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Why Become an RMIA Member?

For only \$10, you can enjoy the benefits of a 2002 RMIA membership.

The RMIA is a volunteer organization that seeks to achieve the following on behalf of Ravenswood Manor families and businesses:

- To maximize the safety of our families and property;
- To promote a sense of community among neighborhood residents;
- To maintain/increase property values;
- To ensure consistent delivery of city services; and
- To preserve the beauty of our trees, parks and parkways.

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RMIA Decorates The Manor For the Holiday Season



A group of young Manor residents enjoy the warm early December weather and admire the new wreath purchased by the RMIA. The RMIA also purchased three snowflakes hanging from lamp posts nearby. Above from left are Noah, Dante, Jack and Matthew. (See color photo at www.ravenswoodmanor.com/rmia/dec2001.PDF)

Go! Cafe To Reopen for Business Soon



Commuters, park goers, local business people and other friends and neighbors -- recently shocked to find the relatively new Go! cafe was a goner -- will be relieved to know that Go! is very much alive and, hopefully by the time this newsletter goes to print, back in business.

According to Andrew

E Lawrence, Go!'s former business manager, the coffee shop/ cozy lunch spot has been leased to two gentlemen, Ricky Ahuja and Paul Singh, who are interested in running the cafe as is, offering the same excellent and reasonably priced coffees, teas, baked goods, soups and sandwiches.

The new managers may also turn the cafe into a CyberCafe, much like the two previously ran

successfully in San Francisco and Maryland.

Asked why he and wife/co-owner Jane decided to lease the business, Andrew says the day-to-day management of the cafe required more time than he had anticipated, and was taking away from some of their other "hobbies."

"Believe it or not, this and the catering business we are starting

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A Letter From the RMIA President: Focus on Education

A new year began for the RMIA in November. We appreciate and are thankful for the hard work and dedication of our retiring board member volunteers. Our newest board members who were voted in at our annual meeting are very talented and complement the expertise of our returning members.

The 2001-2002 RMIA board members are: Nic Acciari, Brian Basler, Deb Bombka, Nancy Campbell, Tom Eul, Geoff Gieske, Sylvia Kete, Dan Kyle, Tim McCarthy, Anne Marie Mitchell, Alan Mueller, Mary Pendergast, Hollis Russinof, Susan Siegert, Gary Smith, Pat Straky, Don Valentin, Eileen Valentin, Terri Versace, and Scott Wheeler.

In addition to our regular activities we have a few areas of focus for the upcoming year which include: working with the neighborhood Waters Elementary school and communicating the education options available; enhancing the aesthetics of the entrances to the Manor; and helping to promote community among residents with social events and improved communication through our RMIA Web site and newsletter.

The RMIA has brightened up the holidays this year with new holiday winter decorations near Ravenswood Manor Park. This year we purchased a wreath and garland as well as lighted snowflakes for a few of our light posts. These decorations should complement the many

beautifully decorated houses in the Manor. We hope to add to the decorations surrounding the park and along Manor Avenue in the years to come.

Brian Basler

Coffee Shop...



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are just hobbies for us. We also have day jobs. And we really want to spend more time getting our other business on the other side of the tracks up and running as a successful restaurant and catering operation," explains Andrew.

So keep Go! top of mind this winter. Stop in for a "Chili Weekend", featuring a variety of different chili recipes and cornbread, jumbo hot dogs, treats for the dog or just stop in to check your e-mail, stocks and, of course, enjoy a great cup of coffee while surfing the web.

A Ravenswood Manor Sign is being designed for the exterior wall of the Go! Café facing the el tracks. If you have design ideas or input please call the RMIA hotline at (312)409-1234. Anne Marie Mitchell

RMIA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please consider renewing your membership today by filling out this membership application. Your membership fee will be invested in the ongoing improvement of our neighborhood.

Thank You!

RMIA Membership
P.O. Box 25486
Chicago, IL 60625

Membership Duration November 2001 — October 2002

Membership Fee \$10.00

Contribution \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

We're always looking for volunteers for various neighborhood activities. Let us know if we may contact you. Yes _____ No _____

Join RMIA...

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So if you don't have the time to join the RMIA board, you can contribute with a small yearly donation. Just complete the form on this page and send it in. Thanks for your support!

Safety Zone....

Welcome to the third edition of the "Safety Zone" column. In this column, we will share with readers some C.A.P.S. (Chicago Alternative Police Strategies) personal safety tips. These tips are issued by the Chicago Police Department, and while no one can guarantee your total safety, there are ways to decrease your chances of being victimized.

ON THE STREET: Be alert and don't be an easy target. Carry your purse across your chest or under your arm. Men should avoid carrying their wallet in the back rear pocket where it could easily be grabbed. If walking home, particularly at night, use well lit, populated streets, walk with friends, and vary your daily route.

ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Be prepared, have money ready so you aren't opening your purse or pulling out your wallet. On subways and El trains, stand near the agent on duty, and when possible, sit on the aisle seat where you will have more mobility should trouble occur.

IN THE CAR: Secure your vehicle and always lock your doors. Never leave your purse, wallet, or any other valuables on the seat next to you where they invite theft. Park in a well lit area for the safety of your own vehicle. If you notice a street lamp is out, call 744-5000 to have the bulb replaced.

Interested in Learning More About Waters Elementary School? Here's How...

Waters Elementary School's Local School Council (LSC) meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the school gymnasium. The meetings are open to the public as well as to committee members.

For more information on Waters, the school has its own web site: <http://collaboratory.nunet.net/waters/homepage.html>.

Nominations to local school councils are currently being held city-wide. Nominations are being accepted from December 3, 2001 - March 8, 2002. Elections are held May 1.

If you are interested in learning

more about the nomination and/or the campaign process, check the CPS web page that deals with LSCs: <http://www.cps.k12.il.us/Community/LSC/Elections/FAQs/faqs.html>. Or contact the Chicago Public Schools at 773.553.1400 (TTY: 773.553.1005).

— Hollis Russinof



Winter Calendar

- Magnet School Application Deadline Jan. 18
- Fun In The Snow Horner Park Jan. 26, 10am - Noon (Weather Permitting)
- The Winter Social March 9, Horner Park Field House

Safety Zone...

GOING HOME: Be ready, always carry your keys in your hands so you are ready to open your door. If you are coming home at night, make sure some lights are on.

You may also want to notify the R.M.I.A. hotline at 312-409-3213 if you have a crime to report so we can keep track of any rashes of crimes that may be occurring. Look forward to more safety tips in future issues of Safety Zone.

Nancy Campbell

NEW! e-mail Neighborhood Info

Visit ravenswoodmanor.com and sign up to receive electronic information updates about neighborhood events and issues. This new service allows our membership to choose which topics they receive information about.

Local Numbers to Know

Police Emergency**911**
City Services**311**
Police Non-Emergency
.....**311**

Chicago Police 17th District
Station**(312) 744-8346**
Alderman Richard
Mell**(773) 478-8040**

RMIA Hotline
.....**(312) 409-3213**
Recycling Resource
Center**(773) 821-1351**