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Cover photo: The St. John's Episcopal Church's garden made for a lovely (and safe) setting for our first in-person meeting since March 2020.

Photo by Lynn Ankney

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# Halloween Comes to OIP

— Annie Swingen, Vice President

**‘Tis** the season for ghosts, goblins,’ and dare I say, the Elsa/Anna mafia, to hit the streets scrounging for candy. Last year, Old Irving Parkers brought their A-game and created an incredibly festive, somewhat terrifying atmosphere for neighbors and visitors alike. It was fantastic. From “candy chutes” and catapults to daily movie nights, the creativity exhibited certainly raised morale during a low time for many of us in the community.

In response, OIPA would like to acknowledge once again the efforts of our neighbors in spreading ghoulish cheer with the **second annual OIP Halloween Decoration Contest**. This year, however, we are upping our game. The winner will not only receive \$100 to donate to the community charity of their choice and two tickets to OIPA’s “All Star Party” (TBD), but the **FIRST EVER “OIPA Golden Pumpkin Award”** to proudly display for the season and beyond. Think “National Lampoon’s Christmas” light competition, but **BIGGER**—at least that is what I am gunning for when it comes to submissions.

**The deadline to nominate residences for consideration is October 14.** Please send the home’s address and a photo if possible to: [hello@oldirvingpark.org](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.org) by October 14. The Board will choose the top ten contenders and post to our Facebook page for community votes until noon on October 24. We will then announce the winner later that day to ensure that you get plenty of time to show off that fancy-schmancy Golden Pumpkin Award. The commitment to the community we’ve witnessed in Old Irving over the past 18 months is genuinely unique and heart-warming. That said, game on. We dare you. And Happy Halloween!



A Mr. Skeleton was captured basking in the sun on the lawn of a Keeler Avenue home.

*Photo by Kaitlyn Keely*





# OIPA BOARD MEETING REPORT

## Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting on September 7, 2021

Submitted by Annie Swingen, OIPA Interim Secretary

**Attendees:** Adrienne Chan, Lynn Ankney, Scott Legan, Meredith O'Sullivan, Colleen Kenny; Merry Marwig, Annie Swingen, Michael Cannon

Meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report for July was presented by Lynn Ankney and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

August 2021	
Starting Balance	\$57,292.24
Receipts (e.g., Membership/Advertising)	\$4,727.62
Disbursements (e.g., printing costs, insurance, charitable contributions)	\$3,423.70
Ending Balance	\$58,596.16

**Membership:** OIPA's current membership stands at 690, a 13% increase since December 2020. We look forward to our members re-upping their membership. Renewal is August 31 for all of you unless you rejoined post 5/1!). We would appreciate it if our fearless readers would spread the word about membership renewal or invite a neighbor to join OIPA! The larger our reach, the stronger our community and voice.

**All-star Party:** While the ice-cream social was canceled due to the virulent COVID-19 strains that seem to circulate endlessly, we are hopeful that we will turn a corner in early 2022 and successfully reschedule our All-Star party. We appreciate your patience; believe me, I love that shindig. However, I also love you and would like to keep you all healthy

and mostly happy. If you want to be mad about the party, you can be mad at me.

**Newsletter:** Has your email inbox been a repository for a higher number of corny jokes during the pandemic? Just me? Oh well. We thought we'd open up the newsletter to submissions to add more of our neighbors' voices to this fine publication. Please consider emailing your puntastic joke to: [hello@oldirvingpark.org](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.org) for inclusion in the following newsletter. Thank you!

### New Businesses / Developments:

#### 39th Ward Business

- **RLM Events & Design, 4042 North Pulaski Avenue.**  
RLM Events & Design has requested a zoning change from B1 to B3 to enable the proprietors to operate as a limited restaurant with an incidental liquor license. The venue is limited to 48 people; RLM plans to prepare food on-site and carry alcohol for small events on-site and a catering license for off-site contracts. The Board agreed that OIPA would reach out to the adjacent condo association for feedback on the request. Our existing letter of support is specific to the proposed activity of RLM; however, it should be noted that the zoning change is permanent. That said, the zoning change fits within the neighborhood specs.
- **Cozy Corner Restaurant and Pancake House, 4056 North Pulaski Avenue.**

The proprietors of Cozy Corner have requested to convert West Belle Plaine Avenue to a two-way road west of Pulaski to the alley. Such a conversion

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## Summarized Minutes of the Board Meeting on September 7, 2021, continued from page 3

would allow patrons more straightforward access to Cozy Corner’s rear and reduce traffic on residential streets.

The Board unanimously voted in favor of this request and will issue a letter of support.

• **4300 Kedvale Avenue**

“Pre” construction activity has resumed. OIPA submitted an inquiry on 9/2/21 to the 39th Ward regarding permits/plans.

• **4101 W Montrose Avenue**—No updates

• **Cullom Avenue**

Awaiting restoration between Kostner and Pulaski Avenues following the water main work.

OIPA had previously requested “No Trucks” signs along this same stretch of Cullom before the water main work. The 39th Ward has advised us the signs have been approved. We have asked for more information regarding the installation date, location, and whether or not local businesses have been notified regarding these signs ahead of installation.

### 45th Ward Business

• **People’s Gas parcel:** Awaiting the scheduling of a community meeting. The city’s planning division is interested in community feedback—no additional updates.

• **Sears/Novak Development, 4730 W. Irving Park:** On September 8, the City Council’s Committee on Zoning signed off on the proposal to redevelop the parcel(s) into a six-story mixed-use development. A final vote on the project is expected during the September 14 City Council meeting.

• **Northwestern Medical Group (NMG):** In response to community concerns regarding the proposed

demolition of 3936 N Kenneth Avenue, OIPA issued a letter to NMG, DPD, and Alderman Gardiner communicating our concerns. We will reach out again to engage with all involved parties regarding the future parcel’s usage.

• **3800 N. Milwaukee**—no updates

• **Advocate Medical Office Building** by GW to be built on the land now a vacant parking lot adjacent to Ross/DD’s—no updates.

• **Clarendale at 6 Corners**—no updates

• **4524 W. Irving Park Road** (A nine-flat condo unit): Demolition and construction are expected to start soon (information provided by a neighbor).

### Mural Proposals:

• **Irving Park Road proposal**

*Financial commitments*

– OIPA	\$1,500
– Six Corners Association	\$1,500
– Clarendale	\$3,000

The project is awaiting final approval from the city (DCASE) and Metra. OIPA is currently considering the ongoing budget for yearly maintenance of all murals we’ve sponsored previously.

Editor’s note: Since the minutes have been recorded, the Irving Park Road “bird” mural is close to completion. Images of the mural are on the next page.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- October 11, 2021
- November 8, 2021

**The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.**



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## Joyful Public Murals Brighten Six Corners

Your OIPA membership helps pay for local improvements, like this newly repainted mural on Irving Park at Kolmar. **OIPA** was happy to pitch in and partner with **Ryan Companies (Clarendale Six Corners)** and **Six Corners Association** to fund this effort! Thanks to **Arts Alive Chicago** for bringing beauty to our area.

— Anna Sobor

*Artists: Jill Arena (design), Cyd Smillie and Jerry Z. Rogowski.*

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# Favorite Birding Spots in the Chicago Area

There are so many great birding spots in the Chicago area, and they vary a lot by season. According to *eBird*, the top three spots in the Chicago area by bird species count are Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary, Illinois Beach State Park, and Jackson Park. But there are great birding hotspots all over the area, so read through the longer lists by region.

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## City of Chicago - North

**Montrose Point Bird Sanctuary** Arguably, the best single birding spot in the Chicago area, the promontory and adjacent dune habitats contain what is probably the region's most heavily birded site: the famous "Magic Hedge."

**North Pond Nature Sanctuary** North Pond is a 12-acre nature sanctuary that attracts many land and waterbirds during migration seasons.

**North Park Village Nature Center** A hidden nature oasis on the far north side, this Chicago Park District nature preserve contains 46 acres of woodlands, wetlands and grassland.

**Northerly Island** Long known as the best single location in Illinois for Snowy Owls, this site holds promise for becoming a migrant hotspot once a restoration program is completed.

**Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary** Birders walk the edge of this 6.5-acre fenced sanctuary in Lincoln Park to see and hear the large variety of migrants that use this wooded oasis.

**Illinois Beach State Park** This park, with its dunes and swales, supports a variety of flora and fauna unsurpassed anywhere else in the state.

## City of Chicago - South

**Jackson Park - Wooded Island** This 543-acre unit of the Chicago Park District provides a mosaic of lakefront, open water, marsh, grassland and woods.

**Washington Park** Washington Park is a large park in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood. The Park consists of two large loops; one north and one south of Morgan Drive and contains a wide variety of habitat types ranging from grassy meadow to forest to lagoon.

**Hegewisch Marsh Park and Natural Area** Hegewisch Marsh is 129 acres of native marsh, wetland, and wet prairie habitats along the Calumet River. The site has over a mile of trails through the scenic park.

**Deadstick Pond** In addition to the many common species that regularly appear, such rarities as Marbled Godwit, Red Knot and Long-billed Dowitcher have also been observed.

**Big Marsh Park and Natural Area** Its open water attracts a myriad of waterfowl, and the marshy portions have provided nesting habitat for Pied-billed Grebes, Least Bitterns and Common Moorhens.

**Indian Ridge Marsh** Indian Ridge Marsh is 154 acres of native marsh and wet prairie habitat.

**Lake Calumet (IBA)** A surprisingly large variety of birds, of which 100 species nest.

**Eggers Grove** The 250 acres of primarily marsh and oaks support a host of migrants (from ducks to warblers and sparrows), while such uncommon species as Virginia Rail and Yellow-headed Blackbird have nested here.





## NATURE IN THE CITY

**South Shore Nature Sanctuary** Given its varied plantings and location, the site hosts numerous migrants and wintering ducks.

**McCormick Place Bird Sanctuary** Chicago's newest lakefront preserve for migratory birds

### City of Chicago - West

**Douglass Park** Two lagoons (complete with an island), marsh, shrubs and wildflowers make this park an attractive stopover for many migrants.

**Humboldt Park** Humboldt Park is a large park in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood on the western side of the city. Several intertwining loops intersect the park. East of Humboldt Dr., follow a loop around the

big lagoon to look for ducks in the open water, as well as Great Blue Herons, Green Herons and Black-crowned Night-Herons along the water's edge and warblers among the tree tops.

**Garfield Park** This park has one lagoon with marshy borders and an island, as well as upland shrubby areas.

**Columbus Park** Columbus Park is a National Historic Landmark and is considered the masterpiece of Jens Jensen, now known as the dean of Prairie-style landscape architecture.

For more information on birding in Chicago visit [www.chicagoadubon.org](http://www.chicagoadubon.org).

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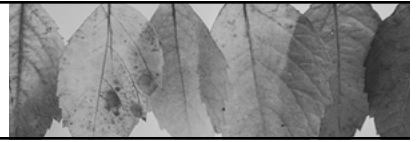
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# Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting on September 13, 2021 | Submitted by Annie Swingen, OIPA Interim Secretary

**A**fter 18 long months of OIPA general meetings canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we're back! OIPA members gathered together under the bistro lights in the lovely garden at St. John's Episcopal Church on September 13, 2021.

**OIPA President Adrienne Chan** opened the meeting with the organization's statement regarding Alderman Jim Gardiner's alleged behavior currently under investigation and shared below.

September 14, 2021: The Old Irving Park Association is a 501c3 organization that prohibits us from making political statements or endorsements. We believe the recent reporting detailing Alderman Gardiner's behavior, if true, rises above anything political. You can be confident our Board unanimously denounced the derogatory language and retaliatory actions recently attributed to the Alderman and reported in the media. We would typically shy away from making any public

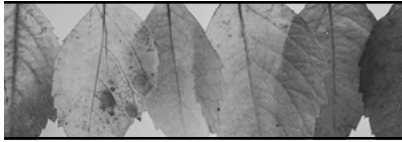


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statement but would like to let our neighbors and members know where we stand.

### Next up was OIPA's Officer Elections

The following individuals were unanimously elected by those present at the meeting:

Adrienne Chan - President

Scott Legan - Vice President

Lynn Ankney- Treasurer

Annie Swingen - Secretary

### 2021 Greenspace Contest Winners

Once we got the administrative work out of the way, we were happy to welcome **Claudia Hine, President of the Irving Park Garden Club**. She announced the 2021 Greenspace Contest winners. OIPA has 6 "mural planters" and 16 in-ground planting beds on Irving Park Road that need to be maintained over the warmer months. For the past few years, we have asked neighborhood residents and businesses to "adopt" one or more of these plots and take care of plant upkeep and trash clean-up. This year our community stepped up—all of the spaces were adopted for the season!

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## *Summarized Minutes of the General Meeting on September 13, 2021, Continued from page 9*



We held a contest again this year for the In-ground Garden Beds. "Before" pictures were taken in May. The Irving Park Garden Club reviewed the in-ground garden beds in June and August to determine which beds earn bragging rights (at least until next season). This year's winners are:

• **Winner: Best Overall—Kelly Construction & Design/Jess & Bill Nevin (N5)**

Judges really liked the nice variety of plants and colorful roses in this space. They sensed a dedication to the craft of gardening. The judges were impressed that the team carried their gardening endeavors to the median strip in the middle of Irving Park Rd. Well done!

• **Honorable Mention: Design— Team Kilbourn (N6)**

The judges appreciated the planting of milkweed and other native plants in this design. The space also was interesting due to varying heights and long bloom time. The garden was full and well-tended.

Rev. Kara Wegner Sherer helping shine a light as OIP Garden Club President, Claudia Hine, reads 2021 Greenspace Contest winners and newly re-elected OIPA President, Adrienne Chan, looks on.

*Photo by Lynn Ankney*

• **Honorable Mention: Creativity—Youest Family (S8)**

Judges were impressed with this space, noting it was neat, clean, weeded, and well-loved. They liked the combination of plants and thought the green and cream hostas worked well with the dark pink impatiens in the shady garden.

• **Honorable Mention: Color—Team Kilbourn (N7)**

Judges liked this "pretty in pink" rose-filled garden, which was still blooming with lots of color in late August. Overall, they found the space bright, neat, and well maintained and brought a dash of color to the parkway.

## **Thank you to all of our sponsors for the 2021 Season:**

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- Team Kilbourn (4000-4100 blocks)
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- The Uhmes Family/Wild World Gardens
- Urban Wellness
- Residences of OIP
- The Youest Family



# OIPA GENERAL MEETING REPORT

## Redistricting Changes

And finally, **State Rep. Jaime Andrade (D)** spoke to the group regarding the new redistricting plan for Chicago and how it impacts our neighborhood. Redistricting is the once-every-decade process of redrawing a state's political boundaries to reflect population changes after completing the decennial federal census. The Illinois General Assembly approved new legislative maps for both the state House districts and Senate districts.

What does that mean for us? Andrade announced that **State Senator Robert F. Martwick (D)** and **State Representative Lindsey LaPointe (D)** will represent the majority of OIP beginning January 2023. OIPA plans to invite both LaPointe and Martwick to an upcoming meeting to discuss their respective vision for our neighborhood and how they plan to best represent us in Springfield.

Illinois Rep, Jaime Andrade (40th district), stopped by to share updates and let us know he's sad he won't be our representative anymore (beginning Jan 2023) due to redistricting.

*Photo by Lynn Ankney*



## October Member Meeting

OIPA's next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2021, at St John's Episcopal Church (3857 N Kostner Ave) and will be outside, weather permitting. Do you have a ghost story you would like to share? We would love to have you speak at our Halloween-themed meeting. Please email [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com) to snag your spot in the line-up! Please note that if we cannot sit outside, out of an abundance of caution, we ask that members wear masks inside the church meeting room.

It's good to see everyone's faces, even if they are halfway hidden under a mask. See you next month and stay healthy!

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**What do you call a boat full of smart people?**

☞ **A scholar-ship.**

– Submitted by Merry Marwig

**What do you call a fish with four eyes?**

**Fiiiiish!**

– Submitted by Adrienne Chan

**What does a house always wear to a party?**

☞ **Address.**

– Submitted by Scott Legan

**What did one tomato say to the other tomato?**

☞ **Hey, catch up!**

– Submitted by Lynn Ankney

**What did one cannibal say to the other when eating a clown?**

☞ **It tastes funny**

– Submitted by Colleen Kenny

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# October

## OIPA GENERAL MEETING

October 11 at 7 p.m.  
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Have a ghost story?  
Share it at the October Meeting.

Photos by Kathleen Kearns



## SECOND ANNUAL OIP Halloween Decoration Contest

Calling all decorating goblins and creative ghouls. Drag your outdoor Halloween decorations out of storage. It's time to get your Halloween creativity flowing.

You could win not only \$100 to donate to the community charity of your choice and two tickets to OIPA's "All Star Party" (TBD), but the FIRST EVER "OIPA Golden Pumpkin Award." See page 2 for details.

# OIPA | ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



## October Anniversaries

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Leslie & Blake Batterson	Dan & Courtney Funkhouser	Jeremy & Julianne Ohmes
Fraya & Christopher Black	Jorge Garcia & Mona Garcia (RIP)	Laura & John Ozog
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Meridith & Michael Cannon	Kristin Gross & John Nicewick	Rob & Victoria Ross
Adrienne & Chris Chan	Claudia & T. J. Hine	Beth & John Ruark
Barbara & Steve Cohn	Jill Hopke & Peter Eckels	Kiki & Brad Schotanus
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Josh & Prutha Davis	Kathryn & Burke Leshner	Mary & Marc Sussman
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## October Birthdays

Tim Alexander	David Evaskus	Leanne Neurauter
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Jonathan Ankney	Kurt Fries	Brian O'Donnell
Dorothy Barrett	Frank Gogliotti	Vernon O'Donnell
Bridget Bauman	Joe Gugle	Rachel O'Mara
Leslie Becksted	Cate Hall	Emily Plagman
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Jocelyn Crnich	John McKernin	Katie Tuten
Mary Czarnowski	Jonathan Miller	Gregory Ward
Maire Dempsey	Maureen Miller	Kelly Williams
Patrick Driscoll	Nancy Munsterman	Kinsey Wolf
Meagan Duncan	Jana L Murray	Sara Yoest
Cristina Evaskus	Jason J Murray	Martin Yorath

## OCTOBER KID & PET BIRTHDAYS

Madeline Andrews  
Austin Bebart  
Christopher Cannon  
Winston Greene  
Cade Linnemeyer  
DJ McCallion  
Everett O'Donnell  
Langston O'Donnell  
Peter Reimann  
Hannah Ruark

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](mailto:membership@oldirvingpark.com) or 773-551-4533, so she can add your name and dates to the list.



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Prepared by Tom Brandt

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3712 N. Lowell.....	\$320,000
3907 N. Kilbourn .....	\$625,500
4417 W. Waveland .....	\$665,000
3913 N. Tripp.....	\$825,000
3723 N. Kedvale.....	\$875,000



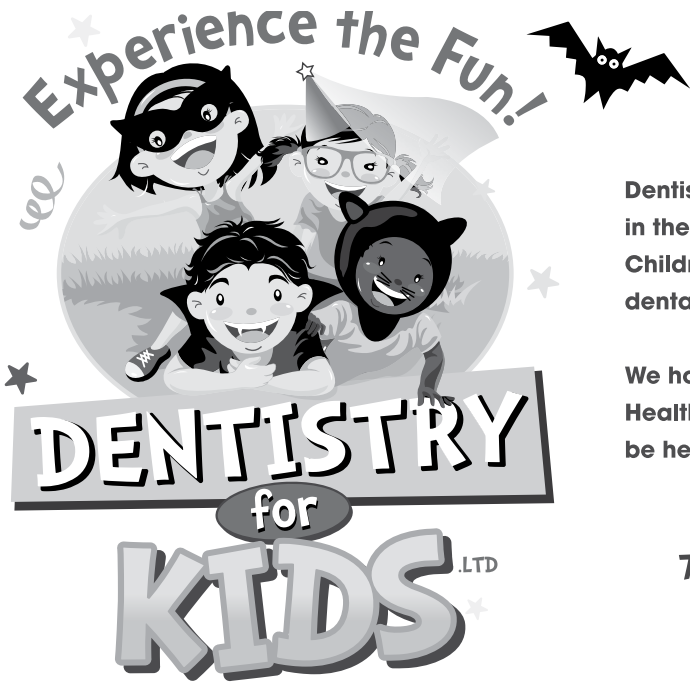
### 2-4 Units

3722 N. Kostner.....	\$512,500
4113 N. Kenneth.....	\$565,000
3729 N. Kostner.....	\$685,000



### Attached Single Family

4215 N. Kedvale, 1K.....	\$127,000
4205 N. Kedvale, 2B .....	\$129,900
4342 N. Kedvale, 3D.....	\$130,000
4208 N. Keystone, 3E .....	\$131,500
4113 N. Keeler,1D .....	\$142,000
3550 N. Keeler, 1E .....	\$150,000
4233 N. Keeler,2A .....	\$169,500
4235 N. Keeler, 3D.....	\$215,000
3727 N. Keeler, 2M .....	\$250,000
3817 N. Milwaukee, B.....	\$414,000



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# *An Artful End to the Season* — Claudia Hine

October marks the end of the Irving Park Garden Club's 2021 season. The year has been both challenging and fulfilling as our club managed to provide members with educational, inspirational, and fun programming, all while working within the constraints of pandemic protocols.

In many ways, our season seems to have focused on art. We held our first "Art and the Garden" garden walk in June, displaying the talents of our artist-members in the yards that were featured on our tour. In August, we put paint on paper as members tried their hand at a landscape watercolor painting class taught by artist **Susan Marx**.



Over-achiever Peggy Krischer (left) begins to work on her second landscape watercolor painting at IPGC's August hands-on meeting. At right, Karen Bebart puts the finishing touches on her painting.

*Photo by Claudia Hine.*



## IRVING PARK GARDEN CLUB

### The Art Theme Continues

For our last meeting of the season on October 16, we have invited noted horticulture writer/educator **Nina Koziol** to present "The Gardener as Artist." Nina has taught at the Chicago Botanic Garden and The Morton Arboretum since 1997 and was a contributing "Home&Garden" writer for the *Chicago Tribune* for 22 years. She writes the Chicago Botanic Garden's monthly "Smart Gardener" column and was a long-time contributor to *Chicagoland Gardening* magazine.



Horticulturist Nina Koziol is the featured speaker at the Irving Park Garden Club's October meeting. *Photo courtesy Nina Koziol.*

"My garden is a coloring book and a laboratory," says Nina, who gardens on an acre with an overabundance of deer in southwest Cook County. "But mostly it's crayons," she says.

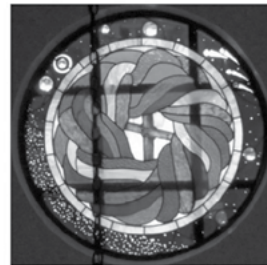
Her program will look at public and private gardens (and their creators) — from the quirky and magical to the elegant and innovative — and the plants and garden art within them.

Garden club meetings are for members only, and as this is our last meeting of the year, we are not taking any new members at this time. Catch us again in March 2022!



### Grateful for Volunteers!

John Soule comes prepared to work at the Tripp Garden on our August cleanup day. *Photo by Mike Basile.*



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# Magic After-School Place Names New Program Director— Liz Mills

**T**he Magic After-School Place (MAP) opened its doors to students in late August after more than a year of being closed due to Covid-19. We are thrilled to be back! **Rebecca Haneberg** has been named the program's director. Rebecca began working at MAP in 2019 and has extensive experience in child care, having worked at a neighborhood pre-school co-op for 17 years. Rebecca is a long-time Carlson volunteer and a resident of The Villa neighborhood, where she has raised five children, the youngest of whom is a freshman in college this year. She will be assisted by **Hannah Negray** and Old Irving Park resident **Laurie Paliga** who are eager to get to know the kids and their families.

Now in its 15th year, MAP will serve up to 40 students from Belding and Murphy schools. Our tiered tuition structure and tuition assistance make the program affordable for children from every economic background. In addition to providing a safe place for kids to go after school, we provide structured homework help, group games, clubs, enrichment programs, and more, all while following Covid-19 guidance. The program meets Monday through Friday at the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym, located at the corner of Harding and Belle Plaine. To learn more about the program, visit our website.

***Masked up and ready  
for fun at the Magic  
After-School Place  
(MAP)!***

*Photos by Liz Mills*



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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Carlson Community Services

### Three Brothers Garden News

Three Brothers Garden has had a great season and is still going strong! A 100 lb. yield was recorded in mid-August when we harvested tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, beets, and greens; all delivered to the Irving Park Food Pantry the next day. We'll be harvesting in the garden every Tuesday through October from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 4107 N. Pulaski, next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot. Please join us! If you're a home gardener and you've grown more vegetables than you can use, drop off your surplus on Tuesdays before 6 p.m. at Three Brothers Garden. (Leave your donation on the table in the garden.) Your donation will be brought to the Food Pantry Wednesday morning for immediate distribution to Food Pantry clients. If you'd like to be added to our email notices, sign up for our newsletters at [carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://carlsoncommunityservices.org).



Over 100 lbs. of vegetables were harvested for the Food Pantry in one evening at Three Brothers Garden.



### Irving Park Fine Arts Concert Series Presents Russ Green October 10

Our 2021-2022 season opens with internationally recognized Blues harmonica player and singer **Russ Green** will perform on Sunday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. Guitarist **Giles Corey** will accompany Russ. We are planning for an in-person, masked, and distanced concert; however, the concert may be rescheduled depending on the status of Covid-19 infections and the Chicago Department of Health guidance. Check our website before the event at [www.carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org). The concert is free, though a free-will offering is appreciated.

Russ Green was born on the west side of Chicago and studied film at Southern Illinois University. While in school, he began playing harmonica and was influenced by the music of Jimi Hendrix. An inspirational performance by Blues great Sugar Blue, sealed Russ's lifelong passion for the harmonica. He counts his influencers and mentors as Sugar Blue and Billy Branch. Russ has played, toured, and recorded with John Primer and Lurrie Bell. He performs locally and internationally and is a featured harmonica player on the Chicago Blues Harmonica Project CD. Russ lives on the northwest side of Chicago.

*Photo courtesy of Russ Green*



# Chicago's New: Electronics Recycling Program

Resource: <https://www.recyclebycity.com/chicago/brief/new-residential-electronics-recycling-program>

**N**ow it's easier than ever to properly dispose of your old electronics. Till the end of the year, the City of Chicago is hosting dozens of drop-off recycling events across the city.

**What's accepted?** The following household electronics (and only these) are accepted:

Cell Phones • Computers • Video Game Consoles • Computer Monitors • Portable Digital Music Players • TVs • Digital Converter Boxes • Printer, Fax, Scanners • Cable & Satellite Receivers • Keyboards & Mice • Small-Scale Servers • VCRs, DVD Players, DVD Recorders

*Electronics from businesses are not accepted.*

### It's the law, and it's good for the environment

**too.** Old electronics are chockful of precious metals and rare earth elements that are in short supply. They also contain toxic chemicals that should not end up in a landfill. That's why dozens of states, including the State of Illinois, have electronic recycling or 'e-waste' laws that require that old electronics be responsibly recycled.

**Drop-off Locations** Please note that once the truck is full, no more electronics will be accepted. Materials should not be left outside of operating hours. **ONLY** the electronics listed above are eligible for recycling.

Commercial and other residential electronics are not accepted. Note that the Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility at 1150 North Branch Street, also accepts household chemicals.



*Photo by Dogherine on Unsplash*

**Drop-off Procedure** The city has implemented extra safety precautions due to Covid-19. Social distancing between staff and the public will be a priority. You will be asked to remain in the vehicle and automatically open your trunk or door, if you can.

If the door or trunk cannot be opened from inside your car, you'll be asked to manually open them, and step back 6 feet so the staff can gather your electronics.

*Continued on page 24*

# *We Are* Moving the Market in Irving Park!



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4018 N Hamlin \$855,000



4016 N Kolmar \$730,000



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4111 N Springfield \$690,000



3832 N Keeler \$659,000



3850 N Lowell \$650,000



4253 N Kolmar \$585,000



4138 N Harding \$578,000



3744 N Kedvale \$567,000



3744 N Ridgeway \$550,000



4117 N Harding \$495,000



4016 N Springfield \$491,000



4039 W Addison \$465,000



4041 N Kilbourn, 1N \$384,000



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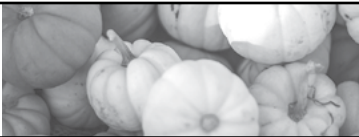
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Chicago’s New: Electronics Recycling Program, *continued from page 22*

**Are your old electronics still working?** For electronics that are still in working order, please consider trading them in, selling them, or donating them, rather than recycling them. Allowing your unwanted electronics to be reused provides more environmental benefits than recycling, and you could recoup some of your original cost too.

Most major electronics retailers, such as Best Buy, Apple, Decluttr, Amazon Trade-In, ItsWorthMore, and Dell offer trade-in programs for used electronics (any brand). And most will allow you to verify the trade-in value of your items on-line and provide a return

shipping label so you don’t even have to visit the store.

Check out “Best places to sell your used electronics for 2021” at CNET, <https://www.cnet.com/tech/mobile/best-places-to-sell-electronics>. For fixing electronics any kind of household item ,check out Repair Café in Oak Park, <https://repaircafeoakparkil.org>.

Another option for your working electronics is to list them on popular consumer-to-consumer marketplaces such as eBay, Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace and Nextdoor’s classified sections. It takes a bit more effort but might reward you with more money in return. And your items will not end up in a land fill.

NEW AND  
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City drop off locations

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LOCATION	OPERATING DAYS	HOURS
1150 N. North Branch St. Chicago, IL 60642 Open year round	Every Tuesday Every Thursday 1st Saturday of every month	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
6441 N. Ravenswood Ave. Chicago, IL 60626	1st Wednesday of every month	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
4808 W. Wilson Ave. Chicago, IL 60630	1st Friday of every month	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
1817 S. Pulaski Road Chicago, IL 60623	2nd Wednesday of every month	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
8559 S. Vincennes Ave. Chicago, IL 60620	2nd Friday of every month	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
2300 W. 52nd St. Chicago, IL 60609	3rd Wednesday of every month	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
900 E. 103rd St. Chicago, IL 60628	3rd Friday of every month	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Resource: <https://www.recyclebycity.com/chicago/brief/new-residential-electronics-recycling-program>





# Want to Help OIP Lead the City in Recycling?

– Josh Boggioni



## I do, join me!

**W**ith an overall recycling rate of 8.8%, Chicago has the worst recycling record of any major U.S. city. By comparison, Seattle recycles 60% of its trash, while Los Angeles recycles 76%, and San Francisco outdoes us almost tenfold with an 80% recycling rate. Ready to take the challenge to raise our recycling score? First we have to tackle a few recycling problems.

What's the problem with recycling in Chicago? Well, the answer can be complicated. One major problem with recycling here is that people often put items that cannot be recycled into the blue bins. Common examples include plastic bags (sometimes filled with recyclables), soiled food containers, Styrofoam, and electronics. People also "wish-cycle" when they place something in a blue bin that they hope is recyclable (think plastic toy

action figures or wire hangers). When non-recyclables are placed in the bin, the entire bin is often considered "spoiled" and discarded by the haulers with the other garbage in a landfill.

### Here are some recycling tips:

- Empty and then wipe or rinse out food containers;
- Tear off and discard greasy pizza box tops and recycle the bottoms;
- Ditch the plastic bags and place recyclables in the bin loose;
- And when in doubt, check this out: <https://www.recyclebycity.com/chicago>.

See the handy reminder on page 24, which you can tear or cut out for future reference.

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## Cartons



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## Glass



### Bottles and Jars

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## Plastic



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# All in a Good Days Work — Rich Escallier

I enjoyed life and cherished my experience as the Portage Park Handyman until retiring and moving to the suburbs. I found working as a handyman personally and professionally rewarding.

After gaining skills while working with my carpenter brother on a second-floor home addition and learning how to run a business from working for one of the handyman franchises, I decided to start my own business. In 2004, I founded The Portage Park Handyman Service (PPHS). I ran my business for 15 wonderful years. Calls still come in asking for services.

It's easy to be happy if you love the work you do—it was more than 'fix things' to me. Knowing I was providing a valuable service and the gratitude a homeowner expressed was a good day at work. I served people by repairing and maintaining their homes for the better!

I helped a woman stay in her home by adding rails so she could move around the house safely. Her housekeeper said, "God sent you."

A young mother would wake her napping toddler when she touched the squeaky bedroom door. A dab of Vaseline applied on the hinge pins made her life easier. And her toddler appreciated that the 'door monsters' were gone.

One solution to a common problem in the city—garage break-ins—was quickly remedied. Switching 1" strike plate screws with 2 1/2" screws that go through the jamb and the (2x4) prevented service door break-ins.

Most calls for services came on Monday. Each week was a new adventure. I could start with nothing scheduled and then have completed repairs to five homes by the end of the day. To save trips to the



Rich Escallier holding a tool of his trade. *Photo provided by Rich.*

hardware store, I always had a van full of tools, materials, and frequently used items. My vacations included Hardware Shows to learn new techniques.

I attribute my success to answering and returning calls, showing up when I said I would, going the extra mile, and cleaning up. Having a good reputation and being trusted in someone's home is a great feeling. A handyman business is a good living from an honest day's work for those who enjoy fixing things. And I did.

I have fond memories thinking of all the delighted customers I had the pleasure of serving. Thanks to my customers, friends, and neighbors, Portage Park was a great place to live and run a business.

**A note from Rich:** *Anyone interested in discussing the purchase of PPHS, and the skills or experience necessary to continue its successful operation can email him at [handyman4chicago@aol.com](mailto:handyman4chicago@aol.com).*



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## 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:

[http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Illinois/chicago\\_ill](http://library.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Illinois/chicago_ill)

[www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/dog-friendly-areas](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/dog-friendly-areas)

<https://windycitypaws.com/blog/chicago-leash-laws>

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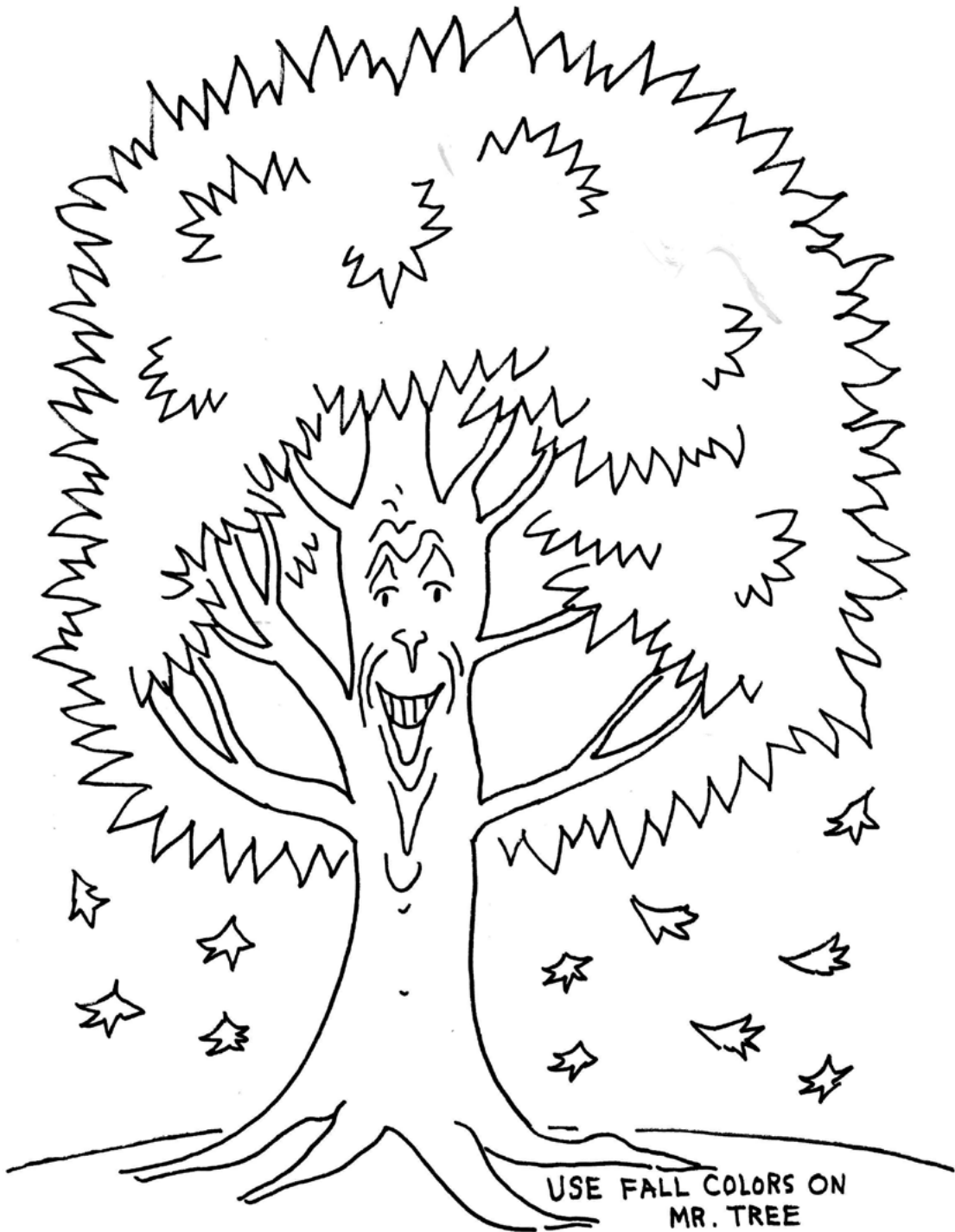
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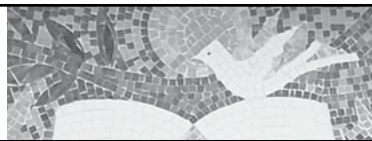


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## Viator Vibrations — Sara Yoest

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science, and our new World Language program, Mango Languages. This technology provides our faculty with essential data on our students to help support blended and personalized learning in every classroom. These tools enrich and complement our traditional Catholic school curriculum.

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### National Walk to School Day

October 6 is National Walk to School Day! St. Viator is glad to be participating in this annual tradition again this year.

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### Halloween Event

Watch our Facebook page for our inaugural Trunk or Treat Halloween event on Saturday, October 30.

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### The best way to get to know us is to visit!

Two in-person open houses will take place in October. The first is on Wednesday, October 13, from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., and the second is on the evening of October 20, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Watch our Facebook page for further details & updates.

Please contact Marge Tiritilli in the school office at [mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org](mailto:mtiritilli@stviatorchicago.org) or call 773-545-2173 with admission questions or to schedule a private in-person tour of the school.

It is hard to believe that the first trimester of the 2021-22 school year is half over! St. Viator welcomed nearly 300 students and 40+ faculty & staff members back to campus in August.

St. Viator distributed iPads to all students in grades 2–8 to support learning in and out of school. The 1:1 devices enable students to maximize many of the cloud-based EdTech tools implemented over the past two school years. Apps and programs include iReady for math and reading, Lexia, Defined (STEM) Learning, Mathletics, Generation Genius for middle school

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**[www.stviatorchicago.org](http://www.stviatorchicago.org) | Follow us on Facebook: St. Viator Elementary School and Parish, Chicago**





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# Filament Theatre Returns to Live Performances

Filament Theatre returns to live performances with ***The Secret Yes***, an outdoor, immersive adventure for the whole family. *The Secret Yes* is a play about resilience, advocacy, and change-making in our communities. Our first public performance since March of 2020, it is our dream to welcome all families to performance for free! In a world full of Nos, Can'ts, and Impossibles, an extraordinary group of citizens believes that things can be different than they are. They each have with them a secret: their own YES.

The citizens of this Land of No must carry their SECRET YES safely through treacherous lands where they encounter helpers and obstacles and ultimately reach a community space of possibility where their YES can bloom and grow.

Located in Portage Park (outside), small groups of families are invited to journey the Land of No, exploring advocacy, resilience, community, and changemaking.

Created by Nick Hart, Bo Frazier, Jamal Howard, Katie Norregaard, and Julie Ritchey in partnership with Filament's Youth Collaborator team.

**Dates:** September 4 – September 26, 2021

**Times:** Saturday, 11am & 2:00 p.m.; Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Portage Park, 4100 N. Long Ave., Chicago, IL 60641

**Price:** FREE (advanced Registration required, capacity is limited)

**Ages:** All ages! Best enjoyed by ages 5+

### Important Info:

- Advanced Registration is required.
- Run time: Approximately 60 minutes.
- Audiences are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early to participate in activities! Audience groups will not exceed 12 people.
- COVID-19 Safety: Masks are required for all audience members two years and older, regardless of vaccination status. Actors will not be masked while performing, and we ask that audiences keep a respectful distance from performers. The entire experience will take place outdoors.

### For More Information or to Register:

**Website:** <http://www.filamenttheatre.org/yes/>

**Registration:** <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35466/production/1075605>

**Donation link for *The Secret Yes*:** <https://ci.ovationtix.com/35466/store/donations/44674>

**Contact:** [Boxoffice@Filamenttheatre.org](mailto:Boxoffice@Filamenttheatre.org); (773) 270-1660



# The Buzz at Belding — Michele Stefl, IB Coordinator



**Assistant Principal Erica Pacheco and Principal Mandi Cohen welcome back Belding families.**

## Back to Belding

Last month, Belding families and teachers came together for the annual “Back to Belding” event. Families picked up supplies, met their teachers, and of course, and received their school t-shirt. Our new t-shirts highlight Belding as an IB World School!

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

Principal Mandi Cohen or Assistant Principal Erica Pacheco set aside one morning each month to give tours to interested parents. Tours begin at 8 a.m. in the main office. Tours are an excellent opportunity to learn more about our school and the Belding community. Upcoming tour dates include October 19 and November 16. Check out the Belding website: [www.beldingelementary.com](http://www.beldingelementary.com) for virtual video information or in-person details. Complete the [cps.edu/healthscreeener](http://cps.edu/healthscreeener) before arriving.

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# Pantry Coat Drive Starts in October



Volunteers show off some of the coats provided for clients during the Pantry's 2019 drive. The program wasn't held last year.

*Photo by Craig Shutt*

**T**his fall, the Irving Park Community Food Pantry will resume its annual coat drive and is asking its supporters to donate new and lightly used winter coats so that our clients in the 60641 and 60618 ZIP codes can help their families prepare for the cold weather.

We will begin giving out coats on October 20 and continue into November until Thanksgiving, with the final distribution on November 17. We are accepting coats now, along with hats, scarves, mittens, and other cold-weather gear. Please do not donate sweaters, boots, or different types of clothing.

Drop Off Your Donations to:

- **Big Helpers store**, 4184 N. Elston Ave. [10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday].

- **Disney II Magnet School**, 3815 N. Kedvale Ave. [Inside Main Entrance, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.]
- **Disney II Magnet High School**, 3900 Lawndale Ave. [Inside Main Entrance, 8:45 a.m.–3:45 p.m.]
- **Distinct Bath & Body**, 4046 N Milwaukee Ave. [Call 773-930-4420 for hours]
- **Old Irving Brewing Company**, 4419 W Montrose Ave. [Noon to 10 p.m.]
- **Front Porch** at 3822 N Tripp Ave. [anytime]

Additional drop-off points will be announced on our Facebook page. If you have a large donation or want to run a drive to gather coats, please email [info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org) for suggestions or arrange delivery of your items.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS | Irving Park Community Food Pantry

### Thank You for Your School Supply Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual school supply program in August, in which we gave a bag of school supplies to all of our clients' children in grades 1 through 12. We provided more than 150 students with supplies to start the school year strong.

### Take One Table a Success

Our Take-One table continues to be popular with clients and is always looking for donations. We are especially in need of disinfecting wipes, toiletries (toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, and shaving cream), and men's white crew socks. Donations can be taken to the Big Helpers store at 4184 N. Elston Avenue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Thank you to everyone who helps us to meet our mission of being "Neighbors Helping Neighbors!"



In August, Patricia Eldridge, Wintrust Mayfair, vice president, branch manager, and her crew donated school supplies for the Pantry's program to help clients' children. Executive Director John Psiharis shows off some of the supplies. *Photo by Craig Shutt*

### Bidding Farewell to Our Beloved Bookkeeper

We are sad to say that our long-time bookkeeper, OIP resident **Lisa Albrecht**, is leaving the Pantry and moving out of state. Fortunately, board member **Eleanor Kepp** is stepping in to take over her duties to ensure donations are received and acknowledged quickly, and bills are paid promptly. We appreciate Lisa's many years of service and will miss her.

Retiring Pantry Bookkeeper Lisa Albrecht (left) works with Board member Eleanor Kepp who will be taking over the bookkeeping position in a few weeks.. *Photo by Craig Shutt*







### St. Edward Scoop — Jenny Dreyer

St. Edward School students and staff are happy to be back in the classroom for the 2021-2022 school year. Did you know mid-year enrollments are available? Contact the school to learn more as well as financial aid availability.

#### Tour Our School

Want to see what St. Ed's has to offer? Contact us at [office@stedwardschool.com](mailto:office@stedwardschool.com) or call the office at 773-736-9133 to schedule an in-person tour or individual Zoom tour with our principal. St. Edward School is a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. Please visit our website at [www.stedwardschool.com](http://www.stedwardschool.com) to learn more about our outstanding academic programs and extended care.



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#### Fall Walk-a-Thon

This year's Fall Walk-a-Thon (previously known as Chalk Walk) is on Friday, October 15. Students will walk around the St. Edward campus and neighborhood with their homerooms and teachers to raise money for our school and get all our kids moving!

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#### Community Events Benefiting St. Ed's

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Community Events that benefit St. Ed's and give you a night off from cooking! Thank you so much for being so supportive!

- **Superdawg Week-long Event:** Monday, October 11 to Sunday, October 17. Either location: 6363 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, or 333 South Milwaukee, Wheeling, IL. Flyer needed for St. Ed's to benefit (dale, Chicago, IL 60641). Order for carry out or delivery. Mention St. Edward or provide the flier or order online and enter the promo code, FUNDES21.

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# CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

## OIPA NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

**Advertising:**  
First Tuesday  
of the month

**General Editorial  
Submissions:**  
First Thursday  
of the month

## October

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| 10 | Independence Park Farmer's Market   9 a.m.–3 p.m.   Irving Park Rd & Hamlin           |
| 11 | OIPA General Meeting   7 p.m.   |
| 16 | Irving Park Garden Club   Nina Koziol on <i>The Gardener as Artist</i>   Members Only |
| 24 | Independence Park Farmer's Market   9 a.m.–3 p.m.   Irving Park Rd & Hamlin           |

## November

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| 8 | OIPA General Meeting   7 p.m. |
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Joining or renewing your membership is easy with our online membership form at [www.oldirvingpark.com/join-us](http://www.oldirvingpark.com/join-us). If you don't have access to our online membership form, please complete the form below.

We like to celebrate our members in our newsletter. Birthday and anniversary information is optional. If you wish to be included on the birthday and anniversary page in the newsletter, **you must provide the information annually** to be included (adults members and spouses/partners only).

This is a: ☐ New Membership      ☐ Renewal      ☐ Gift Membership

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

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

Membership Level (per household)	In area DUES	Out of area DUES	Benefits
Standard	\$25	\$42	Monthly meetings, newsletter delivery, member/ spouse and anniversary published in newsletter, ice cream social event, holiday event
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Good Neighbor	\$75	\$92	Standard + kid/pet birthdays in newsletter and OIPA tote bag
Neighborhood All-Star	\$150	\$167	Good Neighbor + admission for two to an exclusive OIPA cocktail party

**GIFT MEMBERSHIP:** Simply complete the form above or the online form with your neighbor's name(s) and address. You may not know their birthday/anniversary info. That's okay – we'll follow up with them. **If purchasing a gift membership online:** Please indicate "this is a gift subscription" in the final box titled, "Special Instructions."

**SEND FORM & PAYMENT TO:** Old Irving Park Association, c/o Lynn Ankney, OIPA Treasurer, 4313 N Keeler Ave, Chicago, IL 60641.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE:** Old Irving Park Association **OR** join/renew online: [oldirvingpark.com/join-us](http://oldirvingpark.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. [hello@oldirvingpark.com](mailto:hello@oldirvingpark.com).

## 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, so **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.
- 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
November	10/5	10/7
December	11/2	11/4

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\* Earlier submission date to accommodate delivery schedule





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