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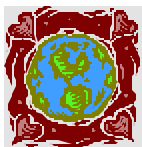
Garage Sale Sunday, May 19

The annual Ravenswood Manor garage sale attracts hundreds of shoppers eager to buy quality used items at reasonable prices. The RMIA handles the advertising, permits and signage. All you need to do is register.

There are three ways to register:

- 1) Sign up at the semi-annual meeting on April 24th.
- 2) Fill out the registration form on page 2 and mail it in.
- 3) Leave a message on the RMIA voice mail at 312-409-3213. Indicate that you wish to participate in the garage sale. Be sure to leave your **name, address and telephone number** so a garage sale packet can be provided to you.

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Earth Day April 20

Time: 9 a.m. to noon

Where: Manor Park

What: Bring the entire family and help clean up the park and gardens. B.Y.O.B (Bring your own Broom, shovel and gloves)

Free breakfast for all helpers!

RMIA Winter Social Fun For All



Pie baking contest winner Alan Shortall, his wife Louisa and son Finnbar enjoy themselves at the RMIA Winter Social held in March at the Horner Park field house. (See lots of new photos at www.ravenswoodmanor.com/winsoc02.html)



RMIA Semi-Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 24

The RMIA semi-annual meeting will be held April 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Horner Park field house. Our guest speaker will present information on historic landmark protection, of interest to neighbors concerned about the impact of economic development on the historic charm of the Manor. Please join us!

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Summer Concert Series

The 8th annual Summer Concert Series begins Sunday, June 6, under the pergola in Manor Park.

There will be six concerts this year. In addition, you and your family are invited to the Manorbash, an afternoon of fun, food, and music on Sunday, August 11. The concert series and Manorbash are organized by the Horner Park Advisory Council, in cooperation with the Chicago Park District, and with support from the RMIA.

Concert dates are all Sundays, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The dates are June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 18, and August 25. Groups and artists

signed up to perform this year include Cooper, Nelson & Early, Bopology, and Susan Urban. The August 25 performance will be the Neighborhood Talent Show. The next RMIA newsletter will provide talent show sign-up information.

Manorbash will again be an all-afternoon event featuring kids' games, hot dogs, lemonade, and great music.

Contributions to support these wonderful benefits to our community are welcome, as are advertisers for the program books given away at each performance. Please send donations or inquiries to John O'Connell, 4530 N. Mozart St., Chicago IL 60625.

The *Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter* is published by the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association (RMIA) a non-profit group of Ravenswood Manor residents formed to implement the will of its members. All those who live or do business in Ravenswood Manor are eligible to become board members. The Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Horner Park field house. These meetings are open to members and the Board welcomes comments and suggestions.

To join the RMIA, volunteer or make a suggestion, call the RMIA hotline at (312) 409-3213 or send us an e-mail at webmaster@ravenswoodmanor.com

Community Meetings

33rd Ward Advisory Council Meetings — 3rd Thurs., 7:00 p.m.
Horner Park Advisory Council Meetings — 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.
RMIA Board Meetings — 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
All meetings held at: Horner Park field house, 2nd. floor

Garage Sale...

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The deadline for signing up is May 10. Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted to offset the cost of promoting and advertising the sale. You may mail your donation along with your registration or donate at the semi-annual meeting.

All participants will receive garage sale tips, a large yellow garage sale sign, maps for shoppers and the required garage sale permit from the City of Chicago.

Also, the 33rd Ward will generously provide a bulk pick up on Monday, May 20, to remove items from the alleys.

The garage sale takes place rain or shine so, whether you will sell or buy, mark your calendars for this fun annual event!

Garage Sale Registration Form

Registration for the Ravenswood Manor Neighborhood Garage Sale, May 19 (Deadline May 10)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

I wish to make a contribution of \$_____ to R.M.I.A. for Sale Expenses.

Please mail your registration to:

RMIA Garage Sale

P.O. Box 25486

Chicago, IL 60625



Election for Waters Elementary LSC Wednesday, May 1

Meet Aaron Schwartz... Ravenswood Manor Resident Running for Waters LSC

Here is everything you ever wanted to know about LSCs, how to vote, why to vote and other ways you can get involved.

What is a Local School Council (LSC)?

An 11- or 12-member school council made up of elected groups of parents, teachers and community members who make critical decisions for each of the city's nearly 600 schools. Each LSC serves a two-year term.

What types of critical decisions do LSCs make?

They evaluate and sign a contract with the principal, approve the school improvement plan, oversee school budgets, plan and work with the administration and staff, and involve other parents and community members in the school.

Why is this important now?

Because elections for the 2002-2004 LSCs are this May. That includes the election for the LSC of Ravenswood Manor's public elementary school, Waters (located at Wilson and Rockwell).

Who elects the Waters Elementary School LSC?

You do! Each of us, as residents of Ravenswood Manor, has a right to elect Waters LSC members.

When is the Waters LSC election?

The election for Waters LSC is May 1, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Waters School.

I don't send my child to Waters. Why should I vote for the Waters LSC or get involved at all?

If you believe that the quality of your local school impacts the quality of life for you and your neighbors, then you should vote for the LSC members.

How can I learn more about the LSC candidates?

Attend the candidates' forum which will take place immediately following the April 8 Waters School LSC meeting. Or stop by the school and read the candidate statements. (Excerpts from two candidate statements, Ravenswood Manor resident Aaron Schwartz and Ravenswood Gardens resident Eva Moon, are included in this newsletter).

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My name is **Aaron Schwartz** and I was born and raised in the city of Chicago. I have lived in Ravenswood Manor for five years. As a resident of the neighborhood and a parent of young children, I believe strongly that the prosperity and health of our community depend in large part on the quality and success of our schools. My interest in becoming a member of the Local School Council is based on my desire to work with a group of people dedicated to improving education so that all of our young people have the opportunity to reach high levels of achievement and knowledge.

If elected as a Community Representative to the Waters Elementary LSC, I plan to work closely with parents, teachers, students, the principal, and other council members to:

- 1) Take advantage of the rich diversity within our neighborhood by facilitating a connection between the school and the community
- 2) Promote the advancement of successful Waters' initiatives such as the conservation program and the fine arts program
- 3) Support a curriculum that places emphasis on teaching English while maintaining a commitment to multi-language education so that all children can reach their highest potential
- 4) Set policies designed to encourage and improve student



RMIA Focus on Education...



Election for Waters Elementary LSC Wednesday, May 1 (cont.)

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Do I need proof of identification to vote?

Yes. Be sure to take with you TWO forms of identification. At least one must list your address and be "official", such as a driver's license, State of Illinois ID or current utility bill.

Am I voting for community members, parents or both?

Each parent or community voter is entitled to cast one vote for up to a total of five (5) candidates, regardless of whether such candidates are parent or community representatives. Casting more than five votes spoils the parent/community ballot, while casting fewer than five does not.

What else can I do to get involved, besides voting?

Educate yourself. Attend a Waters LSC meeting. Join an LSC committee. Read up on Waters School on its Web site (<http://collaboratory.nunet.net/waters/homepage.html>).

Attend the Waters School Open House on April 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are many ways to get involved. Your only limits are your own time.

Help the 33rd Ward Welcome Its New Magnet School!

Inter-American Magnet School (IAMS), currently in the Lakeview neighborhood, has been designated a site at Cornelia Avenue and Whipple Street, just west of the former Montgomery Ward store, and an award winning design. Although the Board of Education announced plans in 1997 to build a new facility for IAMS, funds have yet to be encumbered. Five free buses will take supporters to Springfield, Illinois on Tuesday, April 16, 2002 for a lobby day to press for the timely construction of the school.

- School design was completed with local input and will serve the community after hours & in summer. (See: <http://www.bpichicago.org/pe/cpsdc.html>)
- Transportation will be free. Buses will leave at 6:30 am and return around 7:30 pm. Location to be announced.
- All activities, including a performance by the IAMS Chicago Children's Choir, speeches, a press conference and meetings with our representatives, will be scheduled in advance.

For more information contact Ravenswood Manor resident Marissa Hopkins at 773/588-8822 or at catalystmg@mindspring.com.

Meet Eva Moon... Ravenswood Gardens Resident Running for Waters LSC

My name is **Eva Moon** and I am running as a community representative for the local school council at Waters Elementary. I am a new home-owner in Ravenswood Gardens and one of the reasons I moved here was because I wanted to raise my family in this community. As both a parent and community member I want to make a serious contribution to what I consider to be one of the most important parts of the community – the school.

My personal priorities happen to merge with the work that I do professionally. I work for a national school reform organization, the Cross City Campaign for Urban School Reform. I came to this job with a passion for, and commitment to a quality public education for every child. This is the same objective I would work towards as a local school council member. Professionally I advocate for small schools and personally I would like to see Waters break into small schools to create an even better learning community. I think my skills and experience would be a valuable asset for Waters school and the community at large. I hope you will support me in the upcoming election.

Safety Zone....

GRAFFITI ALERT! Warm weather tends to invite more graffiti. If you see anyone in the process of writing graffiti call 911. If you see graffiti results in the neighborhood, call 311 and ask for the 17th District to report it. If the graffiti is extensive, it will be important for the police to look at it so that they might be able to identify, through symbols & styles, who the offenders might be. The City will file a city service request to have the graffiti painted out. If the graffiti is less extensive, the request may be implemented over the phone at the time of the report. Either way, the graffiti will be removed within a few days.

Quick removal is the best defense for discouraging offenses.

By Nancy Campbell



Congratulations Eleanor Fogerty a winner of the RMIA winter social raffle.

Manor Plant Sale and Garden Walk

Manor Garden Club (MGC) announces its annual plant sale will be Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to noon at Buffalo Park, located at the intersection of Manor, Sunnyside and California avenues.

The club will offer perky annuals to brighten any garden, planter, or windowbox, as well as vegetables, herbs, and hanging baskets. The plants are grown in Chicagoland, so they are used to our weather.

“Every year, garden club members

Aaron...

achievement, which can be measured by higher test scores as well as other indicators.

As a product of public schools, I understand the opportunities and challenges of providing a quality education within a diverse setting. I believe we have a unique opportunity to bring Waters to the forefront as a community school that provides an excellent education within a nurturing environment for children from the entire community.

Aaron and his wife, Lea, and two children, Gabriel, 4, and Isabel, 2, live on Mozart.

review which plants we should offer,” said MGC president Anne Rozmin. “We have old favorites as well as the hottest new plants for the adventurous.”

Persons who ordered in advance should pick up their plants on Thursday, May 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 4422 N. Mozart. See the following calendar for other spring and summer events.

By Alan Mueller

Manor Garden Club Spring/Summer Calendar

Monday, April 15 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Horner Park Field House

Thursday, May 16 6 to 8 p.m.
Adv. Plant Sale Order Pick Up
4422 N. Mozart St.

Saturday, May 18 10 a.m.- noon
Plant Sale at Buffalo Park
(Sunnyside/Manor/California)

Monday, June 17 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Horner Park Field House

Sunday, July 14 2 to 6 p.m.
Garden Walk

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**

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