

# RAVENSWOOD MANOR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2004



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## Garage Sale Sunday, May 16

**T**he 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 21st.
- 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 include your **name, address and telephone number.**

The deadline for signing up is May 10. Monetary donations

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## Earth Day April 24

**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!**

## Plant Sale on Saturday, May 15

**A**mazing annuals, vibrant vegetables, happy hanging baskets and edible herbs will be sold at the Manor Garden Club's annual plant sale, beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, at Buffalo Park (Manor, California and Sunnyside avenues).

This is your chance to pick up plants that thrive in our climate without having to fight traffic and find parking. Many of our neighbors stroll down to the park and use their children's wagon or stroller to take home their new plants. Shopping is fast and convenient. Plants are competitively priced and

purchased through local nurseries.

Money from the sale supports the club's projects and Ravenswood Manor beautification. This includes plantings in Buffalo and Ravenswood Manor parks, plus upkeep of Horner Park.

Club meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday except for July and August at Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave. Anyone interested in gardening, inside or out, is welcome. Meetings include speakers, refreshments and a book raffle. For details, visit [www.manorgardenclub.org](http://www.manorgardenclub.org)

— Alan Mueller



## RMIA Semi-Annual Meeting April 21 at Horner Park

**T**he RMIA semi-annual meeting will be held Wednesday, April 21st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Horner Park Field House. All Manor residents are welcome. We will discuss what the RMIA is working to achieve this year. Thanks to everyone who called or e-mailed their comments on the new speed humps. We'll be discussing this feedback at the meeting. *See related article on page three.*

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## Scene from Nicholas Cage's "The Weatherman" Filmed Here

**T**he filming of a picturesque scene in Nicholas Cage's movie "The Weatherman" brought a dozen white semi trucks, about a hundred crew members, and the actor himself to the Manor in mid-March, lending some excitement to an otherwise long winter month.

Crews had to blanket Ravenswood Manor park and surrounding homes and garages with snow on an unseasonably mild day to serve as a proper

backdrop for Cage to pick up his daughter from dance class.

Our neighborhood economy got a boost when Merle's coffee shop took an emergency order for 30 ham and cheese sandwiches for the movie crew when the caterer ran out of food.

Some of our neighbors who donated their lawns to recreate the scene were also compensated for their trouble.

— Brian Basler

### Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

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 [RMIAboard@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:RMIAboard@ravenswoodmanor.com)

### Galter Life Center Discount for RMIA Members

**G**alter Life Center (corner of Francisco and Foster). If we get three more by June 1, deep discounts on membership fees and monthly dues will be available to all RMIA members. So stop by Galter, take a tour of this beautiful facility and add your name to our list. Ask for Shannon Wells-Berg at 878-9936 (ext. 7310).

## Garage Sale...

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will be gratefully accepted to offset the cost of promoting and advertising the sale. The garage sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All participants will receive garage sale tips, a sign, maps for shoppers and the required garage sale permit in a packet of materials that will be dropped off at your home by May 15.

Also, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Ward will generously provide a bulk pick up on Monday, May 17, 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 16 (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

## 2004 Ravenswood Manor Calendar



We know how hard it is to keep track of the many wonderful events available to Manor residents. Here's a list of most major events through May. If you have additional questions or need more information on any of the events listed here, give the RMIA hotline a call (312-409-3213) and a board member will be sure to call you back.

### **RMIA Semi-Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 21**

**7:30 p.m. at Horner Park**

Learn more about the RMIA's 2003 plans and how you can get involved (see story on page one of this newsletter).  
after March 8th.

### **Earth Day Clean Up at Manor Park, Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to noon**

Bring the entire family and help clean up the park and garden. BYOB (Bring Your Own Broom, shovels gloves, etc.)

### **Garden Planting at Manor Park, Saturday May 1 9:30 a.m. to noon**

Come and help beautify Manor Park with new plants and bushes selected by the Manor Garden Club.

### **Manor Garden Club Plant Sale May 15, 10 a.m.**

Your chance to purchase plants from the Manor Garden Club is May 15, at 10 a.m., in Buffalo Park (Sunnyside, California and Manor avenues).

### **Neighborhood Garage Sale Sunday, May 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

One of the biggest highlights of the year for the neighborhood's more organized residents, this is your chance to take advantage of an event that attracts hundreds of bargain hunters to the Manor. The RMIA takes care of the permits and the publicity. All you need to do is follow the

instructions on page one of this newsletter to register, and set out your wares in an attractive fashion on the 16th. It's that simple. Not interested in selling? Many Manor residents have picked up treasures of their own. So whether you're selling or shopping, the garage sale is lots of fun for all.

### **Manor Garden Club Garden Walk, Sunday, June 27 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

This year's walk will feature dozens of Ravenswood Manor gardens ranging from large riverfront areas to small but interesting backyards. Maps are available for a \$5 donation. To cap the evening, the garden club sponsors the concert in Ravenswood Manor park beginning at 7 p.m.

*Check the summer newsletter for more events, including the Manor Bash and the Summer Concert Series.*

## Informal Poll: Most Residents Favor Speed Humps



Thanks to everyone who gave feedback on the recently installed speed humps. Approximately 2/3rds of the respondents were in favor of the speed humps while the balance would like to see them removed. A lot of very strong points were made pro and con. A few comments follow here. We will discuss any next steps regarding speed humps at the

RMIA semi-annual meeting on April 21, 7:30 p.m., Horner Park.

#### A few of your comments:

- "They (speed humps) are very effective. They need to be placed on my street, Francisco, between Wilson and Montrose. It's extremely dangerous. Please install more"
- "Their effectiveness is an illusion. Why penalize local residents for a handful of people who have no intention of slowing down anyway?"
- "Speed bump on California is too high"
- "Speed humps are terrific. Thank you! More on Manor please!"

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