

INDEPENDENCE PARK COMMUNITY

VOICE



COMMUNITY

Membership Month Is Here

GIPNA's yearly membership drive is held in September. If you have let your membership lapse or are new to the neighborhood, you can sign up at the Farmers Market or online at gipna.org.

Memberships are \$10 for an individual membership for one year or \$20 for a one-year family membership. Don't want to have to renew yearly? Sign up for a lifetime membership for \$100.

Your membership helps fund neighborhood landscaping and beautification projects, as well as donations to various community groups and schools. The Independence Park Farmers Market is also funded by memberships.



GIPNA Board Meeting, September 3, Independence Park Bungalow, 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SEPTEMBER

SUN., SEPT. 1—Portage Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Irving Park Road at Long.

TUES., SEPT. 3—GIPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Independence Park Bungalow.

SUN., SEPT. 8—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MON., SEPT. 9—Athletic Field Advisory Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Athletic Field Park; facebook.com/athleticfield.

WED., SEPT. 11—CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 7 p.m., Athletic Field Park.

SUN., SEPT. 15—Portage Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Irving Park Road at Long.

TUES., SEPT. 17—Independence Park Advisory Council, 7 p.m., Independence Park Fieldhouse, Room 100, facebook.com/ipacchicago.

WED., SEPT. 18—Senior Meeting, 11 a.m., 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

SUN., SEPT. 22—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUN., SEPT. 29—Portage Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Irving Park Road at Long.

OCTOBER

TUES., OCT. 1—GIPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Independence Park Bungalow.

SAT., OCT. 5—Fall Fest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Athletic Field Park; facebook.com/athleticfield.

SUN., OCT. 6—Portage Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Irving Park Road at Long.

WED., OCT. 9—CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 7 p.m., Athletic Field Park.

SUN., OCT. 13—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MON., OCT. 14—No meeting for Athletic Field Advisory Council.

TUES., OCT. 15—Independence Park Advisory Council, 7 p.m., Independence Park Fieldhouse, Room 100, facebook.com/ipacchicago.

WED., OCT. 16—Senior Meeting, 11 a.m., 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

SUN., OCT. 20—Portage Park Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Irving Park Road at Long.

SUN., OCT. 27—Independence Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER

TUES., NOV. 5—GIPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Independence Park Bungalow.

WED., NOV. 13—CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 7 p.m., Athletic Field Park.

MON., NOV. 11—Athletic Field Advisory Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Athletic Field Park; facebook.com/athleticfield. Date subject to change due to holidays.

TUES., NOV. 19—Independence Park Advisory Council, 7 p.m., Independence Park Fieldhouse, Room 100, facebook.com/ipacchicago.

WED., NOV. 20—Senior Meeting, 11 a.m., 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

DECEMBER

TUES., DEC. 3—GIPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Independence Park Bungalow.

MON., DEC. 9—Athletic Field Advisory Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Athletic Field Park; facebook.com/athleticfield.

WED., DEC. 11—CAPS Beat 1732 Meeting, 7 p.m., Athletic Field Park.

TUES., DEC. 17—Independence Park Advisory Council, 7 p.m., Independence Park Fieldhouse, Room 100, facebook.com/ipacchicago.

WED., DEC. 18—Senior Meeting, 11 a.m., 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

EVENT RECAP

Old Irving Beer and Barbecue fest Crowns Independence Pork



The Independence Pork team took home top prize as voted on by attendees at the Old Irving Beer and BBQ Challenge held at St. Viator on August 4.

The team of Independence Park Neighbors Andy Holub, Tom Whitworth, Adam Guillaume, Jason Siffring and Tony Del Campo took home Best BBQ and Best Pairing for their "Porkstrami" sandwich. The judges awarded Independence Pork and their partners at Alarmist Brewery the second-best pairing.

Independence Pork's "Porkstrami" dish consisted of a 7-day cured, 15-hour smoked pork

shoulder served on a rye bread made with Alarmist grains. The grains were dried, ground into flour and folded back into the final bread recipe.

The dish was then topped with a special sauce, homemade pickle and dill (both bought from our Farmers Market), pickled mustard seed, and finished with a dried lemon dust. The dish was paired with Alarmist Brewery's Fructophobia beer, a Belgian Wit made with Raspberries and Lemon Zest. Alarmist is located at 4055 West Peterson Avenue.

Funds raised by the Beer and Barbecue Challenge went to improved facilities and programs at St. Viator Elementary School.

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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This all-volunteer publication is made possible by the creative voices of our community and the generous support of area advertisers.

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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.

EVENT RECAP

Lemonade Stand a Success for the Food Pantry

It started on a whim, but its success has taken on a life of its own.

The Independence Park Farmers Market started a lemonade stand that could be staffed by families as a way to raise money for the Irving Park Food Pantry. Neighborhood families provided ice-cold lemonade in exchange for donations that would be given to the food pantry.

After the first five markets, the lemonade stand has raised \$508 for the food pantry.

"The money is very much appreciated," said Craig Schutt from the Irving Park Food Pantry. "All donations go into our food budget so that we can purchase

more of the food that we are unable to obtain in regular donations from local stores and the Greater Chicago Food Depository."

Thanks to all the families that have participated. Your help has made a huge difference.

The Irving Park Food Pantry is moving to a new location at the Emanuel United Methodist Church at 4256 N. Ridgeway Avenue on September 4. Learn more at <https://irvingparkfoodpantry.com/>

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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.

SAVE THE DATE

Book Swap September 8

Looking for a good read or looking to donate some great books to others? The annual Book Swap will be held September 8th at the Independence Park Farmers Market.

Bring your books and CDs for exchange. You can pick up new books or CDs for free even if you do not drop off any.

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COMMUNITY

Library Begins Programs for Tweens in the Fall

If you are looking for good after-school ideas for your kids, the Independence Library hopes to have a few for the neighborhood.

The Independence Library begins Homework Hangz, an event held on the third Thursday of each month. The first date will be September 19. Hangz will offer a place for kids to make new friends, listen to music and do homework.

Starting September 24, the library will debut Tween Tuesdays, an event held the last Tuesday

of every month. Also designed for kids 9 to 13, the library will offer a chance for all kids to play games or just hang out.

"This is a time and place for kids to explore their own creativity and just have fun," said Daylily Alvarez, children's service and family engagement librarian.

All kids ages 9 to 13 are invited to join in the library's Community Room for both events.

The Library will also begin a Graphic Novel Book Club on Tuesdays in the Fall. The dates of the book club are October 8 and 22 and November 5 and 19. The first featured graphic novel, *Sea Sirens*, will be available to take home from the Checkout Counter at the library.

Independence Parka

by erica dreisbach



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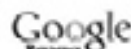
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