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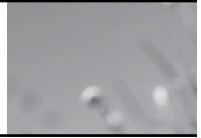
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# A Delightful Trip Back in Time — Claudia Hine

I wasn't expecting company when my doorbell rang in late March. I opened the door to a woman I didn't recognize who told me, "I used to live in this house." I was thrilled. Since moving into our century-old house in Old Irving 25 years ago, my husband T. J. and I have wished to connect with someone from its long ago past.

**Mary Alice Smith (nee Burns)** and her husband Lee live in Janesville, Wisconsin. They have been taking long drives in the time of Covid to get out of the house. Mary

decided they should come to her old neighborhood and visit the area where she lived until 1958. Much has changed, of course, but our house on Keeler Ave. is situated between St. Viator Church and Schurz High School, landmarks she remembered well.

It may have shocked her when I began to pull out U.S. Census records dating back to 1900 that I had collected from Ancestry. I had done some research about Mary's family as her great-great grandfather, Edward Offley Bayliss, a carpenter, built our house.

Thanks to a Tier II research grant from the Irving Park Historical Society, we know quite a bit about our house. Edward Bayliss purchased the lot in September 1888. He and his wife, Johanna, took out a mortgage on the property in January 1890 to build the house that year.

### Who Is Edward Bayliss?

Edward O. Bayliss was born in April 1845 in Penn, Staffordshire, England. The son of William Bayliss, a carpenter, and Ann Bayliss, Edward remained in England through his late twenties, working as a carpenter with his father. He married in 1875 (name of bride unknown, but possibly Alice) and had a son, Edward O. Bayliss Jr. in November 1877.

Bayliss and his son immigrated to the U.S. in 1880. (It is likely his wife died before they left England.) In 1885, he married Joanna, who had come to the U.S. from Sweden three years before. They settled along Milwaukee Ave. south of Lawrence until the completion of their new home.

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Mary Smith (left) paid a surprise visit to Claudia Hine to see the home she lived in until 1958. *Photo by Lee Smith.*

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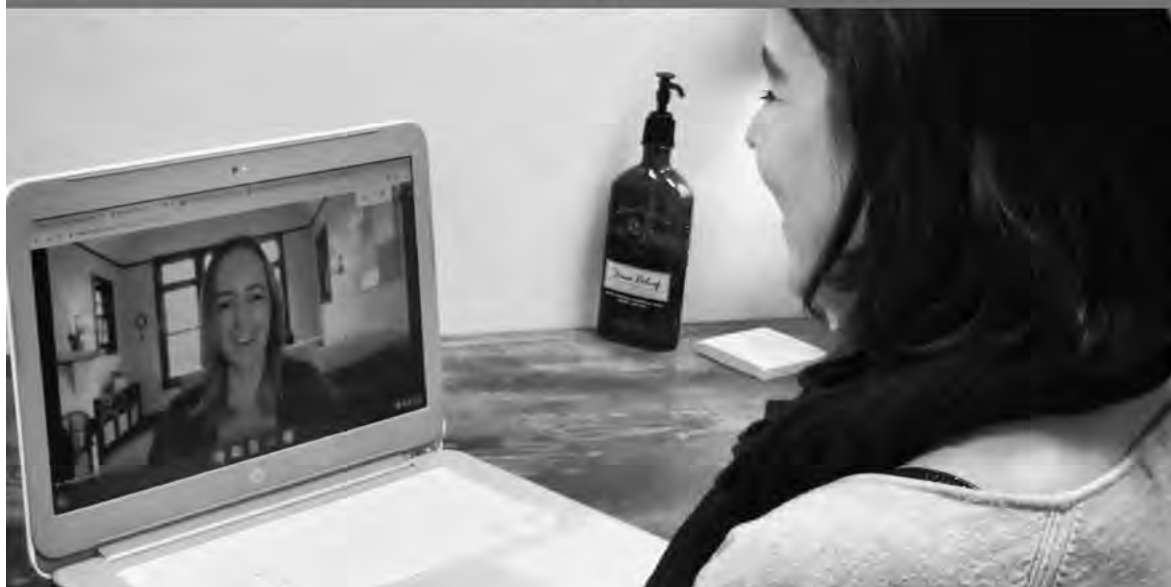
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# A Delightful Trip Back in Time, *continued from page 2*

### A House History

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The Bayliss House is a restrained iteration of the Stick style, which is appropriate for the overall residential character of the block and in keeping with the middle-

class background of its builder and owner. The roofline itself is complex, with a small front-facing gable peak extending the top of the hipped roof, and multiple gable-roof bays on the front and side elevations. The geometric design on the front and side gable walls, consisting of vertical and diagonal wood boards and triangular shingles, is the defining feature of the Stick-style house.

### A Growing Family

Sometime around 1900, the home was converted into a multi-family residence and the Bayliss family began renting out the second floor apartment. In April 1910, Edward Jr. married Lottie Hardina and the young couple moved into the rental unit after their wedding.



This photo of the Bayliss twins shows a much-changed view down Keeler Ave. since 1911. *Photo courtesy of Mary Smith.*

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Historical Society

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The Bayliss twins, Clara and Alice, with their grandmother, Lottie Bayliss, circa 1911. The exterior of the house has not changed much since then. Photo courtesy of Mary Smith.

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Edward and Johanna stayed in the home for the remainder of their lives. Johanna died in 1911, and in the years after his wife's death, Bayliss transferred ownership to Edward Jr. and lived with his son, daughter-in-law, and their twin daughters, Alice and Clara (Mary's mother), who were born in December 1910. When Clara married Robert Burns, the couple took the upstairs unit, and that's where Mary lived until the family moved in 1958.

After a delightful chat, we promised to share additional information, and soon thereafter, I received the accompanying photos circa 1911. I sent her all the Ancestry documents I had, and we promised to meet again one day. I can't wait to share the old books we have from the 1890s, signed by her ancestors.



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## Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting

on May 3, 2021 — Annie Swingen, OIPA Interim Secretary

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

**Commencement:** We all waited for Bart to show up to begin notes, and then I remembered it was my job; big shoes, neighbors, big shoes. President Chan commenced the (virtual) meeting at 7:04 PM.

**Treasurer's Reports:** The Treasurer's reports for March and April were presented by Lynn Ankney.

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<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$58, 820.95</b>	<b>\$57, 816.16</b>

**Membership:** Nothing substantial to report. Not that you as members are inconsequential – quite the opposite—just no jump in membership.

**Newsletter:** The Board discussed content for the upcoming newsletters. Throughout the pandemic, we have explored various methods to keep our community connected; we miss seeing your faces. And even though things are slowly returning to “normal,” we’d like to maintain some of the new “traditions,” like

coloring books pages to hang in windows, shout-outs to grads, and spreading general positivity. We hope you are cool with that.

### New Business/Developments:

- **39th Ward** – Discussion of courtesy “No-Parking” Signs to help free up spaces for Belding Staff (not enforceable—no tickets/towing) have been proposed for Cullum Ave. between Kildare and Keeler during school hours, Monday–Friday, when school is in session. Palmer Elementary (Mayfair) has these as well. The Board had no objections.
- **45th Ward Business** – Northwestern Medical Group development received City Council approval on March 24, 2021, and plan to break ground as early as fall 2021.
- **Former People's Gas Site** – The retail project proposed by GW Properties on the site remains in its planning phase with little movement in March and April aside from the release of a few articles (Nadig & Block Club) that spurred spirited discussions via social media. My predecessor has written about the project extensively, and a digital archive of our newsletters is available at [www.oldirvingpark.com/newsletter-archive](http://www.oldirvingpark.com/newsletter-archive). We are awaiting news as to if and when a public meeting is to be scheduled.

### Future Meetings:

#### June General Meeting (two presenters and upcoming board elections)

- **Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen** – Learn how a County Commissioner serves the public.

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# OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT



## Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting on May 3, 2021, *continued from page 8*

District 12 Commissioner, Bridget Degnen, will provide us insight into her position, including telling us about her environmental initiatives, small business loans, and the COVID relief and vaccination progress.

- **Irving Park Garden Club** – Activities and collaborations with OIPA

### General Announcements:

#### • **2021 Officer Elections & Candidate Statements.**

Volunteering on the OIPA board is a great way to meet your neighbors, learn about neighborhood developments and hang out in someone else's house once a month. For more information or if you are interested in running for a Board Officer (i.e., President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) position, please submit a candidate statement to [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com) by July 8 to ensure it is included in our August newsletter [we will not have a July newsletter]. **NOTE: I hear OIPA Secretaries get a lot of street cred in case you are considering running for said position.**

- **Ice Cream Social:** For those of you who joined us last year, we switched up our regular ice cream social

for a socially-distanced, outdoor loitering session near Belding and Disney II with a OIPA-chartered ice cream truck serving up tasty treats. It was quite lovely and certainly the least messy of our socials. As we inch closer to in-person meetings, it seems natural to celebrate with a little bit of sugar and a lot of neighborly fun. For the sake of hygiene, we will once again work with either a venue or distributor for said frozen treats. We hope to host in August. Stayed tuned for more information!

**Adopt-a-green Space:** A number of our 16 OIPA-member tended in-ground spaces along Irving Park Road have already been claimed for the season. However, there remain a few plots available for households to spend time beautifying sections of the road. As Kipling said, "[g]ardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade"; let's get it, friends! We also are looking for volunteers to spread mulch in OIPA above and in-ground plots. Please email us at [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com) for more information or to volunteer.

Concluded meeting at 8:18 p.m.

## Upcoming

# OIPA GENERAL MEETING

We hope to "see" you.

**Zoom Meeting | June 14 at 7p.m**

Join at <https://zoom.us>

Meeting ID: 987 7792 0219

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### Presenters:

- **Claudia Hine, president of the Irving Park Garden Club**, will update us on the club's activities this year as well as recent collaborations with OIPA. She also will share details on the club's annual garden walk, which takes place Saturday, June 26, and is open to the public.
- **Bridget Degnen, Cook County Commissioner**, "Do You Know How a County Commissioner Serves The Public?" District 12 Commissioner, Bridget Degnen, will provide insight into how she shaped her role, including her environmental initiatives, small business loans, and the COVID relief and vaccination progress.

### OIPA Business:

- **Upcoming Officer Elections** – Submit your candidate statement to [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com) by July 8 for inclusion in August newsletter.

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| 1 Urban Wellness                       | 16 Janine & Kyle Kostelny           |
| 2 Jeffrey Turrentine & Crystal Bauer   | 21 Natasha & Brian O'Donnell        |
| 3 Beata & Artur Nowak                  | 23 Christy Ludwig & Nick Meiers     |
| 5 Whitney & Sean McDonald              | 23 Devin & Liz Breen                |
| 8 Richard & Rosemary Knight            | 24 Elizabeth & Scott Beslow         |
| 9 Bill & Karen Whitehead               | 24 Emily & Emily Coakley            |
| 9 Dana & Paul Moran                    | 24 Michael & Deborah Maron          |
| 10 Annie & Lee Swingen                 | 25 Kris & David Cloud               |
| 10 Michael Manier & Anthony Mallerdino | 26 Hannah Lehman & Sinisa Rasberger |
| 10 Missy & Bart Goldberg               | 26 Sean & Nina Elliot               |
| 12 Kara Wagner Sherer & John Sherer    | 27 Alison & Joe Weston              |
| 13 Charlene & John Adamski             | 27 John & Theresa Mueller           |
| 13 Lindsay Hunter & Ben Lyon           | 27 Rachel & Peter O'Mara            |
| 13 Matt Young & Allison Clark Young    | 28 Scott & Heather Legan            |
| 14 Ally Skoog-Hoffman & Ben Hoffman    | 30 Melanie Szymanski & Kevin Newman |
| 15 James & Rose Slowikowski            |                                     |

## June Kid & Pet Birthdays

**Mikki in the  
McDowell family**

**Louis Cox**

**2 Anna Cohn**

**26 Leona Quinlan**

**27 Pela Dierdorff**

## June Birthdays

- |                       |                        |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Jana Domanico         | 8 Kristin DeHaan Simon | 14 Donna Higgin       | 22 Alexia Kulwiesc  |
| Sally Frau            | 8 William Dearhammer   | 14 Robert Liebich     | 22 Crystal Bauer    |
| Terrie Carpenter      | 9 Charles Southwick    | 14 Russell Kamp       | 23 Betsy Ries       |
| 1 Debby Fries         | 9 Fred Lundgren        | 15 Jessica Covert     | 24 Erin Gillin      |
| 1 Carolyn Morehouse   | 10 Betsy McKelvey      | 16 William Lachman    | 24 Sheila Quinn     |
| 2 Ryan Gettler        | 10 Daniel Alter        | 16 Zach Schmitz       | 24 Susan Lulich     |
| 3 Alan Allmen         | 11 MaryPat Serpone     | 19 Abbie Damptz       | 24 Thomas McDonough |
| 3 Mark Murray         | 12 Frank Diaz          | 19 Andy Greene        | 24 Richard Liu      |
| 4 Ed Caplan           | 12 Jen Knox            | 21 Jeremy Sermersheim | 26 Michael Basile   |
| 4 Mary Beth Driscoll  | 12 Tim Menard          | 21 Mark Palmieri      | 26 Thomas Danahy    |
| 6 Howard Silver       | 13 Sharon DeBates      | 21 Michael Polzin     | 28 Terry McGuire    |
| 6 Mary Lou Agronomoff | 13 Jim Lynch           | 22 Amy Srubas         | 30 Denise Hlad      |
| 6 Prutha Davis        | 13 Mike Lindauer       | 22 Lynn Randall       | 30 Robert Fox       |

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Dan sends out regular email updates complete with photos to show the clean up efforts achieved.



### Thank You Clean & Green Volunteers!

Thank you to the following neighbors who spent a portion of their Saturday morning last weekend (May 8) making our common areas cleaner and greener: Alderman Samantha Nugent and Mark Gameng from the 39th Ward, Lynn Ankney, Mike Basile, Josh Boggioni with daughter Frankie and son Brandeis, Cathey Curley, Claudia Hine, Trish Hinkes and Sarah Hinkes, Trudy Moore, Nick Frank and Emily Plagman, Katie Orozco, Pam Rock, Ellen Ruschhaupt, Madelyn Ryan, Eileen Stern, Bill and Karen Whitehead, Adrienne & Chris Chan (with Andrew and Catherine), Mike and Anne Reynaert (with Freddy), Pam Gibson, Jayna Lawlor, and Tara and Brendan Tidwell-Cullen (with Ramona and Renee)

Also, a big thank you to the 39th and 45th Wards for assistance with Clean & Green supplies and trash pick-up!

### May 10th OIPA Meeting Follow Up Info

We wanted to pass along presentation and contact information from two of our speakers:

#### **Lincoln Park Zoo Rat Public Health Study**

To get an overview of the project visit the Lincoln Park Zoo website at <https://www.lpzoo.org/science-project/the-chicago-rat-project>. To participate in their study, send an email to [ChicagoRatProject@lpzoo.org](mailto:ChicagoRatProject@lpzoo.org)

#### **Schurz High School International Baccalaureate Program**

The presentation about the Schurz High School International Baccalaureate program can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/schurzIBP>.

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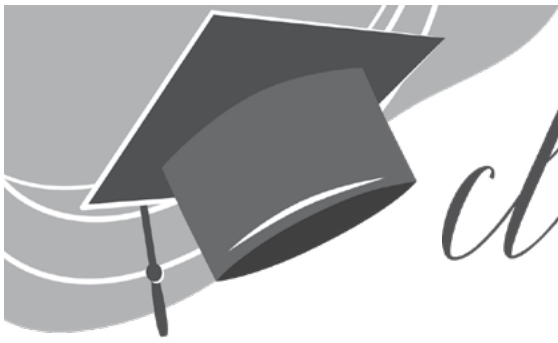
## Eliana Kelly

Disney II Magnet High School '21  
The University of Arizona '25  
*Eliana plans to pursue a major in Politics, Philosophy, Economics & Law.*

## Claire Lyons

Disney II Magnet High School '21  
St. Louis University '25  
*"Claire is graduating with a 4.0 and a member of Disney II's FIRST kindergarten class! Congrats!"*





# class of 2021



## Frank Lynch

Notre Dame College Prep, '21  
Kenyon College, '25

## Connor Quinn

Jones College Prep High School, '21  
University of Colorado-Boulder, '25



## Griffin Lynch

University of Pittsburgh, '21  
BS, Computer Science  
BA, Philosophy

## Nathan Stalder

Jones College Prep. High School '21  
University of Illinois, Urbana-  
Champaign, Grainger College of  
Engineering  
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you will do great."*



## Brian Matthews

DePaul College Prep, '21  
North Dakota University, '25  
*Congratulations to Brian on  
making the 3rd team All Catholic  
Conference; MVP in the Chipotle  
Clash of Champions title game;  
2021 Chicago SunTimes All City  
Basketball Team; IBCA Class 3A All  
State Team.*

## Owen Stalder

Taft High School Academic  
Center '21  
Lane Tech High School, '25  
*"Great job Owen! We are very  
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# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

## Lorelei Starck

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## Elizabeth Ries

Coonley Elementary School, '21  
Amundsen High School IB program, '25

## Erica Ries

Lane Tech High School, '21  
DePaul University, '25  
*Erica plans to pursue a major  
in Elementary Education*

**Congratulations to the  
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# Garden Walk: Twice the Fun

— Claudia Hine

Just one of the lovely gardens that will be featured on the Irving Park Garden Club's 2021 garden walk on June 26.

*Photo by Claudia Hine.*



**T**he Irving Park Garden Club will hold its annual garden walk on Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This self-guided tour will feature a lovely selection of gardens in Old Irving Park and will be open to the public. Coordinator Mike Basile has chosen a range of styles for us to view, including small spaces, large lots, water features, container gardens, and even a cool “she shed.”

Tickets are \$10 per person (cash, check, or Venmo) and are only available at the starting point (to be announced) on the day of the walk. As our route map firms up, we will rely on the OIPA email group to keep you informed as to where to purchase tickets.

For the very first time, this year's event, Art in the Garden, will feature artwork produced by our club's member-artists. Each garden will host one artist, giving walkers twice the eye candy as they stroll through the beautiful backyards of Old Irving Park.

We are so excited to showcase our members' artistic talents — both in the garden and in their medium of choice. Member-artist Mary Foster is coordinating this portion of the walk for us.

## Plants Exchanged

In May, the club held its annual plant exchange, hosted this year by Laird and Linda Larsen. Members divided their perennials and brought the plants to the exchange, where they were scrutinized, fought over, and traded as members hoped for a low lottery number to claim their favorites.

Prior to the exchange, our planter-adopters retrieved the flowers supplied by Farmers Market Garden Center to fill the containers along Irving Park Rd. This collaboration with OIPA, along with the Clean & Green collaboration in May, has brightened our main drag along Irving Park Rd. We hope you noticed!

— Claudia Hine

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## Filament Theatre Celebrates Summer with Outdoor Workshops

Filament Theatre celebrates a return to in-person programming this June with summer programming for ages 5 –12. Each Thursday afternoon, join Filament Theatre in Dickinson Park (4101 N. Lavergne) for a summer of creative PlayDates.

Filament's PlayDates are 1-2 hour workshops that build skills in all areas of theater. Join costume designers, actors, musicians, clowns, and puppeteers to learn new techniques, meet new neighbors, and create a whole lot of summer fun. Flexible scheduling encourages participants to register for just one, or a whole package of Thursday afternoon PlayDates.

Advanced registration required. Visit [www.filamenttheatre.org/summer/](http://www.filamenttheatre.org/summer/) to choose your PlayDates and to view our Summer 2021 health and safety protocols.

About Filament Theatre: Filament Theatre makes interactive plays for young people and their families. Through workshops, classes, camps, and events, Filament partners with young people as valued artistic collaborators at every step of the creative process. Now in its fourteenth year, Filament Theatre is an anchor cultural organization for the Six Corners business district in Chicago's Portage Park.



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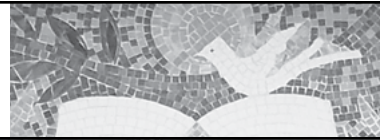
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If you are interested in a topic, chances are others will be too.

**Send ideas to [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com).**



## Viator Vibrations — Sara Yoest



Photo by Sara Yoest

**Congratulations to the St. Viator Class of 2021!** This class rose to the challenge of this unique school year and proved to be great examples and leaders. We are excited to share that many of our graduates were admitted to their first choice of Chicago high schools including DePaul College Prep, Fenwick High School, Jones College Prep, Lane Tech College Prep, Resurrection College Prep, St. Ignatius College Prep, St. Patrick High School, and Taft High School. We wish you all the best!

**Congratulations to Ms. Jennifer McLemore**, one of our 2nd-grade teachers, who the Archdiocese of Chicago recently recognized as a #SchoolHero! Ms. Mac has been a member of the St. Viator faculty for ten years. She is a part of the school's personalized and blended learning initiative, helping to curate a culture that meets the unique needs of every St. Viator student. A well-deserved honor!

**Thank you** to the parents, teachers, staff, administration, and students who all worked together to make the 2020-21 school year successful, safe and fun under truly unprecedented circumstances. We couldn't be more proud of our community!

### Schoolyard Habitat

Keep an eye out for our schoolyard habitat and pollinator garden transforming the space on the southeast corner of the campus. A dedication is planned this Spring.

### Save the Date

The Old Irving Park Beer & BBQ Fest is scheduled for August 7! For details and tickets visit [beerbbqchallenge.com](http://beerbbqchallenge.com).

### Enroll for 2021-22 School Year

St. Viator is accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year. Summer office hours are Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. Contact Marge Tiritilli at 773-545-2173 or [mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org](mailto:mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org) with questions or schedule an in-person tour.

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# Pantry to Aid GCFD's Data Program

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry is pleased to announce we have been selected by the Greater Chicago Food Depository to participate in the Link2Feed Advisory Board in the upcoming year. Our nomination resulted from our seamless integration of the system into our registration process and GCFD's assessment of our food-delivery approach as a "model program."

As part of the advisory board, the Pantry will provide data and feedback to GCFD to improve the system and better understand the demographics of clients using the Pantry. We also will receive a \$1,500 grant to fund new Link2Feed features to be introduced during the year.

We look forward to working with GCFD to improve the information available for those with food insecurity to help provide them with the food and services that are most important to them.

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### Gratitude for Your Support

Thank you to Troop 904 of the Boy and Girl Scouts at St. Edward's, led by Scout Masters Jerome Lasky and Irene Strel, who ran a food drive for the Pantry during the national Scouting for Food program in April. They collected and delivered several carloads of food to the Pantry from donors in the Mayfair area. We appreciate their efforts on our behalf and look forward to working with them more!



Boy and Girl Scouts from Troop 904 at St. Edward's held a food drive for the Pantry during the Scouting for Food national program in April. *Photo by Karen Valentine*

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Article submitted by Craig Shutt (773-282-3627; [craigshutt@ameritech.net](mailto:craigshutt@ameritech.net)).

John Psiharis, Executive Director, Irving Park Community Food Pantry  
e-mail: [info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org), | [www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org](http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org).





## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry

### Donations

The Pantry has received several generous offers to donate some or all of the money from their children's Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) cards from the Chicago Public Schools. P-EBT cards offset the cost of traditional school-provided meals that are now not provided due to COVID.

We welcome any donations using these cards. We always need non-perishable foods, especially cereal, pasta, peanut butter, tuna, and canned vegetables.

However, the most effective way to donate from this program is to purchase groceries of all kinds for your own family and make a corresponding financial donation via PayPal at [www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org](http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org) or by check to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago IL 60618.

We appreciate everyone's kind thoughts and efforts, and generosity in helping us continue to meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" during these continuing challenging times.

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Volunteer Mimi Nguyen looks over the new bar-code card given to each family by Intake volunteers, such as Lynne Anderson. The card allows the family's account to be accessed quickly, speeding up registration each week.

*Photo by Craig Shutt*



The Pantry is grateful to accept any donations of food purchased with parents' P-EBT cards, but buying food for the family and donating the comparable money will be more efficient and go further.





# The Buzz at Belding — Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator

## Appreciating Our Teachers

Belding families showed their appreciation for all that teachers are doing to support their students during hybrid learning. During Teacher Appreciation Week, staff received kind notes from students and families, enjoyed a lovely catered lunch, and even received sweet care packages compiled by administration and parents. As difficult as the challenges of hybrid learning have been, Belding teachers have worked so hard at keeping the classroom spirit alive, and it was good to let them know how much everyone appreciates their hard work.

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## New Climbing Wall after Successful Fundraiser

Students will get to enjoy a new traverse-climbing wall next year due to another very successful fundraiser, **Beers, and Bids for Belding**. With the help of local businesses, parents, teachers, and Principal Yutzy offering to dye her hair Billie Eilish green, Belding raised \$21,000! The new wall will be installed in the gymnasium by next school year.

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## The International Baccalaureate Program at Belding

After being a candidate school for the past two years, Belding finally held their IB verification visit on June 3rd and 4th. A two-member IB team met with all stakeholders to gather evidence and verify that Belding adheres to the IB standards and practices. Belding will then return in the fall as an authorized IB World School!

## New Addition to Belding's Playground

In partnership with the Chicago Park District, Belding received a dozen trees cut down and donated from a bird sanctuary at Belmont Harbor. The parent group then paid to cut the trees down into stumps, and they will serve as a seating structure where children can play around the parameter of Belding's garden.



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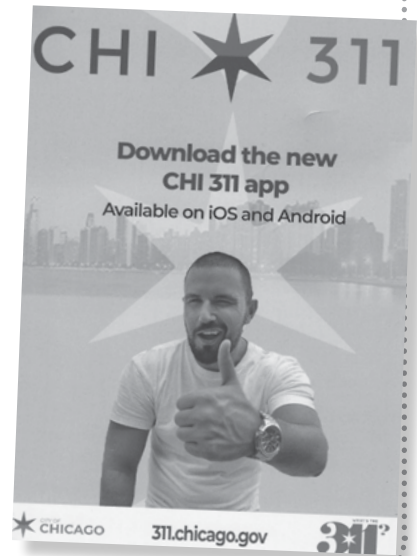


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## Sign Up Now for MAP Summer Camp! — Liz Mills



**T**he Magic After-School Place will host a Summer Camp for students in 1st through 5th grade from June 28 through July 23. The four-week camp will be held from 9 am to 3 pm at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 3938 W. Belle Plaine Ave. The summer camp will feature small groups and Olympic games, science experiments, water days, arts and crafts, and character development. The cost of the camp is \$160 per week, and campers must attend all four weeks. Tuition assistance is available. Worried your child has missed out on socialization opportunities? MAP Summer Camp will provide engaging, COVID-compliant opportunities for your child to build friendships and create memories to last a lifetime! To learn more and to register, visit [www.carlsoncommunityservices.org/events/](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org/events/). Email Camp Director Rachel Lockhart with any questions at [mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org).

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### **Plant a Row for the Hungry with Three Brothers Garden!**

If you've ever found yourself with an overabundance of homegrown veggies, Three Brothers Garden has the solution! We're inviting home gardeners to participate in a program called Plant a Row for the Hungry. Dedicate a row in your garden to growing crops for donation to the Irving Park Food Pantry. Drop off your donation on Tuesdays before 6 pm at Three Brothers Garden, 4107 N. Pulaski, next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot. Your donation will be brought to the Food Pantry Wednesday morning for immediate distribution to Food Pantry clients. The program kicks off in late June.

Registration for MAP Summer Camp is open now. Visit [carlsoncommunityservices.org/events/](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org/events/) for information about this fun and engaging four-week camp. *Photo by Rachel Lockhart*



### Our Garden Is Planted, Growing & Accessible!

Thanks to the volunteers who helped Three Brothers Garden get growing on May 1. We had a warm, sunny day to clean up the garden, top off the raised beds and remove the soil from a bed to make way for our first wheelchair-accessible bed. Thanks to **Greg and Pat Morin** for providing the materials, know-how, and construction skills to add better accessibility to our space.

### We Appreciate Our Volunteers!

Our gratitude goes to **Rebecca and Elmer Haneberg, Ruth Olech, Johanna Zorn, Sara Anderson, Susan Ryan,** and newcomer **Lizz Bisesi**. They filled wheelbarrows with fresh soil and spread it on the raised beds. We

worked on the tidy beds a few days later, planting lettuce, beans, beets, and flowers for the pollinators. In late May, we planted tomatoes and cucumbers. Contact [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org) if you'd like to volunteer in the garden. All vegetables grown in the garden are donated to the Irving Park Food Pantry.

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### Enriching Lives

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Volunteers gather around the wheelchair-accessible bed that was installed at Three Brothers Garden. From left are: Lizz Bisesi, Ruth Olech, Susan Ryan, Elmer & Rebecca Haneberg, Pat & Greg Morin, and Sara Anderson. *Photo by Liz Mills*



## St. Edward Scoop — Jenny Dreyer

### Congratulations to Class of 2021!

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### Civitate Dei Award!

Congratulations to our principal Sara Lasica on receiving the Civitate Dei Award! This award is given to principals who build God's kingdom in their school by establishing a positive culture within the school community, assuring all are welcomed and treated with dignity and respect. Moreover, recipients energetically build bridges to the parish, neighborhood, and broader community through exceptional communication and collaboration. The St. Edward community is BIG RED PROUD, and we thank you for your incredible work!



**Civitate Dei  
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*Congratulations Principal Lasica!*



*Photo provided by St. Edward School*

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### St. Edward Summer Youth Programs

- **Summer T-ball**— The 2020-2021 school year ended successfully, and there is a lot of activity planned for this summer! The St. Edward Youth Program Summer T-ball program begins Thursday, June 17. The program is an instructional league offered to girls and boys in Pre-K through 1st grade (ages 3 – 6). The goal is to have fun!
  - **St. Edward School Big Red Summer Camp** – The first St. Edward School Big Red Summer Camp is being offered this June to current students. Incoming kindergarten through 8th-grade students will join some of St. Ed's staff to kick off summer and enjoy various activities, including art, open gym, mass, and theatre. 7th and 8th graders will be able to be junior helpers. We follow all safety and health protocols.
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### Mark Your Calendar for this Upcoming Community Event that Benefits St. Ed's

**Saturday, June 12, 9 – 11 am, Stan's Donuts**, pick up at St. Edward School. You can find more information on the Community Days page on St. Edward School's website. Thank you for your support!

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**Advertising:**  
First Tuesday  
of the month

**General Editorial  
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First Thursday  
of the month

## June

**Submit your event for our calendar.**

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- 14 **OIPA May General Meeting** | 7 p.m. on Zoom | Claudia Hine, President of Old Irving Garden Club; Bridget Degnen, Cook County Commissioner
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- 26 **Old Irving Garden Club Annual Garden Walk** | Self-guided tour from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. | \$10 for nonmembers | Starting point TBA

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- Submissions as Links to websites or Facebook are NOT accepted.
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- **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.oldirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad](http://www.oldirvingpark.com/buy-a-newsletter-ad)**
- **AD SIZES: Full Page:** 6.25" X 7.5"  
**Half Page:** 6.25" X 3.75"  
**Quarter Page:** 3" X 3.75"
- **ACCEPTABLE AD FILES:** High Resolution (minimum 300 dpi) 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](mailto:k.kearns@kearnsdesign.com). Please include **"OIPA submission"** in the subject line of the email. Also include the category of the item you are submitting—advertisement, article or community calendar.

SUBMISSION DATES	2021	
Publication Month	Advertising	General
August	7/6	7/8
September	8/3	8/5
October*	8/31	9/2
November	10/5	10/7
December	11/2	11/4

\* Earlier submission date to accommodate delivery schedule



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My staff and I are here to serve you and our community. We encourage you to reach out with your thoughts about issues that we face together. If you need assistance with constituent services, please let us know and we will work to the fullest extent of the abilities of this office.

Please share your ideas on ways we can improve our community and state.

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