

INDEPENDENCE PARK
COMMUNITY

VOICE



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

It's Membership Month!

Stop by the GIPNA booth at the Farmers Market on September 11 and September 25 to renew your GIPNA membership!

September is Membership Month for GIPNA, the month when annual memberships come due and expire, and when we focus our efforts on helping the residents of Independence Park to understand the value of supporting GIPNA and the many programs and events we sponsor.

The events we sponsor—the Farmers Markets, Fine Craft Fairs, Gourmet Pancake Breakfasts, Alley Cleanups, and more—require

insurance, materials, permits, and other spending. The Farmers Market alone costs around \$3,500 each year, but we raise the money and do the work because we believe it contributes to the overall betterment of the community.

Every \$10 or \$20 membership helps us cover that cost—without the memberships, no market. If you enjoy these community services, we hope that such a small amount will seem like a reasonable contribution to make.

Because of your memberships, we've been able to sponsor events that have raised more than \$25,000 for John B. Murphy School in the past three years. We've also contributed to IPAC's playground renovation efforts, Carlson Community Service's work in our neighborhood, LYDIA Home's

care for women and children, the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, and many other organizations.

GIPNA membership is down from our peak of more than 500—old friends move out of the neighborhood, and newcomers move in. Whether they realize it or not, they've moved into one of the best communities in Chicago, and we're working together to keep it that way.

Memberships can be renewed at the Farmers Market with cash, check, or a credit card, and on our website through PayPal. (The complete membership list is on pages 6-7.) Please take the time to renew your GIPNA membership, so that you can continue to enjoy the many events that make Independence Park the "hidden jewel" of the Northwest Side.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



SEPTEMBER

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

WED., SEPT. 7 Pickin' Up the Parkways, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Athletic Field Park, Drake at Waveland.

SUN., SEPT. 11 Independence Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

WED., SEPT. 14 CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison.

FRI., SEPT. 16 Movie in the Park, *Lego Movie*, dusk, Athletic Field Ball Fields.

SAT., SEPT. 17 Guided Tour of the Villa, 2:00 p.m., meet at the northeast corner of Addison and Pulaski. Cost is \$10.

SAT., SEPT. 17 Third Annual Independence Park Beer-Fest, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SUN., SEPT. 18 Portage Park Farmers Market, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Irving Park Road at Long.

TUES., SEPT. 20 Senior Meeting, 11:00 a.m. to noon, 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

WED., SEPT. 21 Independence Park Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m., Independence Park Field House.

SUN., SEPT. 25 Independence Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

SAT., OCT. 1 and SUN., OCT. 2 Circus in the Parks, Independence Park, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. each day. See article on page 9.

SUN., OCT. 2 Portage Park Farmers Market, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Irving Park Road at Long.

TUES., OCT. 4 GIPNA Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Independence Park Bungalow.

SAT., OCT. 8 AND SUN., OCT. 9 Athletic Field Fall Fest, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. See article on page 9.

SUN., OCT. 9 Independence Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SUN., OCT. 9 Guided Tour of the Villa, 2:00 p.m., meet at the northeast corner of Addison and Pulaski. Cost is \$10.

TUES., OCT. 11 Athletic Field Advisory Council meeting will not be held in October.

WED., OCT. 12 CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison.

TUES., OCT. 18 Senior Meeting, 11:00 a.m. to noon, 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

WED., OCT. 19 Independence Park Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m., Independence Park Field House.

SUN., OCT. 23 Independence Park Farmers Market, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

TUES., NOV. 1 GIPNA Board Meeting, 7 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 p.m., Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison.

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

WED., NOV. 16 Independence Park Advisory Council, 7 p.m., Independence Park Field House.

DECEMBER

SAT., DEC. 3 Chocolate House Making, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Athletic Field Park Fieldhouse.

TUES., DEC. 6 GIPNA Board Meeting, 7 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 p.m., Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison.

TUES., DEC. 20 Senior Meeting, 11 a.m. to noon, 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

WED., DEC. 21 Independence Park Advisory Council, 7 p.m., Independence Park Field House.

WALK AND AWE

Stroll Through the Villa This Fall

The Villa neighborhood, just west of Independence Park on the other side of the expressway, is a Chicago Historic Landmark, is on the National Register of Historic Places, and has been featured in architecture books and magazines. Take a guided tour of the Villa and learn about the history, architecture, and special features of this sister neighborhood.

The tour includes favorite houses and gardens, distinctive parkway streets and stone planters, and a house interior. The tour guides are Villa residents trained by Chicago Architecture Foundation docents. Perhaps you caught a glimpse of us on the PBS documentary "10 Homes that Changed America."

Tours are scheduled for September 17 and October 9. They begin at the northeast corner of Addison and Pulaski at 2 p.m. and last about two hours. The cost is \$10, payable on the day of the tour, and reservations are recommended. If you're unable to make one of the scheduled tours, send an email to tours@thevillachicago.com or call 773-539-8376.

INDEPENDENCE PARK COMMUNITY VOICE

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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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.

IN MEMORIAM

Walter J. Drobena Honored with Street Sign

The 3700 block of North Monticello is now Honorary Walter J. Drobena Way. The brown sign was installed at the corner of Monticello and Grace on July 19.

Wally lived in his home for 57 years and was well liked by his neighbors. He always had a good story to tell about the neighborhood and always was willing to help out, whether pushing a car stuck in the snow or helping firemen put out a fire in a nearby house. He didn't wait to be asked—he just jumped in. Wally passed away on April 10, 2016.

Wally and his wife, Nancy, raised their three boys in the white house with the checkerboard fence on Monticello. Both parents were very active in John B. Murphy School affairs and started the boys in Cub Scouts at Park View Lutheran Church. Wally worked for the Chicago Transit Authority for 37 years as a lineman (Local #9). Before that he served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954 in Germany with the 43rd Infantry Division.

Wally's eldest son, David, went door to door on the block getting signatures supporting the request and then contacted 45th Ward Alderman John Arena, who signed off. The alderman joked that since Mike is the tallest son he should be the one to unveil the sign, and that's how it was done, as David and youngest son Joe watched proudly.



CHARITABLE EFFORTS

News from Carlson Community Services

Fall is a busy time for Carlson Community Services. Three Brothers Garden is still producing vegetables for the Irving Park Food Pantry; volunteers harvest every Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., usually through October. Interested volunteers are invited to stop by the garden, located at 4107 N. Pulaski, to pick and prepare veggies.

Staff of the Magic After-School Place are preparing for a 10th year of providing after-school care for children attending Murphy and Belding Schools. Tuition is \$35 per week per child, thanks to foundation and corporate support, gifts from organizations like GIPNA, individual gifts, and fundraising events as well as Irving Park Lutheran Church's donation of program space. MAP also welcomes high school students in need of service hours and adult volunteers. For more information, contact Rachel Lockhart at mapdirector@carlsoncommunityservices.org.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee (IPFAC) kicks off its 21st season with a free concert on Sunday, October 2, at 2 p.m. The Allegro Trio will perform, along with pianist Constance Hughes. The Trio consists of Scott Metlicka, flute and piccolo, Drew Pattison, bassoon and Gene Collerd, clarinet. Metlicka and Hughes will perform works from Godard and Liebermann first, followed by the woodwind trio. The concert is free, though donations are welcome. Following the concert, the audience is invited to enjoy a delicious reception prepared by the IPFAC.

Look for details about the Fall Trivia Night in GIPNA e-blasts or at www.carlsoncommunityservices.org. It's a fun evening and a great way to support the CCS programs.

The mission of Carlson Community Services, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is to connect the Irving Park community with programs that enrich lives through education, culture and service. For more information, contact Liz Mills at lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org.



Top: MAP Director Rachel Lockhart and a MAP Junior Leader get ready for their service project — organizing games and crafts at the Independence Park Farmers Market in June.

Bottom: The Magic After-School Place keeps middle schoolers engaged with the Junior Leader Program. Here, MAP's Junior Leaders lead a service project to provide games and a craft at the Independence Park Farmers Market in June.

CHARITABLE INTENTIONS

News from the Irving Park Community Food Pantry

IPCFP at the Independence Park Farmers Market: Stop by to see the Pantry on September 11 and 25 and October 9 and 23. Volunteers from the Pantry will be on hand to answer questions, accept donations, and sell branded lunch bags and

water bottles for a donation. You also can sign up to receive the Breadcrumbs newsletter.

Pantry Served 1,241 in June: The Pantry served 1,241 people in 446 households, including 50 people in 20 new households and 87 people in 31 households during Tuesday evening distribution. These numbers remain constant from the same period in 2015. Unfortunately, a Walmart Foundation grant to the Greater Chicago Food Depository that provided funding

for food credits to the IPCFP for SNAP application was not renewed. Alternate funding is being pursued, and the service will be provided regardless.

Pantry Needs Toiletries: The Pantry is in need of toiletries, especially shampoo, and is running low on deodorant, toothpaste, and razors for both men and



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Food Pantry

women. All toiletries will be gratefully accepted! The Pantry needs women's white crew socks, and always needs men's white crew socks, especially as the temperature turns cold.



LOCAL ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Ceramics Artist and Teacher Jeri Collins

In ceramics you can be creative in many ways, by making decorative and useful items for the home, special occasion gifts, and even seasonal and accent décor for the home, office, or garden.

My desire and intention when I began my journey into the fascinating world of ceramics over 46 years ago was to share my passion for creating beautiful things with others. Today, as then, I am awed by the inner satisfaction I feel every time I open the kiln after a firing and discover the results of my efforts and the efforts of my students.

Student crafters begin with a form that has been poured from a plaster mold using "slip," a liquefied suspension of clay particles in water formulated to be absorbed by the mold, thereby forming the actual piece. After a designated time, excess slip is poured off and the mold is allowed to set, creating the

form it is made to hold. After the mold is opened and the piece carefully removed, it's allowed to air-dry. The three-dimensional result is called "greenware."

The greenware is then cleaned and prepared for firing or color application, depending on the finish one desires. Items can be fired with a glass finish or stained on bisque (greenware that has been fired once). Successive firing is done depending on the desired results. I personally instruct students throughout this process, step-by-step.

My students enjoy the rewarding feeling and pride of creating fun and useful projects for themselves and others. This is all done in a quiet, relaxing studio atmosphere shared with other moms, grandmothers, wives, and singles who are taking time to relax, wind down, and find their creative muse.

If you're interested in visiting a class or finding out more, give me a call at (773) 267-1941 or email me at: jeriollins38@gmail.com. Bring a friend if you like—the welcome mat is always out.

—Jeri Collins

PITCHING IN

Boy Scouts Reroof Monticello Garden Shed

GIPNA noticed the roof of the Monticello Garden shed had deteriorated, and neighborhood Eagle Scout candidate Charlie Holmes took the initiative to do something about it. Charlie, the son of Mary Ann Karwowski and Matt Holmes, organized nine Boy Scouts from Troop 115/904 and ten adults to strip off the old cedar shingle roof

on a Saturday in July. They started at 9 a.m. and finished up at 3:30 p.m.—a hard day's work with perfect weather to work in. The Scouts donated not only all their time, but also all the material costs for the shed. This was very generous of the Scouts, and the entire neighborhood gives Troop 115/904 a big "Thank you!"

The project helped Charlie complete his requirements for Eagle Scout. He still needs to go through a paperwork review and then sit for a board of review. We confidently expect he'll get his Eagle Scout rank later this year.



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FAMILY FUN

Autumn Is
Awesome at
Athletic Field
Fall Fest

Get ready for pumpkins, ponies, a petting zoo, and more: The Athletic Field Fall Fest, sponsored by the Athletic Field Advisory Council (AFAC), is scheduled for October 8 and 9 in Athletic Field Park.

The Fall Fest crowd seems to grow every year, drawn by attractions such as Nana and Papa's Pumpkin Patch, a fall-themed train ride, a petting zoo, pony rides, and a photo booth. Food and beverages

are available, and live music and strolling performers will entertain the attendees.

Admission is free for all; ticket purchases are required for the pumpkin patch, train ride, face painting, pony rides, the petting zoo, and food from the Harvest Café.

The AFAC is a member of Friends of the Park (FOTP.org). AFAC's mission is to support the park through fundraising and advocacy while also bringing community-building events that promote a healthy and safe neighborhood. Learn more about the park and the AFAC by calling 773-478-2889 or visiting athleticfieldpark.com or facebook.com/AthleticField.



Updates from Independence Park Advisory Council

Playground: As you may have guessed from the heavy construction going on, the long-promised new playground construction is under way in Independence Park! The Independence Park Advisory Council (IPAC) credits 45th Ward Alderman John Arena, State Rep. Jaime Andrade, and the IP community for sustaining the effort through five long years of planning and fundraising.

Because of the state budgetary crisis, IPAC needed to increase its financial contribution by \$25,000 in order to get the project started. The budgetary squeeze also made it impossible to include a renovated water feature with this phase of the new playground project. However, IPAC has expressed

its commitment to improving the water feature in the future.

The Chicago Park District says construction should be complete at the beginning of November, weather permitting. IPAC is hoping to host a community event to celebrate the official opening; details will be shared via Facebook.

IPAC would like to thank all current and former Advisory Council members and everyone in the neighborhood who came out to support our efforts over the past five years!

Independence Park Beer Fest: Join IPAC for its annual Beer Fest on September 17, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door (age 21 and over only). The IP Beer Fest was named one of Chicago's best beer fests in 2015 by Thrillist, so don't miss out on a great time so close to home. Volunteer to help man tables, sell tickets and merchandise, set up, and clean up. Volunteer information and tickets

are available at www.independencparkchicago.com/beerfest.

Circus in the Parks: On Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2, the Midnight Circus will once again be setting up its tent at Independence Park, for the fifth straight year. There will be two shows on each day, at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. each day. Volunteers are needed to help with ticket sales, ad sales, ushering, concessions, face painting,

setup, and cleanup. Tickets are available now through midnightcircus.net.

IPAC uses the funds raised to sponsor Movies in the Park, Concerts in the Park, the Summer Kick Off, holiday events, and overall support of the Park programming and staff. It meets monthly on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Independence Park Field House.



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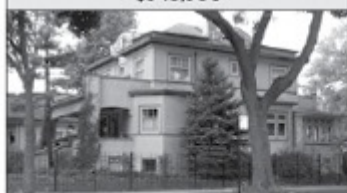
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