys for children. This year, we will deliver those programs during our regular distributions the first three weeks of December (we will be closed on the 23rd and 30th).

Toys Drive Changes

The December holiday gift distribution for clients' children up to 12 years old, which historically has provided a toy to nearly 300 children, is expected to grow in number this year, as the total families being served has almost doubled. Due to the pandemic, the drive will operate significantly differently this year with varying donations of gifts requested. Please watch the Pantry Facebook page for details.



Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa (35th) visited the Pantry in September and talked with (l-r) Board Member Sara Yoest, Volunteer Manager Betsy Minor, and Executive Director John Psiharis. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa (35th) stopped by the Pantry in late September to see how things were going. He met with a variety of Pantry people who talked with him about plans for distributing food during the winter months and other issues to help minimize our impact in the neighborhood. We appreciate his interest and look forward to working closely with his office on future plans.

Staying Connected

The Pantry is working with **CaptionCall** to offer a new phone service to clients (or anyone) who have hearing problems. The phones provide large, easy-to-read text of the conversation or voice mails and work as a regular phone. The phone, delivery, installation,

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John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry

and training are free through the federally funded Americans with Disabilities Act. To learn more about the CaptionCall program, visit <https://captioncall.com>

Thank You | We appreciate everyone's effort, time, and money to help brighten our clients' holiday season and allow us to meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."



Steffanie Weil of CaptionCall set up in the Pantry's distribution area to offer information about the firm's captioned telephones problems. *Photo by Craig Shutt*



Volunteers Emil DeJulio and Sharon Spellman fill decorated Halloween candy bags from Girl Scout Troops 20861 and 23127 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

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The Buzz at Belding — Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator

Noodle Night

Belding families and teachers took part in a virtual noodle bowl potluck. Participants were given the option to pick up a noodle sampler meal and then join a virtual dinner where families prepared their noodle dish. A cooking demonstration was also provided, and all families showed their dishes from their culture or culture whose cuisine they enjoyed. A Belding cookbook site was developed to share recipes, videos, and links.

Attendance Rates Soar!

Belding has always maintained a stable attendance rate. However, with remote learning and the

pandemic, Ms. Yutzy is proud to say that Belding has maintained a 97.88% rate since the first day of school. Thank you, students, and parents/guardians, for your engagement during these challenging circumstances!

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

Each month Principal Heather Yutzy offers virtual school tours for prospective parents. These tours are an excellent opportunity to learn more about our school and the Belding community. Upcoming tour dates are November 17, and December 15, at 8 a.m. Check out our website: www.beldingelementary.com for more information on how to join the virtual tour!

When to Call 311 vs. 911

Call 911 while the incident you are reporting is in progress and the on-site presence of a police officer is necessary to help resolve the matter (e.g., burglary in progress, incident involving injuries, quieting loud neighbors, etc.). You should contact 311 if the incident you are reporting has occurred and the offender is gone from the scene.

Use 311 to find information, request non-emergency services, or report non-emergency issues. You can call 311 to find out what Police District and beat you live in, as well as the date, time and location of your next beat meeting. Contacting 311 gives you easy access to non-emergency police services, from filing police reports to talking to police personnel in your district.

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Gratitude and Perspective — Renee Klimkiewicz, Assistant Principal

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Our students continue to shine as they build stamina and excellence in the digital classroom. Our staff impresses us with their commitment each day, from the countless hours spent attending professional development, to the exploration of new tips and tricks to increase digital engagement, to the grants written and received to ensure students have the tools necessary to succeed. Last but not least, we recognize our families, who have established new routines, readjusted their home spaces, and championed their children to remain focused. Although our experiences may look different and challenges continue to arise, we face this together as a school, community, and family. We are so proud to see the love and dedication we share.

Highlights from Remote Learning

It is not uncommon these days to hear the words, “You are muted. I can’t hear you. Please unmute yourself.” Or to the question, “Alright students, can you see my screen?” These phrases are all part of our new normal. Yet through all of this, inspirational successes are springing up for our Scammon community. Some highlights include:

- Partnership: Heightened two-way communication between parents and teachers.
- Show and share: Student personalized shares using small whiteboards.
- Future Leaders: Learners taking the lead to share their screen and walk their peers through the lessons.
- Breakout time: Small group discussion via Google Meets breakout rooms.
- Technology Literacy: Strengthening student ability to type, navigate, and build digital skills.
- Creation: Applied creativity and management of assignments via Google Suites and other online programs.

The best part, this is only the beginning. We will continue to learn and grow as this year unfolds. Go Huskies!

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St. Edward Scoop – Jenny Dreyer

St. Edward School students and staff have now been in the classroom since the end of August. We are grateful for our teachers and staff who continue to maintain our students' safety and well-being.

Our Kids Keep Moving!

St. Edward's School held the Fall Walk-a-Thon (previously known as Chalk Walk) on Friday, October 16. Students walked around the St. Edward campus and neighborhood with their homerooms and teachers to raise money for our school!

Tour Our School

St. Edward School is a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. We are accepting 2020-2021 registrations for new families. Scholarships are available through our parish, the Archdiocese, and the government.

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The St. Viator Community continues to work creatively to provide a safe and engaging learning environment for our students while supporting the COVID-19 safety protocols.

Safe Play: The latest project for ensuring a safe environment for our students was installing a **Peaceful Playground 6' Distancing Playground** at the north end of our parking lot. The 6' Distancing Playground is a modified outdoor space so that children can maintain the 6-foot distancing guidelines when appropriately supervised by school staff.

There are various activity spaces painted onto the asphalt and painted bases for kickball & softball. The purchase of the new Playground includes a training and

instruction program for staff.

Taking the Peaceful Playground from an idea to a reality was a collaborative effort of school staff and parents. The DIY Playground kit arrived in early October, and parent volunteers (and some students) gathered the weekend of October 10th to install the components. School parent **Sara Yoest** coordinated the parent volunteer effort and completed a chalking of the playground design with fellow parent **Teresa Reid** on Friday. The painting started early Saturday morning, with volunteers enjoying the fall weather throughout the day.

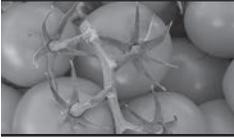
Thank you to **Principal Lisa Rieger**, who connected with the vision of the Peaceful Playground Foundation as she was leading the school's plan to safely re-open. Thanks also to **Marge Tiritilli**, and PE teacher **Greg Zajac** (aka Coach Z) for their work towards securing the program and supplies and to all the volunteers who helped with the installation.

St. Viator students are enjoying this colorful and interactive new space as they learn new games and new ways to enjoy their recess time. For more information about the Peaceful Playgrounds program, check them out at <https://peacefulplaygrounds.com/covid-19-distancing-playground/>.

Contact us: 73-545-2173; www.stviatorchicago.org
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Photos by Sara Yoest



Three Brothers Garden Bounty

Volunteers have been busy at Carlson Community Services' Three Brothers Garden! Regular Tuesday night harvests have taken place since mid-July with volunteers **Rebecca and Elmer Haneberg, Ruth Olech, Melanie Reschke, Sara Anderson, Judy Sviatko, and Greg and Pat Morin** pitching in. Through the end of September, the garden has yielded 270 lbs. of vegetables for the Irving Park Food Pantry. Pantry clients appreciate the bounty of heirloom and cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, and peppers. Old Irving Park resident **Patrick McHale** was among several teens who fulfilled service hours by helping in the garden. The garden season is expected to continue through the end of October, concluding with a general fall clean up.

Patrick McHale prepares to deliver the harvest to the Irving Park Food Pantry. *Photo by Liz Mills*



Magic After-School Place

The Magic After-School Place staff continues to evaluate ways to support our students and families during remote learning. We can't wait to resume programming when CPS classes are in-person again. MAP recently received a \$500 grant from IBM, thanks to the efforts of Carlson Board President and IBM employee **Bruce Anderson**.

Irving Park Fine Arts

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is the recipient of a \$1,600 grant from ComEd and the League of Chicago Theatres. The Powering the Arts grant will be used to present virtual and in-person concerts in the 2020-2021 season. We're thrilled to receive recognition for the outstanding arts programming we provide to under-served communities. Artistic Director **Roger Bingaman** is planning a robust season, including a Jazz Christmas concert. Stay tuned for details!

Patrick and Ann McHale harvest tomatoes at Three Brothers Garden to meet Patrick's service hours requirements. Teens are welcome to earn service hours at the garden. *Photo by Liz Mills*



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November

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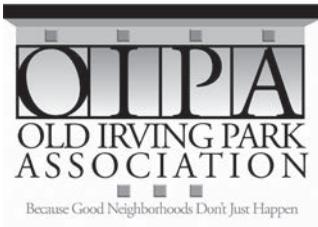
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SEND FORM & PAYMENT TO: Old Irving Park Association, c/o Meredith O'Sullivan, OIPA Director / Membership, 4061 W. Warwick Ave., Chicago, IL 60641

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

Contribute to the OIPA News | SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All members are welcome to submit letters, photos, and articles for publication. Ten newsletters are produced annually (newsletters are not published in the month of January. We extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who continue to submit articles, photos and purchases ad space for the newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you.

General Submissions

Community Calendar, Articles & Photos

- Please send articles and calendar items as a Word document, in an email or Google doc. **Include in the document the author's name, company or organization (if applicable) and contact information. If submitting images, please include photo captions and photographer credit.**
- 400 words maximum without photos, 300/325 with photos and captions.
- Submissions as Links to websites or Facebook are NOT accepted.
- Articles should be information-based and should not contain advertorial content. Bylined articles should be written in third-person, unless the submission is an opinion piece or a personal story. Byline includes the author's name, business name and contact info. **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN THE DOCUMENT.**
- Photos and images should be provided as separate files. **We cannot use photos or images that are embedded or placed in a Word document. We need the original image file.**
- Photos should be accompanied with photographer credit and a caption(s). If submitting photos for an article, please include captions and photo credits in the same document as your article.
- If your files are too large to email, please use <https://wetransfer.com>. You can send several files at a time using [wetransfer](https://wetransfer.com).
- The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions. Information printed in the newsletter may be reproduced with Old Irving Park Association cited as the source. Opinions in this publication do not necessary reflect the official position of the Old Irving Park Association.

Advertising Submissions

- **Purchase ad space and upload your ad at:**
www.olderirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad
- **AD SIZES:** Full Page: 6.25" X 7.5"
Half Page: 6.25" X 3.75"
Quarter Page: 3" X 3.75"
- **ACCEPTABLE AD FILES:** High Resolution (minimum 300 dpi) gray scale; jpg, PDF, or eps. **Microsoft Word files are NOT acceptable.**

Submission Deadlines

- **Advertising:** First Tuesday of the month by 5 p.m.
- **General Submissions:** First Thursday of the month by 5 p.m.
- **Materials SUBMITTED AFTER** the deadline date will be held over to the next month's issue.
- **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 community calendar.

SUBMISSION DATES		
Publication Month	Advertising	General
December	11/3	11/5



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