

INDEPENDENCE PARK COMMUNITY

VOICE



NEIGHBORHOOD

GIPNA Garden Walk, August 6

Sue Ryan

Get your comfy walking shoes on and come out for the first neighborhood garden walk. Forty of your neighbors are opening their gardens on August 6 from 1- 4 p.m. All types of gardens will be on display: new gardens, well established gardens, small gardens, pollinators, trellises, pergolas, container gardens, wildflowers, native plants, pavers, herb gardens, perennials, annuals, hanging baskets, hardscaping (the parts of the garden that aren't plants such as pavers, statues, birdbaths, etc.).

Don't miss Big Al (the koi fish) or the sweet fairy garden. Front yard gardens will greet you, backyard gardens will dazzle you, and parkway and alley gardens will inspire you. Many neighbors will be on hand to answer questions. If you are wondering about a low maintenance shade plant that has a splash of color, a neighbor is likely to have one and offer suggestions on others.

Swing by the GIPNA garden table outside of the bungalow at the corner of Byron and Hamlin to pick up a map and a scavenger hunt guide. This is a family friendly event. The walk is free, but donations will be accepted and go towards the maintenance of the community gardens in the neighborhood.

COMMUNITY

17th Annual Gourmet Pancake Breakfast

Pat Clark

Hermano de los Churro Pancakes, Tropical Paradise Pancakes, South of the Border Strata and Elemental Kids Pancakes made for a delicious and filling Father's Day breakfast at the Independence Park Bungalow.

Our wonderful Indy Park Jammers, who play at our farmers market, provided musical entertainment again this year.

Thank you to generous raffle prize donor Greg Shea, who gave the Bonfire Solo Stove.

GIPNA contributed the pizza oven and a grill.

This year Kristen and Andy Holub were the lead chefs with

help from co-chair Kevin Haight. Bobbie Bolociuch, who handed the Pancake Breakfast reins over after 16 years to Kristen and Andy, was their consultant. Of course, lots and lots of neighbors pitched in with setup, pancake flipping and all the other assorted tasks that take a bunch of volunteers to accomplish. And thank you again to Julie Thompson, Indy Park Supervisor, and her staff for helping make the pancake breakfast successful and so much fun.



And a special shout-out to the ebullient and generous Bob Theo from The Alps Pancake Restaurant, who donated all the pancake batter, sausages, and eggs to make our Gourmet Pancake Breakfast such a successful and fun gathering.

This annual event is a highlight for our community and another reason why living in Independence Park is truly special.

The regular GIPNA board meeting will not be held in July. The August meeting is Tues., Aug. 1, 7 p.m. Join us online via Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/nkn-dcgc-tfd>. This link is also on the gipna.org website under "Events."

COMMUNITY EVENTS



JULY

MON., JULY 3—30th Ward Night, 5-7 p.m., 4714 W Belmont. Meet with Alder Ruth Cruz to discuss problems, ideas, etc.

TUES., JULY 4—4th of July Parade and Games, 10 a.m.-noon, Independence Park. www.independencparkchicago.com. www.facebook/ipacchicago.com

WED., JULY 5—The regular GIPNA Board Meeting IS NOT HELD IN JULY.

WED., JULY 5—IPAC Park Cleanup, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Independence Park. www.independencparkchicago.com. www.facebook/ipacchicago.com

SAT., JULY 8—Summer Artisan Fest, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Independence Park. www.independencparkchicago.com. www.facebook/ipacchicago.com

SUN., JULY 9—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

MON., JUNE 10—30th Ward Night, 5-7 p.m., 4714 W Belmont. Meet with Alder Ruth Cruz to discuss problems, ideas, etc.

MON., JULY 10—AFAC General Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Athletic Field Park.

WED., JULY 12—Kickin' the Parks, 6-7 p.m. Athletic Field Ball Fields.

WED., JULY 12—CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 6:45 p.m., Athletic Field Park.

FRI., JULY 14—Dances in the Parks (NOIP) 6:30-8 p.m., Athletic Field Basketball Court.

MON., JULY 17—30th Ward Night, 5-7 p.m., 4714 W Belmont. Meet with Alder Ruth Cruz to discuss problems, ideas, etc.

MON., JULY 17—IPAC Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., Independence Park Fieldhouse.

TUES., JULY 18—17th District Police Station Senior Citizen Community Meeting, 11 a.m., 4650 N. Pulaski Rd. Refreshments served. Doors open at 10 a.m. Please RSVP to attend: Maryjane Parks at 312/742-4588 ext. 114 or email maryjane.parks@chicagopolice.org

WED., JULY 19—Pickin' Up the Parkways, 6-7 p.m., meet at Drake and Waveland.

FRI., JULY 21—Movie in the Park, *A League of Their Own*, dusk, Independence Park. www.independencparkchicago.com. www.facebook/ipacchicago.com

SAT., JULY 22—Composting Workshop, 10 a.m.-Noon, Sulzer Regional Library. See article on page X.

SUN., JULY 23—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

MON., JULY 24—30th Ward Night, 5-7 p.m., 4714 W Belmont. Meet with Alder Ruth Cruz to discuss problems, ideas, etc.

FRI., JULY 28—Movie in the Park: Top Gun Maverick, dusk, Athletic Field Ball Fields.

MON., JULY 31—30th Ward Night, 5-7 p.m., 4714 W Belmont. Meet with Alder Ruth Cruz to discuss problems, ideas, etc.

AUGUST

TUES., AUG. 1—National Night Out, 4-7 p.m., Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox. This is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. It is especially geared toward young children with games, inflatables, plus live music and giveaways.

TUES., AUG. 1—GIPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., <https://meet.google.com/nkn-dcg-tfd>

SUN., AUG. 6—First Annual Garden Walk in Independence Park, 1-4 p.m., maps and info at the Indy Park Bungalow. See article on page 1 and flyer on page 16.

MON., AUG. 7—30th Ward Night, 5-7 p.m., 4714 W Belmont. Meet with Alder Ruth Cruz to discuss problems, ideas, etc.

MON. AUG. 7—AFAC General Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Athletic Field Park.

WED., AUG. 9—CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 6:45 p.m., Athletic Field Park.

SAT. AUG. 12—Neighborhood Market, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., community garage sale. See article on page 11.

SUN., AUG. 13—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Blood drive. See article on page 11.

MON., JULY 14—30th Ward Night, 5-7 p.m., 4714 W Belmont. Meet with Alder Ruth Cruz to discuss problems, ideas, etc.

TUES., AUG. 15—17th District Police Station Senior Citizen Community Meeting, 11 a.m., 4650 N. Pulaski Rd. Refreshments served. Doors open at 10 a.m. Please RSVP to attend: Maryjane Parks at 312/742-4588 ext. 114 or email maryjane.parks@chicagopolice.org

WED., AUG. 16—Pickin' Up the Parkways, 6-7 p.m., meet at Drake and Waveland.

THURS., AUG. 17—Murphy School's Annual Community Day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

FRI., AUG. 18—Movie in the Park, *Super Mario Brothers*, dusk, Independence Park. www.independencparkchicago.com. www.facebook/ipacchicago.com

MON., AUG. 21—30th Ward Night, 5-7 p.m., 4714 W Belmont. Meet with Alder Ruth Cruz to discuss problems, ideas, etc.

MON., AUG. 21—IPAC Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., Independence Park Fieldhouse.

FRI., AUG. 25—Movie in the Park: Black Panther-Wakanda Forever, dusk, Athletic Field Ball Fields.

SUN., AUG. 27—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 am.-1 p.m.

MON., AUG. 28—30th Ward Night, 5-7 p.m., 4714 W Belmont. Meet with Alder Ruth Cruz to discuss problems, ideas, etc.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will not be a Spanish version of the calendar.

COLOR CLUB

Be sure to check out additional art programming and events at Color Club! www.colorclub.events/events



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Your Byline Here

The *Independence Park Community Voice* is looking for a few writers to craft stories about our neighborhood. If you are looking for a way to give back to your community and you like to write, then we need you. We are seeking writers across the neighborhood, across generations, and across interests. The commitment is one story every two months and you can choose topics which interest you. We are also searching for a new editor to start August, 2023. So if you have given up your dream of writing for *The New York Times*, but still want to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard, then drop us a line at newsletter@gipna.org.

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VOICE

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Join GIPNA on Facebook

Check out the GIPNA Facebook page for news, alerts, and conversation with your neighbors. Post your own comments to get the word out on your activities and announcements. To find the page and like it, search for GIPNA: Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association.

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FUN (DRAISER)

Add a Little Color to Your Front Lawn!

You've probably noticed the colorful GIPNA lawn signs in the neighborhood. The cost for the 12" x 18" flag is only \$20 and includes the flag stand. Go to <https://gipna.org/historic-independence-park-lawn-flags> or order online using the QR code below. Flags purchased by each Friday will be delivered to your front lawn the following weekend.



RESOURCES

Important Phone Numbers

Mental Health

Call4Calm Text Line- Text TALK to 552020 for English
 Text HABLAR to 552020 for Spanish

Envision Unlimited- 773-769-2139

Kedzie Center- 773-754-0577

Rincon Family Services- 773-564-9070

Housing Assistance

Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp.- 773-227-6332

Hispanic Housing Development Corp.- 312-291-5421

Northwest Side Housing Center- 773-283-3888

Social Services

Albany Park Community Center- 773-509-5657

HANA Center- 773-583-5501

Logan Square Neighborhood Assoc.- 773-384-4370

North River Commission- 773-478-0202

Health Care

ASI Home Services- 773-278-5130

Community First Medical Center- 773-282-7000

COVID-19 Rapid Testing, North Shore Clinical- 773-570-6510

Erie Helping Hands Health Center- 312-666-3494

Oak Street Health Portage Park- 773-644-5989

Food Assistance

Chicago Hope, Inc.- 773-499-9763

Open Arms Ministry Food Distribution Center- 773-987-4677

Polish American Assoc. Pantry- 773-282-8206

Irving Park Community Food Pantry- 773-283-6296

Government Resources

Attorney General's Fraud Hotline- 1-800-386-5438

Find a Child Care Provider- 312-823-1100

IL Application for Benefits Eligibility- 1-800-843-6154

IL Department of Employment Security- 1-800-244-5631

IL Department of Public Health Hotline- 1-800-889-3931

IL Department of Aging Senior Helpline- 1-800-252-8966

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Have an Idea for the Newsletter?

If you want to see something in the neighborhood highlighted or just want to provide feedback, reach out to us at newsletter@gipna.org.



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A Luau of a Block Party

Pat Clark

The 3800 block of Lawndale threw a spectacular Hawaiian luau block party on June 3 with leis, grass skirts, inflatable palm trees, and even a hip swaying blow-up Hawaiian Santa.

Three dancers from the Hokule'a Academy of Polynesian Arts put on a great show of South Pacific dances, such as the Hawaiian hula and Maori haka, all in appropriate costumes. Not only were they tremendously entertaining, but also incredibly limber! Their performance was the highlight of the day. Neighbors from Lawndale and beyond agree that Christopher Rose throws amazing block parties and hope he never grows tired of doing so.



COMMUNITY

It's a Sweep: Alley Cleanup, Cleaned Up

Sue Ryan

They came, they cleaned, and they ate donuts. The annual alley cleanup was the day to spruce up alleys and public spaces and many neighbors showed up ready to work. Families brought their kids and showed by example how to serve the community. Children with trash grabbers and work gloves helped fill extra large garbage bags. Heaps of trash had accumulated along Parkview Terrace adjacent to the expressway. For some reason, people think it is okay to toss their litter in public spaces.

Our new alder, Ruth Cruz and members of her staff pitched in and also brought rakes and shovels. Shout out to State Rep Jamie Andrade and his staff, and Samantha Norsteadt, Chief of Staff for State Rep Lindsey LaPointe. A crew from Disney II High School's environmental club lent a hand with guidance from Alicia Messenger, who teaches environmental science. Thanks also to Dr. Shick and Mr. Burton, principal and vice principal respectively at Murphy Elementary. Thanks also to Mark Watkins, who spearheaded the cleanup and other GIPNA neighbors who greeted neighbors with coffee, donuts, rakes and shovels.

If you were unable to participate in the alley cleanup, keeping our neighborhood free of debris is a yearlong endeavor. If you see trash in a public space, take a moment to dispose of it to the nearest trash bin in the alley.



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Block Party Tutorial

Pat Clark

Here's the scoop on how to host a block party. Decide on a date and then apply for a block party permit. Plan ahead as much as possible! Go to www.cityofchicago.gov and type in Block Party Permit in the search box. The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) must receive the request for a block party permit from your alder office within three business days prior to the event to ensure the permit is issued for the event. The web site explains in a quite detailed manner what is allowed and not allowed. At the bottom of that web page, click on Block Party Permit Information Form (application form). That form needs to be filled out and emailed to your alder's office (ward30@cityofchicago.org or ward45@cityofchicago.org).

To request mounted police at your block party: <https://home.chicagopolice.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Mounted-Unit-Request-Form.pdf>

To request canine patrol: contact your alder's office: Alder James Gardiner, ward45@cityofchicago.org; Alder Ruth Cruz, ward30@cityofchicago.org

To request a fire truck: contact your alderperson's office: Alder James Gardiner, ward45@cityofchicago.org; Alder Ruth Cruz, ward30@cityofchicago.org and ask for an application form.

The Jumping Jack Program is free and runs through Sunday, September 2, 2023. It is limited to Residential Block Parties within the city limits of Chicago. For complete information on this, go to www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/jumping-jack/home/application.html. The site has a home page, general rules, and an application.

For a really fun addition to your block party, how about a snow cone machine? State Senator Robert F. Martwick has one that you can borrow! Contact his office at 773/286-1115 or email daniel@senatormarkwick.com.

Farmers Market Blood Drive on August 13

Sue Ryan

Over the years, our Independence Park Farmers Market organizers have made it easy to drop-off your excesses. Think papers for shredding, books, plants, and electronics. Now there is another thing for you to donate: Your blood. GIPNA will host a blood drive outside of the Independence Park Fieldhouse on August 13 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Appointments preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

While about 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood, fewer than 5% do. During summer, the nation's blood supply is often at a critical low point and a pint of your blood will ensure that surgeries and transfusions continue uninterrupted. Whether you are O pos, B pos, A/B or any other type, patients need you.

All you need to do to prepare for your donation is get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy meal at least an hour before donating, be well hydrated and bring your government issued ID card. The minimum age to donate is 17; however, 16 year olds may donate with a signed permission from a parent or guardian.

It's easy to verify that you are eligible. If you have additional questions about blood donation, please check Ver-siti's Blood Donation FAQs at:



To pre-register, scan the QR code below to get the process started. Our goal is 30 pints. The entire process takes about an hour, but the actual donation time is only 8-10 minutes. Afterwards, you'll be treated to juice, cookies and crackers. And you'll have a good excuse to limit vigorous exercise. Mark your calendar for 8/13/23 and feel good by doing good.



Outdoor Dining Options

Sue Ryan

Summer is here. Take advantage of restaurants serving up alfresco dining. These restaurants support our neighborhood, so let's support them. Check websites for hours and menus.

Big League Burgers	3734 W. Irving Park Rd.
Chicken Works & Salad Company	3658 W. Irving Park Rd.
JT's Genuine Sandwich Shop	3970 N. Elston Ave.
Leona's Pizzeria & Restaurant	3877 N. Elston Ave.
Mirabella Italian Cuisine & Bar	3454 W. Addison St.
Mis Moles Restaurant	3661 N. Elston Ave.
Original Alps Pancake House	3637 W Irving Park Rd.
Stay and Play Game Café	3932 W. Irving Park Rd.



Banners - Out With the Old, In With the New

Sue Ryan

If you are driving or walking (which might be faster these days), it would be hard to miss the bright, vibrant GIPNA banners adorning the upper reaches of street lamps on Elston and Irving Park. These welcoming banners were made possible by individuals and businesses who sponsored a banner.

A huge thank you to our most recent sponsors:

CoCreate - Psychotherapy.com
Farmers Market Garden Center
Golden Leaf Liquors
Stay and Play Game Cafe
Triangle Radiator Service (Don't let the name mislead you. Triangle is a full service auto mechanic shop.)

In addition, thanks to the GIPNA Board who sponsored two banners. Greg and Liz Shea purchased a banner as did Chris Anderson and Chris Mark who sponsored a banner in memory of Tom Looney.

Thanks to Dickie Nichols, who single-handedly took on the project. She surveyed where the torn faded banners needed a fresh banner, personally delivered

letters to area businesses, ordered the banners and coordinated their installation.

There are several lonely lamp-posts waiting for their own banner. Not to sound like an NPR fundraiser, but if you have considered supporting the banner replacement project, now is the time to do so. You won't receive a coffee mug or tote bag, but you will get that lovely feeling from supporting a good cause and a shout out in this newsletter. It's a win-win.



News from Carlson Community Services

Liz Mills

Three Brothers Garden Update

Thanks to Judy Sviatko for stepping forward to head the Three Brothers Garden Committee this season! Judy's expertise and passion for gardening will serve the garden well. Over several work days in April and May, we've filled the raised beds with fresh compost and planted seeds and seedlings.

Students from Carlson's after-school program transplanted tomatoes they grew from seeds. Thanks to the many volunteers who have helped get the garden going, including Independence Park neighbors Sue and Ellen Ryan. In June, Saint Louis University student Ruth Bouman began her stint as Garden Intern. Welcome Ruth!

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday nights to harvest vegetables for the Irving Park Food Pantry's clients. The garden is located at 4107 N. Pulaski, next to the Irving Park Lutheran Church parking lot. Contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org

or 773-398-6766 if you'd like to be notified of garden work days and events, or sign up for our newsletter at carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Plant a Row for the Hungry with Three Brothers Garden!

Three Brothers Garden is inviting home gardeners to participate in a program called Plant a Row for the Hungry. Bring us your surplus or dedicate a row in your garden to growing crops for donation to the Irving Park Food Pantry. Starting in late June, leave your donation on the table inside the garden gate every Tuesday before 6 p.m. Your donation will be brought to the Food Pantry on Wednesday morning for immediate distribution to Food Pantry clients.

MAP Wraps Up!

The Magic-After School Place (MAP) wrapped up the year in early June with a party that brought together students, families and staff for pizza, ice cream sundaes and student awards. Thank you to program director Rebecca Haneberg, and Laurie Paliga and Emily Moreno for a great year! In addition to having a safe place to go after school to do homework, MAP's 30 students experimented with rockets and kinetic sand, made masks and learned about colors and shapes, created culinary treats and spent many hours building friendships and having fun! For 2023-2024 enrollment information, email

mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org.

Carlson Community Services connects the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, visit carlsoncommunityservices.org or contact Liz Mills at 773-398-6766 or lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org.



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Blue Bin Basics



Pat Clark

To help make recycling successful, we all need to know what can and cannot be put in our Blue Bins. Recyclebycity.com/chicago/guide lists the basics to the Blue Bins, such as empty all containers, no food or liquid allowed. Place items loosely in the blue recycle cart, without a bag. Recycle cartons (empty and re-cap); glass bottles and jars, metal cans and foil, paper and cardboard (flatten boxes), and plastic containers (empty and re-cap).

Keep these out: no garbage, no bagged recyclables, no plastic bags or wrap, no food or liquid, no scrap metal, no electronics, no tanglers (no hoses, cords, chains).

Be a Pooper Scooper

Katie Kobeszka

Raise your hand if you've ever forgotten poop bags while walking your dog. We are guilty of this. I've been envious of towns and parks that proactively place dog poop bag dispensers around walkable areas. So we made our own! If you ever find yourself on the 3800 block of N. Ridgeway and realize you have forgotten some bags, we have you covered. We will try to keep this new post filled in an effort to not keep dog poop from sitting around attracting rats and killing grass.

If you are interested in making your own and placing it in your parkway, it was very easy to construct and cost about \$50.00. We simply pounded in a post from a hardware store and got the dispenser off Amazon (lots of options!). Dan went fancy and added a solar light to the top. If you would like more info about how to make your own, feel free to say "hi!" when you walk by and ask or email Katie at kkobeszka@gmail.com. Our daughter Elly loves dogs and you might find her waving in the window as you walk by.



Greg Shea, Farmers Market Manager

Ellen Ryan

Summertime! Flip flops, leaving the house without a jacket, opening windows, getting ice cream, seeing neighbors on the street and, of course, our Independence Park Farmers Market. Held the second and fourth Sunday of the month through October from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., it is - in this author's humble opinion - one of the best things about this neighborhood. It takes a village to have it run smoothly, and the chief of that village for the last eight years is none other than Greg Shea.

Greg volunteered once a week at the Rogers Park Farmers Market when he and his wife, Liz, lived there. When that market's manager found out the Sheas were moving to Independence Park, he said "you have to meet Pat Clark." Pat had founded the market 18 years ago along with John Aitken and managed it for nine years. Greg asked Pat about getting involved and the next thing he knew, he became the market manager for Greater Independence Park.

Greg downplays the time and energy commitment required to run the market, but Pat says it is a ton of work. The vendors don't just magically appear at the market. So much work goes on behind the scenes! After a bit of planning in the fall, there are permits to secure - still done the old fashioned pen and paper way - and insurance to obtain. Greg reaches out to the vendors and asks them to reapply or for the



vendors to reach out to him.

On the day of the market, three or four "regulars" (including Eric Garcia and John Kuczera) arrive at the park at 7:00 a.m. sharp to set up all of the tents. Volunteers at the market need to collect the vendor fees and donations for the gift baskets raffled off at each farmers market. They collect GIPNA membership dues and manage the credit card machine and field a wide array of questions from visitors. And then volunteers take down the tents. Sometimes vendors drop out and Greg needs to find a replacement. Greg said we have many people who help with the market, but it's up to Greg to ensure that all of this runs smoothly. My words, not his. An example of his diligence? A while back, a vendor from Kenosha couldn't get her pies down here, so Greg actually drove up to Kenosha to get them! That's dedication.

Greg said the market draws farmers from Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, but there are fewer vendors than in the past. The pandemic put some farmers out of business, the vendors don't have the staff they used to have, and there is greater competition from other nearby farmers markets which have popped up fairly recently. His vision for the market is to include more entertainment,

more arts and crafts, more prepared food and upping the variety of vendors. We will be getting some bands from the Old Town School of Music this summer. Also, jot down August 13 for our first annual blood drive. This will, of course, be in addition to the bluegrass band, Dave, our knife sharpening guy, the annual book exchange and the children's arts and craft table.

The market offers so much. Yet, what Greg loves the best is that it brings people together on a random Sunday morning. This leads to friendships and relationships and binds us in a way we don't realize. If you haven't checked it out, please do, and if you haven't thanked Greg for his work, do that as well.

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Water Your Trees. They Are Thirsty.

Sue Ryan

Just as we crave a glass of water when we're outside on a hot summer day, our trees do the same. If you have a tree that is less than three years old, you should water it weekly. A general rule of thumb is to water at the base for 30 minutes

Kristen Holub Honored for Her Service

Sue Ryan

Kudos to Kristen Holub who received the Dennis Puhr Service Award for extraordinary service to Murphy School. Kristen has been active at Murphy for over a decade and most recently chaired the Murphy prom which set a record for fundraising. The next time you are walking along the 3700 block of Central Park, marvel at the school's newly painted fence, also the result of Kristen's handiwork. Thank you, Kristen, for giving and giving and giving some more to the community.



with a garden hose. Set the hose at a slow steady stream. Trees prefer a trickle for a longer time rather than a short blast of water. No hose? No problem. Use a five gallon bucket of water and pour water slowly around the base of the tree. Repeat two more times. As you water, envision the canopy that will form in the parkway from the Openlands' trees planted over the past three years. Even mature trees need watering when there are long stretches of dry days, so go ahead and quench their thirst as well.

We Will Chicago

Pat Clark

The following is excerpted from a City of Chicago brochure. Chicago's first citywide planning initiative in more than 50 years began in summer 2020 and will continue into 2023. Known as We Will Chicago, the plan is intended to address Chicago's most significant civic challenges while leveraging its strengths as the country's most livable global city.

Formal plans like We Will are used by cities worldwide to guide policy decisions, establish budgeting priorities, identify capital improvements, refine community services, enact legislation, and deliver other public benefits. Chicago's most recent citywide plan was completed in 1966, making Chicago the largest city in the country to lack a contemporary plan for all its neighborhoods.

As a people-first plan, We Will Chicago will identify goals that are important to Chicagoans and provide strategies to achieve them. We Will Chicago will create a formal planning document that will be presented for adoption to the Chicago Plan Commission and the City Council. The plan will then serve as a roadmap to ensure all Chicago's public agencies are proactively addressing current and future needs through principles of equity and resiliency.

The plan pillars are Arts and Culture, Economic Development, Environment, Climate and Energy, Housing and Neighborhoods, Lifelong Learning, Public Health and Safety, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

To learn more, visit wewillchicago.com/calendar.

Nature in the Neighborhood

Lorraine & David Antieau

Backyard Butterflies

Summer is the time for butterflies in our yard. Who doesn't delight in watching the brightly colored insects flitting among the blossoms? While we enjoy many butterfly guests to the yard throughout the warm months, let's take a look at our four most common visitors:



Cabbage White (*Pieris rapae*)

This smallish, white butterfly, native to Europe, Asia, and Africa, is now common throughout the world. In our area, the most common variety has dark tips and a white spot or two on the forewing.



Red Admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*)

With a 1 3/4 - 3" wingspan, the larger Red Admiral is very common in the US and worldwide. Its body is black, with white spots on the tips of the forewings and brilliant reddish-orange bands on the forewing and along the bottom of the hind wing.



Eastern Black Swallowtail (*Papilio polyxenes*)

The Black Swallowtail is a stylish butterfly with 3 1/4 - 4 1/4 inch wingspan. They are black with yellow or creamy white markings, blue spots along the bottom of the hind wing, and two red "eyes" at the edge of the hind wings. Particularly noticeable are the "tails" at the end of the hind wings. The males and females have different markings, and they can be confused with other swallowtail species, such as Pipevine and Spice Bush.



Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*)

Of course, we are all familiar with the beautiful Monarch butterfly, possibly the most easily identified species, given its large size (3 1/2 - 4"), and distinctive black and orange coloration. One amazing thing about this species is that it migrates up to 2500 miles in the fall in search of warmer climes, and returns in the spring as temperatures warm.

Over the course of a summer, in addition to these common guests, we may also enjoy the company of Buckeyes, Painted Ladies, American Painted Ladies, Tiger Swallowtails, Giant Swallowtails, several tiny Skipper varieties: Fiery, Peck's, Silver Spotted, Pearl Crescents, Red Spotted Purples, Commas and Question Marks – the names are almost as entertaining as watching them fluttering among the flowers!

To help us identify our visitors, we keep two field guides handy: *Butterflies of Illinois: A Field Guide* by Michael Jeffers, Susan Post and James Riker, and *Butterflies through Binoculars: The East* by Jeffrey Glassberg.

You may wonder how to invite a delightful variety of butterflies to frequent your own yard. While entire books have been written on this topic, a few key components to a butterfly-friendly garden include:

- Parts of your yard should receive 6 hours of sunlight per day.
- Avoid applying insecticides or herbicides, including your lawn care service.
- Focus on native species of flowering plants, trees and grasses.
- Butterflies love colorful and highly scented flowers planted in masses, as opposed to rows or single specimens.
- Consult with your local garden center for ideas; if you are working with a landscape designer, request that your plan include primarily native species.
- Milkweed, butterfly weed, coneflower, blazing star, black-eyed Susan, lupine, golden Alexander, bee balm, ironweed, goldenrod, native varieties of coreopsis, mint, aster and sunflower, are good flowering plants to start with.
- Butterflies and other insects lay their eggs on leaves and stems which become debris in autumn. Go easy on fall and early spring clean-up, so you're not disturbing or discarding next summer's beautiful visitors.





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Kickball Tournament Is Back

Sue Ryan

Nothing can compete with playing kickball on a beautiful fall day, so come over to Independence Park and join the fun. The third annual GIPNA Kickball Tournament is September 9, but it is never too early to round up a team. Don't worry whether you are good enough. If

you have two legs, you can play. Last year's bragging rights went to Team Red in a close match against Team Green in the final. The winners were awarded fabulous prizes from our sponsors and all players enjoyed snacks afterwards. The crew from Monticello won the participation award with 14 neighbors playing last year. Come on Lawn-dale, Ridgeway, Central Park, Hamlin, Byron, Grace, Avers, Springfield and Dakin! Let's kick this off. Field a team and secure your own bragging rights. Registration is \$30 per person and includes a team t-shirt. Check GIPNA.org for details and registration information.



NEIGHBORHOOD

Good Eating in the Neighborhood

Suzie Bohacik

I am a fan of a good old school Italian restaurant and if you are too, head to Mirabella on Addison at St. Louis and say hello to owner and chef Arturo Aucaquizpi and his amazing staff!

I recently took a party of five to Mirabella on a gorgeous night in May. We arrived around 6:30 p.m. and were definitely the last patrons to leave! Not only were we having a great time, but the staff really made us feel spoiled. More on that later!

Upon arriving, we were greeted by a friendly bartender and were immediately seated. Note: we went on a Thursday and I did make a reservation which I recommend because the dining room filled up quickly. We were given the menus and WOW! I fell in love with the place right then and there. The nostalgia and menu of Mirabella just brought me back to childhood growing up in a predominately Italian neighborhood. I loved Sunday lunch at (insert any of my childhood friends of Italian descent) house. The menu is extensive and there is something on it for everyone.

Cesar, our server, came by with the specials for both appetizers and entrees. On top of that, there's an extensive steak and chops tray, which included filet, T-bone, rib-eye, veal, and lamb. Our party was up for trying it all and ordered the calamari, crab cakes and grilled octopus just for appetizers alone. We were all hungry that evening and everything was phenomenal! The appetizers were unanimously

rated five out of five stars by all of us!

We moved on to the entrées which were served with a choice of soup or salad. I live by a motto of always going with the special, so I ordered lump crab fettuccine. Between the rest of the table there was chicken marsala, chicken parmesan, linguine with clams and a T-bone steak. Again, unanimous rave reviews!

Arturo Aucaquizpi is an Ecuadorian immigrant with a talent for culinary arts. He came to the states as a teenager and spoke very little English. He took his first job at Erie Café in River North and has worked at Gene & Georgetti and other fine dining establishments. I encourage you to let him share his history with you.

Back to my evening at Mirabella. I mentioned my love for old school and when I heard there was flambé, well, we had to order everything! The staff pulled out the cart and flambéed everything flambé-able tableside. We had bananas foster, peach flambé, cherries jubilee, all served with ice cream. It was reminiscent of those days gone by and we loved every minute of it!

We all had a perfectly pleasant evening with great food, great company and great hosts! Thank you, Mirabella, we will be back!



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Food Pantry Opens Herb Garden

John Psiharis

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry has started its herb garden for the year. The garden allows us to offer clients a range of fresh herbs each week, including sage, basil, cilantro, parsley, mint, chives, thyme, and oregano. Volunteers harvest the herbs each week and offer them to clients immediately.

If you would like to donate to its upkeep and expansion, please contact Lisa Hendricks, who is coordinating the program, at lisa.29bi@comcast.net. To donate funds directly, you can use PayPal at www.irvingparkfoodpantry.org or mail a check marked for "Garden" to Irving Park Food Pantry, 4256 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago, IL 60618,

Pantry volunteers will be staffing a booth at the Independence Park Farmers Market during the last Sunday of each month this summer (July 23, August 27, September 24, and October 22). Stop by to say hi, ask questions, learn about volunteering or donate.

Many groups provided support this month, and we thank them all:

- The Irving Park Garden Club, which donated a variety of herb



and vegetable seedlings to help get our garden started.

- Templestowe Pub, which raised \$400 for the Pantry at its monthly Bingo Night.
- St. Viator Elementary School, which held a Lenten canned-food drive that gathered more than 2,000 cans of food.
- Six Corners StoryTellers, which held an event at Tatas Kitchen and Social, 5700 W. Irving Park Rd., at which 10% of sales were donated to the Pantry.
- Palmer Elementary School, which held a canned-food drive that collected more than 1,000 cans of food.
- Carl Schurz High School, which ran consecutive drives to gather socks and pet food. They dropped off flyers and then later went through the neighborhood to pick up donations
- The Boy Scouts of St. Edward's Church, who held a food drive for the Pantry that brought in a vanload of food of all types.
- The organizations who supported our Senior Day on May 3, which was open to our clients and any neighbors in our service area. Those groups

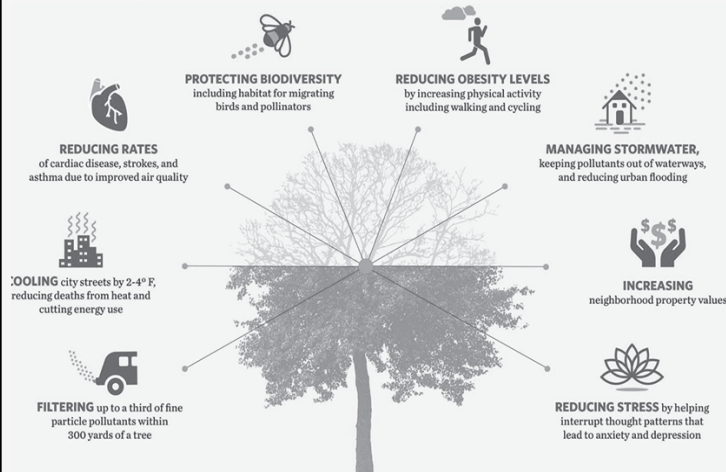
comprise Caption-Call, Cano Health, Hana Center, and Irish Community Service.

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IPAC 2023 Upcoming Events

Park Clean Ups

July 5, August 7, September 5, October 9

6:30pm-7:30pm

**On this date, stick around after for a tree walk to learn more about our park's trees and the benefits trees provide.

Tuesday July 4, 2023

4TH Of July Parade & Games

10am-12pm

Saturday July 8, 2023

Artisan Collective Market

11AM - 5PM

Friday July 21, 2023

Movie in the Park

A League of Their Own

Dusk

Friday August 18, 2023

Movie in the Park

Super Mario Brothers

Dusk

Saturday September 30, 2023

Indy Fest

*Our meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm at the fieldhouse. Please come and share your ideas.

*For more information about all of our events, check us out online:

www.independenceparkchicago.com

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Emergency Kit

Pat Clark

What do you need in case of an emergency? Take a look at the chart on the right for essentials. If you are medically vulnerable, please take immediate action on the following:

- Medically dependent on electricity? Inform ComEd at 1-800-334-7661.
- Do you rely on dialysis? Visit <https://www.kidney.org/atoz/content/emergencymeal> for emergency meal planning.
- Oxygen dependent? Ask your doctor how to extend your oxygen during an emergency.
- Wheelchair dependent? Store back-up mobility aids.
- Medications? Ask your doctor for an emergency prescription.
- Vaccinations? Make sure that you and your family are up-to-date on your immunizations. Everyone 6 months of age or older should get an annual flu shot.

This information is from Prepare Chicago, an initiative of Healthy Chicago.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket/towel | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of important documents* | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust mask |

Place your supplies in a container and inform your family of its location. Please ensure to store enough food and water for every member of your family for at least three days. Don't forget your pets!

*prescriptions, medical insurance, homeowner's insurance

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It's More Than a Garage Sale!

Alison Benjamin

Irving Park Neighborhood Market

Saturday, August 12, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join with neighbors from Kimball to Pulaski to sell and promote your garage sale bargains, artwork, crafts, clothing, plants and whatever other talents you'd like to share.

The more sales on a block or alley the better. Recruit your friends and others on your block and work together to make it a worthwhile stop for customers.

Questions? Contact Athletic Field Advisory Council (www.athleticfieldpark.com) or info@gipna.org.

How to Compost in Chicago

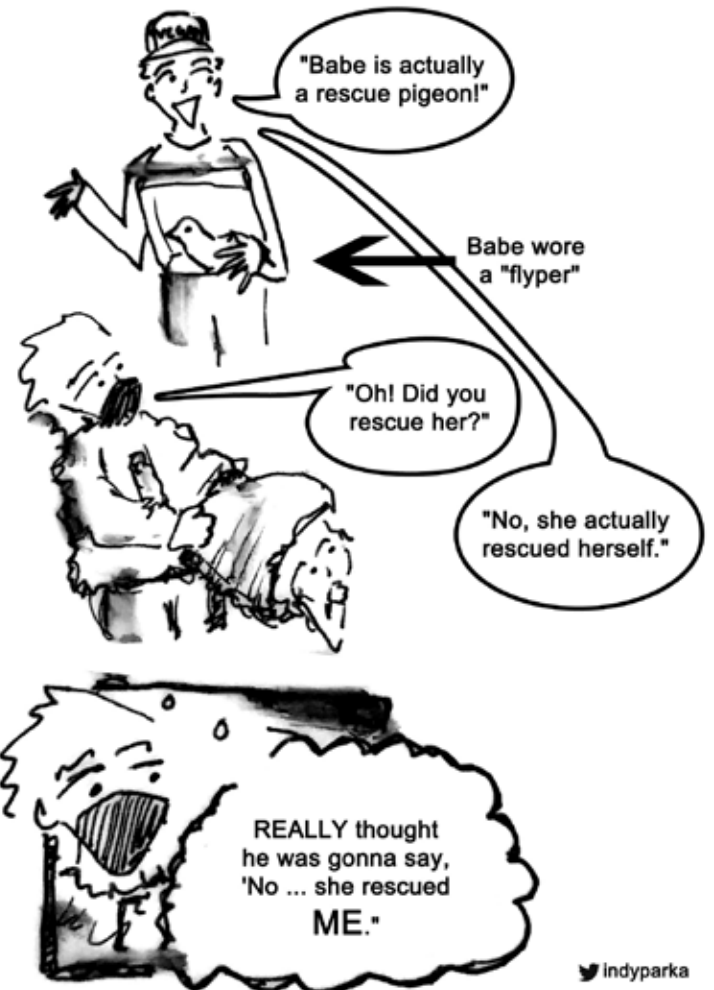
Join the 47th Ward Green Council to learn about the current landscape for composting in Chicago from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at Sulzer Regional Library, Chicago Public Library 4455 North Lincoln Ave.

This event is free, but requires registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/47th-ward-green-council-66770956663>

Hear from researchers, community groups, private compost services and the City of Chicago about why composting is so important, what options and resources are available to residents, and what compost policies and programs the city is working on, including a community compost pilot at Montrose Metra Community Gardens in the ward. Coffee and bagels provided.

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by erica dreisbach



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Frugal Household Cleaners

Pat Clark

Since most of the cleaners we use in our homes are petroleum-based, here's a list of a few home-made frugal, non-toxic based ones for some common cleaning jobs.

Eyeglasses cleaner: Mix 1 part water, 1 part rubbing alcohol, and 1 drop of dish detergent in a spray bottle. Spritz your glasses with this cleaner and polish with that special cloth that came with your new glasses. Do not wash the special cloth ever with fabric softener.

Drain cleaner: Pour 1 cup of salt into the drain, followed by 1 cup of baking soda and 1 cup of white vinegar. Allow the vinegar to react with the salt and baking soda for about 30 seconds, then add 2 quarts of boiling water.

Hard water spots: Soak a cloth in white vinegar. Spray additional vinegar on a towel to prevent it from drying out. Remove the towel and scrub the area with a soft nylon brush.

Toilet: To get rid of rust stains, pour 2 cups of white vinegar into the bowl, wait 30 minutes, then scrub. Avoid chlorine bleach, which can set rust stains.

Showerheads: To descale a showerhead, fill a plastic bag with white vinegar; secure it to the showerhead with a rubber band so the head is submerged overnight. Remove and flush with hot water. Tackle stuck-on buildup with a toothbrush or toothpick.

Clothing degreaser and armpit odor fighter: Use an old spray bottle. Fill it with 1 part liquid laundry detergent, 1 part

ammonia and 1 part water. Spray on those underarm areas and greasy collars.

Washing machine: To sanitize the drum, pour in a quart of white vinegar with a cup of baking soda, and scrub with a stiff nylon brush, then run a heavy-duty cycle at the hottest setting. Use a toothbrush and vinegar to scrub detergent compartments, or toss removable ones in the dishwasher. Use hot, soapy water to deslime the door gasket, then dry.

Dryer: Clean the lint trap with a crevice vacuum attachment, then wipe down the drum with a 1-to-1 solution of diluted white vinegar and water. To clean the exhaust of lint buildup, unplug the machine and remove the duct at the back of the dryer. Use a rotary brush to pull out lint and debris, then vacuum up any remaining fibers. Be sure to remove and clean the exterior vent, too.

Window glass cleaner: Mix 1 pint of rubbing alcohol with ½ cup soapy ammonia. Add enough water to make one gallon of glass cleaner. Fill an old Windex bottle with this solution.

Plexiglas cleaner: Be sure and use a microfiber cloth for this. Mix 2 cups of water, add 1 Tb. dish detergent, mix gently so that you don't create bubbles, and spray on the cloth. It's best to spray on the cloth directly rather than spraying on the Plexi. This keeps the fluid from seeping behind the Plexi onto the artwork. Gently wipe the surface in a circular motion until dry. Plexi is frequently used instead of glass on framed artwork and pictures. You can easily tell if your artwork is framed under glass or Plexi by lightly tapping it

with your ring. Glass makes a hard sound; Plexi makes a softer sound.

There's lots more info available on the internet about frugal homemade cleaners. Next time I'll write about using such things as beer, cotton balls, Epsom salts, and mayonnaise as cleaners or for personal care around the house.

SCHOOLS

Murphy School News

Dr. Rebeca Shick, Principal

This year at Murphy School we accomplished so much. I could shout from the rooftops how proud I am of all our students, staff, families, and community members who made this a wonderful year. Our students learned, grew academically, made art and music, competed

in sports and robotics, and so much more. Throughout all of our accomplishments our rooting was in community and honoring the lived experience and identities of our students and families. Our school community supported our vision through volunteering, donations, and continuous care and love. There is no doubt in my mind that we will continue to build upon this year and more great things will come.

Join us August 17 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for our Annual Community Day! Our back-to-school celebration will also have games, food, and community resources. We are also hiring this summer for Before School Care supervision and Recess/Lunch monitors. If you would like more information or would like a school tour, please contact Dr. Shick at 773-534-9892 or Mr. Burton 773-534-5238.

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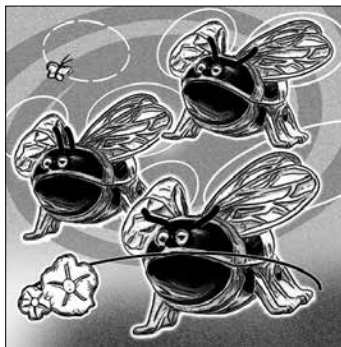
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Rain Date: August 13th

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