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RMIA Semi-Annual Meeting April 20 Alderman Mell Guest Speaker

The RMIA semi-annual meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20th at the Horner Park Fieldhouse from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. All Manor residents are welcome. Alderman Mell will give his view on 33rd Ward happenings. We will also discuss and gather input on RMIA initiatives and plans.

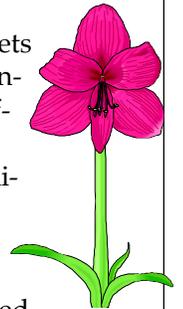
Plant Sale on Saturday, May 7

Amazing annuals, vibrant vegetables, happy hanging baskets and edible herbs will be sold at the Manor Garden Club's annual plant sale, beginning at 10 am on Saturday, May 7 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 Avenue. Anyone interested in gardening, inside or out, is welcome. Meetings include speakers, refreshments and a book raffle. For details, visit www.manorgardenclub.org.



Garage Sale Sunday, May 15

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 four ways to register:

- 1) Sign up at the RMIA Semi-Annual meeting on April 20th;
- 2) Send an email to the RMIA at garagesale@ravenswoodmanor.com;
- 3) Fill out the registration form on page 2 and mail it in; or,

- 4) 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

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RMIA News Brief

Warner's Candy Development Update

Alderman Mell called a meeting with Real Concord developers, City of Chicago Planning Dept., RMIA, and West River Park Neighbors Association. Concerns regarding parking, traffic flow, and the building appearance were presented. The developer agreed to revise the proposal and work closer with the Chicago Planning Department. We anticipate that the end result will be a better development adjacent to our neighborhood.

Summer Arts Camp

Go Get Your Smock School of Art will be offering a summer arts camp for kids ages 5-8 and for kids 9 and up beginning in July. The studio is located on Francisco, right across from Ravenswood Manor Park. For more information, please contact the studio. Phone number: 773-588-5001 or email: info@gogetyoursmock.org.

The "Hole" Story

The developer of the property on the SW corner of Manor and Lawrence (the former Roy's Alignment site) met with the RMIA Board last month to present the plans for the property. Manor's Gate Residences is the name of the proposed four story condominium building with 17 units, parking and ground floor commercial space. The two-bedroom units range from \$289,000 to \$367,000. The delay in the construction this past year was due in part to the remediation of contaminated soil. Once the applicable permits are issued by the City, construction will begin this Spring or Summer. Further questions can be directed to New Chicago Real Estate at 773-477-4200.

RMIA Member Packet Now Online!

The RMIA has updated and reissued the neighborhood welcome packet on the neighborhood website at www.ravenswoodmanor.com. The document features a great primer on Ravenswood Manor and is a valuable resource of information for all residents. Printed copies will be available later in the year.



**REGISTRATION FOR THE
RAVENSWOOD MANOR NEIGHBORHOOD
GARAGE SALE—MAY 15**
(Registration Deadline—May 4)

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ UNIT # _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

I wish to make a contribution of \$ _____
to RMIA for sale expenses.

Please mail your registration to:
RMIA Garage Sale, P.O. Box 25486, Chicago, IL 60625

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telephone number. The deadline for signing up is Wednesday, May 4th.

Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted to offset the cost of promoting and advertising the sale. If you'd like to contribute, please send a check payable to RMIA at **RMIA Garage Sale**, P.O. Box 25486, Chicago, IL 60625.

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 14th. The garage sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, the 33rd Ward will generously provide a bulk pick up on Monday, May 16, 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.

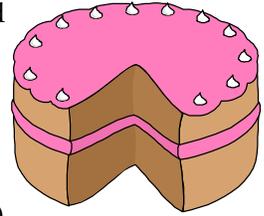


Winter Social 2005

A good time was had by all at RMIA's Winter Social on March 5. About 150 neighbors gathered at Horner Park fieldhouse for an evening of food—with delicious pasta catered by Merle's—and fun. The annual raffle was held with great prizes donated by our neighborhood Realtors—John Byrne, Cece Kuhlmann and Jill Peet-Sapanaro. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Pat Casler, Mary Doyle, Tracy Lowenthal, Mary Sheffield, Aaron Schwartz and Josh Silverman. Ella Wieshuber and Sarah Erickson were the lucky winners of the kids' raffle. A delicious cherry pie baked by Bill Ammons was voted the best-tasting pie in the neighborhood.

Fun activities for the kids were a highlight this year. The tradition of a kid's cakewalk was continued, thanks to Susan Siegert, our cakewalk expert,

and the donations of cakes and cupcakes from our neighborhood bakers—special thanks to Alexis Frankfort and her associates at Kitchen Chicago for their delectable donations!



The kids (and some adults too!)

enjoyed a salad spinner-painting project—many thanks to Diane Sutliff of Go Get Your Smock for providing such a fun and creative project! The gym was open for kids needing to burn off some energy—thank you Jake, Joanna and Eileen Peters for leading the gym clean up! And last, but not least, a heartfelt thank you to Richard Brandon who delivered the leftover food to a shelter for needy people.

Thanks to all the neighbors and friends who made the RMIA 2005 Winter Social a success!

Easter Egg Hunt

A beautiful sunny morning on Merle's backyard patio was the setting for this year's Easter Egg Hunt held on March 19th. About 50 neighborhood kids enjoyed hunting for eggs filled with candy and other treats. Gibson Siegert and Matthew Anderson were the lucky winners of awesome Easter baskets filled

with goodies by the talented Alexis Frankfort of Kitchen Chicago. Special thanks to both Merle's and Kitchen Chicago for the yummy cupcakes, cookies and juice enjoyed by the kids (and parents!) following the egg hunt and for their sponsorship of this fun-filled event.

Earth Day Park Cleanup

There are two more scheduled work days in parks in our neighborhood, part of our "spring cleaning effort." On Saturday, April 23, there will be two Earth Day park clean up sites, one at Ravenswood Manor Park, and one at Horner Park, sponsored by The Horner Park Advisory Council and Friends of the Parks, starting at 9 a.m. All neighbors are invited to come out and put in a couple of hours, giving back to our neighborhood. Bring rakes, gloves and pruning shears. Volunteers will get a T-shirt.



On Saturday, May 14, there will be a clean up of the Riverbank at Horner Park, sponsored by The Horner Park Advisory Council and the Friends of the Chicago River, starting at 9 a.m. at Montrose and the river. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt.

More information may be obtained by calling John O'Connell at 773-463-8166, or email at joc159@SBCGlobal.net.

Welcome Kitchen Chicago

A new business is here in Ravenswood Manor from Alexis Frankfort and Jeff Leverenz. Kitchen Chicago is a shared-use kitchen and café. A shared-use kitchen is a fully licensed, commercial kitchen available for a variety of people and uses: bakers, specialty food makers, personal chefs, culinary student practice, classes and training. It's fulfils a need for those ready to grow their own business without the risks involved in opening a fully equipped facility.

They've paired this with a small café and storefront that will launch this spring. Specializing in products made by the tenant chefs and other local food businesses means there will always be something new to try.

They are located at 4664 N. Manor, or at www.kitchenchicago.com. The kitchen is currently open, and the café will soon follow. Stop by and say hello.