

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings friends and neighbors! These past few months have brought OTTA some unanticipated challenges. The Board and the Art Fair chairs had some exceedingly difficult decisions to make. In the 70-year history of the Old Town Art Fair never once has it been canceled. We are always fearful of ugly weather, but none of us could have predicted what was to occur at the start of 2020.

In March, the AF chairs, in collaboration with all their committee chairs and the Board, announced the cancellation of the 2020 Art Fair and First Sight. In addition, all our studio art, judo, and yoga classes were canceled. It became necessary to close our facility indefinitely. Fortunately, both Barb and Anna were able to work remotely from their homes.

All fees were refunded to the artists, Friends of the Fair donors, and all sponsorship funding. Some individuals opted to convert their donations to general contributions to OTTA. In addition, Anna Troy and Michael Garzel worked diligently in organizing OTTA's new virtual Art Fair featuring all the artists from the 2020 roster who have all been invited back as exhibitors for 2021. My gratitude goes out to Ed Sokolofski, our treasurer, for his flawless oversight management of OTTA's finances. He has been invaluable to OTTA during this time of unexpected upheaval.

My sad news is that like many people who were impacted by the coronavirus, Anna Troy was forced to seek full time employment elsewhere. Effective May 22, 2020, Anna Troy will no longer be working in our office with Barb. She was a terrific fit for our association, and she will be missed. We wish her well in her new employment.

Financially, OTTA is doing alright. Our previous boards were extremely

diligent at watching over our reserve funds. Because we are not earning any funds from the Art Fair this year, the Board found it necessary to freeze several of our charitable programs---Grants and the NIC Brick program. Both will return the next fiscal year. Our fiscal year ends on July 31, 2020. The Board will set its new budget in September.

There has not been much committee work as the city guidelines were specific about non-essential businesses needing to remain closed. Our park maintenance overseen by Christy Weber Landscaping began in April and is ongoing. We continue to tend to our beautiful trees.

I am doing remote meetings with the presidents of eight other neighborhood associations and our Alderman. We use these opportunities to share information and attempt to combine our efforts regarding common residential issues. I intend to host a gathering of these presidents once we are again operational.

I wish to thank our members for reaching out and supporting our local food establishments, for checking up on their neighbors and for working on the alderman's phone-calling bank to senior citizens to check up on their needs and well being. I like to think of the Old Town Triangle Association as a family with every member having something to contribute to our family.

Each day when I awaken, I am grateful to be healthy and virus free. The weather is getting nicer and I notice my neighbors beginning to be outside more often. The crabapple trees bloomed and people are out tending to their beautiful gardens just as if they were getting ready for our Fair. I am constantly being reminded of how lucky we are to be alive.

STAY WELL DEAR FRIENDS!

Karen Pfendler, President, OTTA

COMMITTEE NEWS Compiled by Michael Warnick

OLD TOWN ART FAIR | Sasha Mayoras, Chair and Shelly Murphy, Vice-Chair

You are probably as tired of the 'new normal' as Shelly and I are, especially when envisioning that in some form or another, 'social distancing' is here to stay for a while. Keeping separated from friends and family in winter is one thing, but in summer in Chicago, it's sure to be exceptionally difficult.

Here in Old Town, usually by late May, volunteers would be feverishly preparing for 'Art Fair' season, but this year we are mourning the loss of the great fun without one. Neighbors and other tried-and-true volunteers will not have

the pleasure of catching up with old friends or making new ones while raising meaningful money for worthy causes. They and thousands of visitors will not get to enjoy strolling the Triangle's tree-lined streets with beautifully tended gardens while perusing top-tier art, listening to talented musicians, and sampling delicious food and beverages. Responsibly battling COVID-19 means we cannot gather for what has become a much-anticipated and enjoyable rite of late spring, but as sad as this is for volunteers and patrons, just imagine the profound impact not having a Fair has on the artists.



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The reason that the Old Town Art Fair has succeeded in raising a large amount of money each year is in no small measure due to the top-quality artists who exhibit there. They are the ones that attract visitors from across the city, all over the Midwest and beyond-patrons who often pay the not insignificant gate donations. These gate fees are the backbone that supports the Triangle Association's good works throughout the year. They are what keeps the lights on in the building, and they pay for staff, maintenance crews, the Brick's Program, AND they fund critically important grants for local nonprofits. Without the gate proceeds, the Triangle could not afford to give grants to local schools, arts, and cultural programs, youth and senior groups, neighborhood improvements, other community nonprofits, and of course, the beloved Menomonee Club for Boys and Girls.

We all will be sorely missing out on having our community once again immersed in works of great creativity, passion, and ingenuity, but no doubt, the lack of the Fair hits artists the most profoundly. Every year in order to exhibit at the OTAF, these wonderful artisans submit applications to be then vetted by a rigorous jury of accomplished artists, esteemed gallery owners, museum professionals, and the like. With hundreds of applicants, the competition is fierce, only the best are accepted, and they are the reason the Old Town Art Fair has been heralded as the best in the country for the past five years.

Without the OTAF and likely every other show typically on their calendars, the livelihoods of these artists are threatened, and so we are turning to you for help. For those of you who can, please consider going to <u>http://www.</u> <u>oldtownartfair.org/participating-artists-gallery/</u> and buying art online. This site is where you'll find the Old Town Art Fair's first (and hopefully last) #VirtualArtFair! There is a listing of the 2020 artists along with links to their websites, as well as a larger #VirtualGallery to display their work.

Many OTAF neighbors, attendees, and volunteers who read this may not be able to make purchases at this time, so for those who want to help in other ways, please follow the artists on their social media and us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and most importantly share this information with your family, friends, and colleagues. We appreciate you joining us in supporting these incredible artists! #VirtualOTAF #OldTownArtFair #SupportArtists #ArtMatters

Shelly and I would like to leave you with one other important consideration regarding the ramifications of not having a 2020 OTAF. Many of the 2020 sponsors and vendors are longterm partners without whom we could not host such a successful event year after year. If you can, please be sure to pick up some of Goose Island's many wonderful beers, Crook & Marker's refreshing spiked beverages, and PRP Wine International's Virtual Wine Showcase. Kehoe Designs' has a fantastic collection of signature floral arrangements, 'events to go', and many other services. Second City has hysterical and free online shows and many online classes and camps to keep the boredom at bay! Bar Cargo, Tavern on Rush, Broken English, and other Phil Stephani's Signature Restaurants have a delicious array of carry-out and delivery options. Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

CALL TO ACTION

Wanted: A Host Family and Housing for Our Chinese Teacher for a One-Year Residency!

LaSalle Language Academy is honored to have been awarded, once again, a Mandarin Exchange teacher through the Teachers of Critical Languages Program. One of our obligations is to secure housing for our host teacher for the school year. Options can include: homestay, renting a room in a home, or renting an independent apartment/studio. The host family will work with Mme. Veitch, Ms. Kist and the LLA administrators to help the new teacher become acclimated to Chicago and the school. There is a stipend available to a wonderful host, to help support this program. Please e-mail Mme.

Veitch at **baveitch@cps.edu**.



IN THE FIRST PERSON | "A Student's Life in Quarantine" | By Gus Nelson

Gus Nelson is a freshman at Lincoln Park High School and a Triangle resident.

For the first time in well, awhile, America has been halted. With many businesses closed temporaily or perhaps forever, with the economy tanking, and not to mention hundreds of thousands of deaths worldwide, I wouldn't blame a person for thinking it's the end of the world. Everybody is tackling the situation in a different way, healthy or not. I've been asked to share how I live day to day in quarantine. You're not going to learn any helpful tips, no health advice, actually the complete opposite of both. Okay so... First week was great, second week good, third: uh, fourth week yikes, and its staying at yikes indefinitely. Usually I start a day around 1-3pm, again not ideal. I don't normally eat breakfast, maybe lunch on a good day. But normally I just have dinner and midnight breakfast. Midnight breakfast is probably like the greatest thing I've invented over quarantine. It's your average breakfast, but at the dead of night. It just hits differently.

Speaking of food, I don't eat a lot of healthy stuff. Mostly Cheez-Its and Gatorade. As a student I don't like how online school is handled, especially the new grading policy which I feel is unfair to all if not most students. For younger grades not ready or acquainted to online school, it is just overly complicated and foreign. Honestly, I would just cancel school or revert to grades not counting, but I don't have the power nor will, so...

Quarantine has been helpful though in some ways, it's a welcomed break from the constant of just everything...the eye of a hurricane, per say. I've been able to catch up on a lot of tv and movies, but everything else about it sucks. Anyway... stay safe and stay indoors.

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | HEROES AMONG US - Fighting COVID-19 From the Front Lines | By Diane Fitzgerald



L.to R.: Dawood Darbar (University of Illinois), Diane Fitzgerald, Mumtaz Darbar (University of Chicago) meeting via Zoom on May 9th.

We met for the first time at our 2016 Fern Court Holiday Progressive Party, then in its 11th year and an established tradition, as they had recently moved into the neighborhood. To say we were dazzled by Dawood and Mumtaz Darbar that night is an understatement. And now, to know how they have contributed to the fight against COVID-19 today is sheer admiration.

Dawood is Chief of Cardiology at University of Illinois Medical Center and Mumtaz is Chief Administrative and Financial Officer for the University of Chicago's School of Medicine. Both see front line action, but through different lenses and while both are feeling the pressure of their work right now, they also feel the hope of weathering the storm. Appreciative of the thoughtful policies put in place early on by the Governor and Mayor, they think our local healthcare systems were well-prepared to care



LaSalle Language Academy's beautiful, new playground and field are CLOSED and sit empty by order of the City of Chicago, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Dawood and Mumtaz Darbar overlook the playground from their Sedgwick Street home.

This shot was taken on Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 23, 2020 at 3:30pm, looking north on Sedgwick. Usually this street would be bustling with pedestrian and vehicle traffic...and the playground would be filled with families. for the rising number of cases of critically ill COVID-19 patients. Still, preparedness does not take away the patient anxiety from fear of the high mortality rate and critical care doctors' exhaustion from treating so many long-term, very sick patients. Add both patient and doctor fears of infecting their families and loved ones and the crisis deepens with mental health concerns.

"Right now, many severely ill COVID patients have been in the hospital for more that 30-days. Until a vaccine is discovered and then manufactured in huge quantities –billions of doses– our greatest weapons in battling COVID-19 are social distancing, wearing face coverings, washing our hands and not touching our faces," Dawood commented. With the primary cause of COVID-19 deaths being cardiac arrhythmias and heart failure, Dawood and his residents tackle head-on issues of treatment, which are well-established for heart ailments, but not for COVID-19. "We wear full protective gear – full gown, N95 masks, visor – when we enter the room of COVID patients," he said.

"Psychologically, the isolation procedures have been difficult for both our faculty and our COVID-19 patients. We have also been very conscientious of our end-of-life procedures. Our Ethics Committee thoughtfully developed guidelines so that patients who are terminally ill are able to have contact with family. For patients with less serious symptoms, their families are able to communicate with them via video conferencing using donated iPads."



We didn't have to shut down the American society to combat HIV-AIDs in the 1980s, as we are doing now. "Novel coronavirus is much more challenging because it is communicable by droplets in the air, a very difficult thing to counter. Our Illinois government leaders have done a tremendous job during this pandemic. They've prioritized public safety above everything else. It is critical for people in our positions to have the backing of public officials," said Mumtaz. Since the Governor's "stay at home" order in late March, they have transitioned many of the U of C's School of Medicine's research, education and administrative functions to remote settings. "We miss the personal interactions, but our teams stay connected via Zoom."

And what about at home? How have things changed to protect against and prevent infecting your own family? "We have pump soap near every sink and we use paper not cloth towels. We always wear masks when we go out and have for many weeks. For the time being, Dawood is guarantined in his own area of the house as he takes care of patients. We have groceries delivered and we frequently use curbside pickup at neighborhood restaurants. Our three children are home with us and are missing some important milestones like graduations, but it is worth the sacrifice and we try to keep things in perspective - remembering the blessing of being together and mindful of the sacrifices and hardship of many," explains Mumtaz.

Editor's Note: A heartfelt thank you to our heroes, Mumtaz Darbar and Dr. Dawood Darbar for risking their lives while helping patients and their families struggling with COVID-19.

PHOTO GALLERY | Signs of the Times in Old Town | Photos by Diane Sokolofski and Nancy Jordan | Compiled by Nancy Jordan Along with a lot of rain and flowers popping up everywhere, there are signs of optimism, hope and thanks all over the Triangle.



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IBOT SPOTLIGHT | Optimism and Hard Work Keep Old Town Businesses Afloat | By Nancy Jordan

(Note: This article was researched and written before the Phase 3 reopening. As guidelines change, scenarios evolve. Please check business websites for updates.)

To say that the current pandemic has been a challenge for all of us is an understatement. But for the restaurants and stores in Old Town, it has been a matter of survival.

At Cocoa + Co., Kim Hack says, "It has obviously been a difficult time for any business, especially food service concepts like ours. While we've been following the best practices to protect our team and customers, many of these steps restrict the personable vibe that has always been our ethos." Their biggest impact has been the need to limit their business to grab n' go, phone orders and delivery, and cutting back hours. Many people used to come to relax with friends over something yummy. That part of their business is gone. They can't wait until all that positivity and cheerful noise are back! The other big change is that they don't get to educate people about chocolate. So they're offering virtual custom shopping appointments and virtual tasting classes, which been a huge hit. Kim's goal has been to ensure everyone stays healthy, and also that her team doesn't take a hit to their income. They've been able to do both despite the huge decline in sales.

Charlie Mayer at The Spice House had an interesting upbeat take on things. "The Spice House is open for pickup orders and doing a booming business as neighbors get back to cooking at home. We ask customers to order online at <u>thespicehouse.com</u> and select Old Town Store Pickup at checkout. We pack all pickup orders within 24 hours and often faster than that".

He also says the Spice House is hiring. They have been thrilled to hire new spice merchants and welcome back a few well-seasoned veterans.

At Orso's, Ky says they are doing as much as they can, the best as they can. "We still have the doors open and the lights are on. We're just happy to be here for the neighborhood". He said they have changed up their platform and now offer new carryout options – like "make your own pizza and pasta kits" – as well as money-saving specials every night like "buy one pizza, get one free" Wednesdays, "\$10 off on a \$50 order" Thursdays, "half-price pasta" Mondays, "half-price Chicken Vesuvio" Sundays and more. Check out their website for all the delicious deals. All available on Grubhub, Uber and Caviar – but if you want to avoid the delivery costs, just call Ky for carryout or curbside pick-up.

At Galleria Liquors, hours are shorter and wine tastings are on pause. There's no walk-in traffic from other neighborhoods, tourists or people going to the beach. Just carryout, curbside pickup and delivery. But, as owner Benjamin Pourkhalili says, they are still open and doing okay. They wear masks, clean every hour and sanitize their hands every half-hour. Liquor consumption is one thing that hasn't suffered during the pandemic. And, he notes, people are buying better liquor. They're not going out, so they spend their money on quality. Since restaurants are not selling as much liquor, they're getting these "goodies" which makes their selection of fine liquors better than ever. He also wants us all to know that Galleria Liquors has been there for Old Town for over 20 years and they are doing all they can during these times to be there for us in the future.

Roger Hatanaka at Kamehachi says, They're "taking it one day at a time". They're "worn out" but trying to do their best to keep up with everything. They've cleared out the bar area for orders and clean and sanitize everything every hour. All their work is really condensed into a couple hours of intense carryout, curbside pick-up and delivery. Overall, they're staying afloat, but he says they miss their furloughed staff and can't wait to get back to normal.

These businesses and more are all part of what makes life in Old Town vibrant and fun. So let's keep washing our hands, observing social distancing, wearing masks – and supporting them. Together we can get our lives and livelihoods back.



The Spice House is booming with everyone baking and cooking.



Kim Hack of Cocoa and Company offers virtual chocolate tasting classes.

A FAREWELL TO ... JOHN BROSS | By Diane Gonzalez

Neighbors might recall John Bross with his black poodle Willy jogging down Old Town's streets. In more recent times John and his wife Judy frequently walked the same route to Lincoln Park always stopping and talking to friends they met on the way to see how they were doing.

John was an extraordinary human, intrigued by many subjects. He presented them in an understated way that drew one in and made one want to learn more. Talking to John about Chicago history was always a pleasure because he knew it, felt it in his bones, but also it was in his ancestry. Civil War history was one of his many interests. His great-grandfather Colonel John Bross led a black Illinois regiment during the Civil War. The Colonel wrote letters to his wife Belle back in Chicago. John and his sister Justine Yildiz co-authored a book Letters to Belle: Civil War *Letters and Life of Chicago Lawyer and Volunteer Colonel John A. Bross, 29th U. S. Colored Infantry*.

Like his great-grandfather, John was an attorney and worked as trust officer of Northern Trust. He had numerous volunteer interests serving on the OTTA Board of Directors and as a trustee of the Murray Bay Protestant Church in Murray Bay, Quebec, Canada. At the Chicago Art Institute he co-founded the Auxiliary Board and the Old Master's Society and served on the Photography Committee and the Sustainer Fellows. At the University of Chicago, he founded the Louise Smith Bross Lecture series and worked on the Humanities and Divinity School Visiting Committees. He was also on the Board of the Village Chicago and Admiral at the Lake. John and Judy were members of St. Chrysostom's Church and very involved in its Chiapas, Mexico program. For 12 years they volunteered, taught and counseled occupants of Yochib, a Mayan mountain village.

John played the piano and harmonica. He sang with the Great Lakes Dredge and Philharmonic Society, a male choral group, founded in 1934, that gave holiday caroling performances at various institutions and residences on the near north side. He even chaired the group for a time. Six years ago their superb festive holiday singing performance at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (now known as the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab) brought many smiles to the patients' faces.



PHOTO ABOVE: John Bross at Murray Bay, Quebec Canada (photo by Judy C. Bross)

In *Letters to Belle* John's greatgrandfather died at the Battle of the Crater during the Siege of Petersburg in 1864. One of his soldiers wrote newly widowed Belle that Colonel Bross had been loved by everyone because he was a friend to everyone. One hundred fifty-six years later, Old Town neighbor John Bross fits that description perfectly. Godspeed, John.



John and his sister Justine Bross Yildiz co-authored Letters to Belle which includes correspondence and stories of their great-grandfather Colonel John A. Bross.

A FAREWELL TO ... BETTY FROMM | By Diane Sokolofski



Betty with former Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Betty McNulty Fromm passed away on May 13th at the age of 91. Laurie Plum, her POA wrote that Betty was born in St. Louis, Missouri to Lea and Alvin Gilman and grew up in loving home surrounded by books and art. She studied literature at Grinnell College. She married twice, first to Dale McNulty and then to the love of her life, Walter Fromm. Much of their married life was spent at 1810 N. Orleans Street which had a grand English ivy garden in the front yard. Betty and Walter opened their home and garden for the OTAF Garden Walk welcoming guests with refreshments and camaraderie. Betty continued the tradition, reconnecting with friends and strangers who returned year after year.

I had the pleasure of interviewing Betty Fromm for "Neighbor Spotlight" in the OTTA newsletter in 2013. I learned she was a Cardinals fan, community leader, activist, author, cat lover and stuffed animal collector. "She worked at Scott Foresman Publishing and was instrumental in bringing the popular elementary readers, *Dick, Jane and*

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Sally to market", said Laurie Plumb. Betty's passion was helping others and she co-authored four books on the subject of the "human approach to patient care and caring for older loved ones". When she was 80, Betty went on to write a children's book about her favorite stuffed animal, "Little Red" given to her by her brother Dick. The book is story about a cat that presents illness and aging to children in a non-threatening way.

Her passion for helping people continued in her retirement years volunteering as a reader for the Chicagoland Radio Information Service in a program for the visually impaired.

Neighbor Vi Daley shared, "Betty was very involved in the neighborhood serving as OTTA President from 1985-86, the Secretary of LPCA in 1993 and 1994 and in 1997 she was the office manager for LPCA (Lincoln Park



From left to right: Fran McFadden, Betty, Justine Price and Walt(Betty's late husband) at the 1991 Old Town Art Fair .

FOR THE RECORD | By Diane Fitzgerald

Conservation Association is made up of 7 community groups). Betty was a friend and caring neighbor who was involved not only in Old Town, but the surrounding areas. Every morning she would walk over to Dunkin Donut's on North Avenue at 6:00 am for her morning coffee."

Neighbor Allen Carley tells the story about a Triangle resident who passed away unexpectedly leaving the precious cat Sadie without a home. Carley warmly remembers calling Betty to tell her about the cat. Betty came and spent time with the Sadie, then decided to take her home overnight to see how her cats would react to the new guest. Betty and her cats decided to give Sadie her new home.

The city of Chicago and the Old Town Triangle were her family. She will be greatly missed by all.



Betty and Walter's home on North Orleans.

COVID-19 is a respiratory coronavirus that first appeared in Wuhan, China in December 2019. Since then, it has turned our world upside down in ways we could never imagine. Many of us are following an order to stay home, including all Chicago Public School students who are now using Zoom video conferencing to enable distant learning. In addition to school each day from 10am-2pm, parents, who are able, have been home schooling. Families have been together quite a bit lately, probably much more than usual. We are urged to wash our hands frequently and to disinfect high-touch surfaces multiple times a day. Don't touch your face! Spread is more likely to happen when we are close to one another so now we must maintain six feet between us – "social distancing" – so we don't spread the virus, which contaminates person-to-person mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. We are required to wear face coverings when we go out. All public places are closed, including the lakefront. Stores are closed and restaurants offer curbside pickup or

delivery, even if they never did this before CO-VID-19. COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on jobs and businesses, badly impacting the US and global economies. If we have the technology, we use Zoom and other applications like it to socialize and stay connected.

We are all trying to do our part for preventing the spread and protecting each other. The heroes of the day are the health professionals and their support teams – "essential workers" – who are on the front lines of helping those who get COVID-19, including doctors, nurses, Intensive Care Unit teams, physician assistants, paramedics and EMTs. The infrastructure workers like police, firefighters, bus drivers, truck drivers, grocery store clerks, mail carriers, delivery services, news and media outlets and others doing their jobs so the front line can do their jobs...all with an "abundance of caution".

Governor Pritzker ordered STAY AT HOME on Saturday, March 21, 2020. That day, there were 1,049 cases + 9 deaths. The order was through April 7th! Today is Saturday, May 23, 2020, we are still ordered to stay at home and here are the current Center for Disease Control statistics: Illinois has 105,000 cases + 4,715 deaths of which Cook County has 68,949 cases + 3,187 deaths = 65.4% of all Illinois cases. US totals are 1.64 million cases with 319,000 recoveries + 96,793 deaths. Nationwide on March 21, 2020 there were 20,747 cases + 340 deaths, as reported by The Chicago Tribune.

We still don't know much about this virus, but we believe that life will return to a "new normal" once a vaccine is discovered, which will take time. Testing, tracing and treatment are the mantra of public health leaders.

Our government leaders during this pandemic, which is now 2-months old, include President of the United States Donald Trump (since January 2016), Illinois Governor JB Pritzker (January 2019) and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot (May 2019). All three are in their first terms. The 43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith (May 2011) and 2nd Ward Alderman Brian Hopkins (May 2015) are leading us at the grass roots!



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COMMUNITY CORNER Compiled by Diane Sokolofski



Green City Market is coming to your home! You can now get the farmers market delivered to your doorstep and order fresh, seasonal produce, meats, eggs, bread, baked goods, soups, jams, pickles, juices and more from 25+ local, sustainable vendors from Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana. Pick-up is also available - head to www.greencitymarket.org/gcmdelivered for GCM>s current pick-up location and more info about this program. Green City Market is also continuing to provide enriching, educational content for kids and families with Club Sprouts and Edible Education @ Home all summer long. Subscribe to GCM>s e-newsletter and follow GCM on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for seasonal recipes, home cooking lessons, activities, and more.





The big news at St. Michael's and the Archdiocese of Chicago is the planned re-opening of the churches. This is a strict and comprehensive plan set forth for all parishes to follow. After certification, the church may open for weddings, funerals, and baptisms for under 10 people with social distancing of 6 feet. Masks will be required also! This will be adhered to for the safety of all. In light of all this, we are looking for volunteers to help with this process. Every time there is an "event" there are protocols to follow and reporting that will be done by the parish. Anyone interested in helping should email information@st-mikes. org – and that can be to volunteer or if they have questions.

The Village Chicago

Save the Date - The Village Chicago Is Throwing a Party! On Tuesday, September 22, 2020 the Village will celebrate 11 years as a member to member network of friendship, engagement and services for people over 50.

We will announce the winners of this year's Trailblazer Award and there will be an auction with highly desirable items, a raffle, and a performance of Broadway hits and well-known arias by the super talented Lyric Opera Stage Artists. For more information, contact The Village Chicago at 773-248-8700 or info@thevillagechicago.org

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