

Wine & Cheese Party at Independence Tap

Don't miss it! On November 19, GIPNA is holding its fourth Wine & Cheese Party, this time at the Independence Tap. The Wine & Cheese Party, a neighborhood favorite, is a fundraiser to benefit John B. Murphy School and the Independence Park Farmers Market.

Savor excellent wines and cheese, visit with friends and neighbors, and support Murphy School and the many Independence Park kids who attend. Beyond the feasting, fun, and fellowship, there will be raffles, a Silent Auction, and the

Last year proceeds from the Wine & Cheese Party enabled GIPNA to donate \$10,000 to Murphy School, which it used to continue the arts and music programs. The event will also support the Independence Park Farmers Market, which costs GIPNA more than \$3,000 each summer. Your support will help us cover the expense of the 2017 market.

The party will be held on Saturday, November 19, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Independence Tap, 3932 W. Irving Park Road. Tickets are \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door—a price that brings you unlimited wine, appetizers, and fun. You can purchase tickets online at www.gipna.org.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



NOVEMBER

TUES., NOV. 1 GIPNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Independence Park Bungalow.

TUES., NOV. 8 Athletic Field Advisory Council, 6:30 p.m., Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison.

WED., NOV. 9 CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison.

TUES., NOV. 15 Senior Meeting, 11:00 a.m. to noon, 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

WED., NOV. 16 Independence Park Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m., Independence Park Fieldhouse.

SAT., NOV. 19 4th Annual Wine & Cheese Party, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Independence Tap, 3932 W. Irving Park Road.

DECEMBER

SAT., DEC. 3 Chocolate House Making, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Athletic Field Park Fieldhouse, 3546 W. Addison Fieldhouse.

TUES., DEC. 6 GIPNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Independence Park Bungalow .

TUES., DEC. 13 Athletic Field Advisory Council, 6:30 p.m., Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison.

WED., DEC. 14 CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison. TUES., DEC. 20 Senior Meeting, 11:00 a.m. to noon, 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

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Your GIPNA Membership Helps Support...

- The Independence Park Farmers Market
- The Gourmet Pancake Breakfast
- The Wine & Cheese Party
- The Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale
- This wonderful newsletter, The Independence Park Community Voice
- Our Facebook page, which connects the whole neighborhood
- Mowing and maintenance on community gardens
- Contributions to John B. Murphy School, IPAC, Carlson Community Services, Adoptaa-Family, Lydia Home, Independence Park Community Food Pantry, and many other worthy causes

 And most importantly, the spirit of cooperation and community that makes the Independence Park neighborhood our home, not just our address

Join GIPNA or renew your membership at gipna.org.

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Chicago Police Department's CLEARmap

CLEARmap is a website with analysis and reporting compiled by the Chicago Police Department. It allows the public to access crime incidents, crime summaries, and listings of sex offenders and gun offenders; voice community concerns; and find block clubs. The information can be searched using an address or community area, ward, police beat or district, and around a school or park. You can also search within a customdrawn polygon or with a name. The website is home.chicagopolice.org/online-services/clearmap/ APPRECIATION

Thanks to Our Lifetime Members

Throughout the summer, and particularly in September, we talk to browsers at the Farmers Markets about their GIPNA memberships, both new and renewed. However, Lifetime Members have settled the issue once and for all—and by doing so, supported GIPNA and the community for years to come.

We appreciate the \$100 onetime fee, which goes into our general fund to support activities like the Farmers Market, the Gourmet Pancake Breakfast, community garden maintenance, and so many others. More than that, though, we appreciate the commitment to GIPNA and to the Independence Park community that the membership signifies. (And remember, it's tax-deductible!)

Thank you, Lifetime members! Your belief in the neighborhood helps us all.

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The Independence Park Community Voice is published by the Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association (GIPNA), a 501(C)3 corporation.

This newsletter is for the Independence Park community. Please consider renewing your membership or joining GIPNA now. We need your support. Thank you.

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GIPNA's Block Reps Deliver Every Time

Due to unavoidable production difficulties (actually, a mental lapse on the part of The Editor), we didn't include the Block Reps in our membership list last issue. Oh well—now we have an excuse to highlight them and recognize their huge contribution.

The Block Reps are among our most visible representatives in the neighborhood. Each issue they take delivery of *The Independence Park Community Voice* and drop it off to every home on their block (and on multiple blocks for some). We've been producing the newsletter for more than 15 years, and some of our Block Reps have carried the load for the entire run.

So we say "Thank you!" for their work and their dependability. Here are our current Block Reps; next time you seen them on their rounds, say hello and thanks!

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COMMUNICATION

E-Blasts to GIPNA Members

All GIPNA members who have access to email should be receiving e-blasts each Thursday. The emails are compiled by GIPNA and feature such news as announcements of events in the community, crime reports, and notices of meetings.

If you're a member in good standing and are not receiving the blasts, send an email to us at gipnamail@gmail.com. We'll sign you up so that you don't miss any more neighborhood announcements.

LOCAL ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Heating It Up With Glassmaking

One of your earliest life lessons probably went something like this: If you play with fire, you're going to get burned. However, according to Independence Park resident and glass artist Sharon Gilbert, nothing could be further from the truth.

From the moment Sharon touched hot glass, she fell under its spell. In fact, she says the art of glassblowing—which involves manipulating 2,000-degree molten glass—is downright fun.

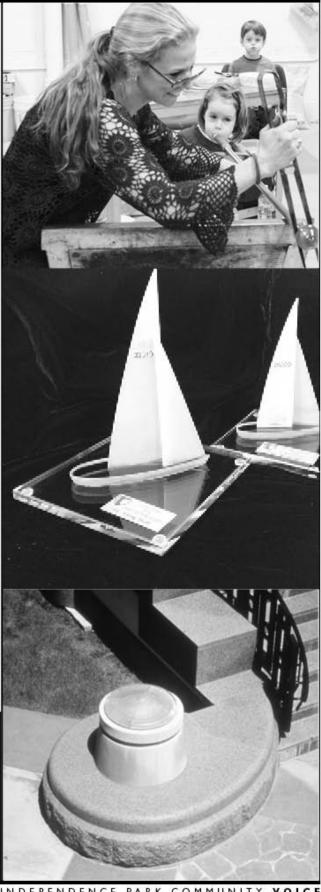
She uses an untraditional approach, combining expertise in several warm-glass processes blowing, fusing, and casting—to create her artwork. In blowing, she dips a five-foot-long pipe into a pot of molten glass to blow bubbles, then layers imagery and patterns into the surfaces. Fusing involves building imagery with cold pieces of colored glass on a flat plane. and then heating up the block and reshaping it. Casting uses multiple processes to work three-dimensional imagery either within the glass or into relief coming out of the glass.

Combining the processes gives Sharon an unusually wide range of possibilities for the look of the finished work. She says her goal is to integrate her work with a client's overall design plan by designing to fit an environment, rather than stamping her own set of designs onto any given project.

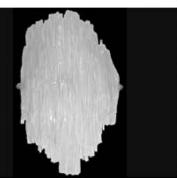
Sharon has spent the last 25 years creating custom glasswork in her studio, Talisman Glass. Her work combines strong colors and textures playing off historical glass forms and usage, but the pieces are very modern. Her work, for both indoor and outdoor environments, can be seen in restaurants, churches, businesses, and homes across America.

The architectural work can combine glass with stone or metal to make up large-scale installationsanything from solid blocks with imagery in them to store displays, fountains, entry sculptures, and the colorful lighting she is known for. Sharon also makes advertising props, does prototyping for test marketing with large companies, and creates memorial keepsakes for families with cremains from pets and people. While most of the work is created in collaboration with architects and interior designers, she also works with individuals directly for residential work.

Along with her business of creating custom glass, she also teaches classes to share the magic of glass and give a taste of the fun of glassblowing to the public. Check out the options on her website, www. talismanglass.com.







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Robbery Alert! Don't Become a Victim

The following information about how to avoid being a robbery victim was handed out at a recent CAPS meeting:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not overdrink: Intoxicated people become easy victims.
- Stranger danger: Be careful whom you walk past and who follows you.
- 4. Don't walk with headphones on.
- Stay off your cell phone. Don't advertise your property. Use a Bluetooth.

 Be alert! Dial 911 for anything suspicious. Note the person's description, direction of flight, and vehicle, if any.

The CAPS meetings are an opportunity to meet local beat officers and bring up concerns about problems on your block or in your area.

CAPS meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison, second floor. The next meeting is November 9, and the December meeting is on the 14th. You can also email the CAPS office directly at CAPS.017district@chicagopolice.org, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CAPS.017, or call 312-742-4588.

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HAPPY HARVEST

Farmers Market Says Goodbye for 2016

October featured the last of the Independence Park Farmers Markets for the summer. Neighbors and friends enjoyed another year of great food, great music, and great Sunday mornings of shopping and community.

For the final markets, we welcomed a fish monger, Bob De Palma and the Aspiring Kitchen. On his first visit he sold out all his stock; he was extremely pleased and intends to return next year. Unfortunately, Dave the Knife Sharpener decided in September not to return for the remainder of the summer, citing lack of business. It's a good reminder that the Independence Park community needs to support the vendors to keep the market going.

We continued such popular features as the book swap, recycling events—including battery recycling—appearances by local politicians, and the Children's Craft Class table. And of course, we once again thank the Independence Park Ramblers, our beloved bluegrass band, for entertaining at every market.

Thanks to Farmers Market managers Dickie Nichols, Sharon Nichols, and Greg Shea for their months of work in preparing and supervising the market. And thanks to the many volunteers who helped set up, man the GIPNA booth, and tear down each market. Without their help, the market could not continue.

As always, each market was more than just a shopping trip. Each Sunday, we celebrated our community, our schools, and our friends—and most of all, of our wonderful neighborhood.





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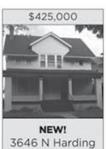
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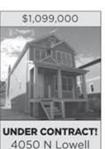
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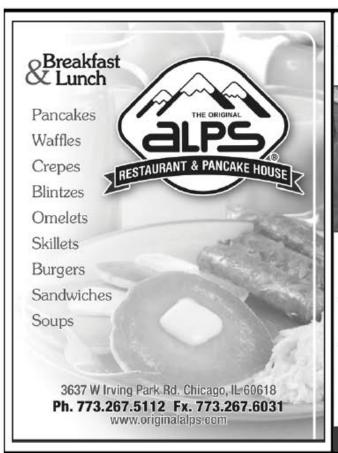


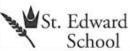


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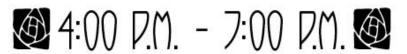




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