



The Manor News

Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

Fall 2013

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Horner Park Advisory Council Meeting: Oct. 7

RMIA Semi-Annual Meeting: Oct. 9

Chicago Home Movie Day: Oct. 19

Halloween Trick-or-Treating: Oct. 31

Ravenswood Manor Centennial Bash: June 28, 2014

Cross-River Party: Sept. or Oct. 2014

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RMIA Semi-Annual Meeting Weds, Oct 9

Come meet Alderman Deb Mell & hear Neighborhood Centennial news

The RMIA is pleased to announce that recently appointed alderman of the 33rd Ward, Deb Mell, will be our featured speaker at the October semi-annual meeting. Deb will talk about her vision for the ward and the transition into her new role. This will be an excellent opportunity for Manor residents to show their civic pride by getting to know their new alderman and introducing her to Manor hospitality. If neighbors haven't already, they should familiarize themselves with the 33rd Ward's new website, 33rdward.org.



Alderman Mell holds Ward office hours every Wednesday 5-7pm

In addition, the RMIA board will share some very exciting news about Ravenswood Manor's 2014 Centennial. Please join us:



**RMIA Semi-Annual meeting
Wednesday, October 9th, 7:30pm
Urban Homes
4668 North Manor Avenue**

Volunteer Now for Ravenswood Manor Centennial 2014

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association, one of Chicago's oldest community groups. We will celebrate the Centennial together with a year-long series of special events and projects for Ravenswood Manor residents, created and led by neighbors. It's time to get excited and get involved! All projects are up and running and welcoming new volunteers.

In particular, your Centennial Steering Committee is looking for volunteers to have fun **planning two neighborhood-wide parties** next year. Two working groups are forming, one for each event—here's some information to help you decide which one to join:

Saturday, June 28, 2014 is the Ravenswood Manor Centennial Party, modeled on Manor Bashes of the past, held in and around Manor Park (this would be the 10th Manor Bash). We'll roll in our annual Fourth of July Bike Parade, along with music, BBQs, a Jumping Jack for the kids, and plenty more family activities.

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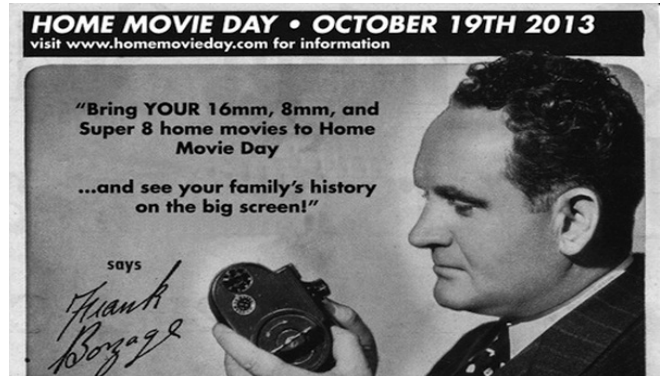
Show Your Home Movies on the Big Screen!

Saturday, October 19 is Chicago Home Movie Day

As a part of the RMIA's centennial celebration we are teaming up with the Chicago Film Archives (CFA) to participate in the Chicago Home Movie Day on October 19th, and we need your help. We are searching for old home movies from Ravenswood Manor: 8mm, super 8, or 16mm films. If you grew up in the Manor maybe your parents made movies of a birthday party, ballet recital, or friends goofing in the back yard. Perhaps you found a box of old film reels in the attic when you bought your house. We'd love to see footage of the river, the train, the parks, or back yards. There must be footage of the blizzard of '67 out there somewhere.

This year for Home Movie Day, the CFA will be featuring two iconic Chicago Neighborhoods, Bronzeville and Ravenswood Manor. The CFA was established to preserve the Midwest's film heritage and is particularly interested in home movies and other amateur work. They believe that home movies provide a valuable historical record of everyday life that needs to be cared for and handed down to future generations.

International Home Movie day is a worldwide celebration of home movies as historical and cultural



CFA features Ravenswood Manor as iconic Chicago Neighborhood

documents. CFA has participated annually as Chicago Home Movie Day since it was founded in 2003. It will be held this year at the Chicago History Museum. The event is fun and casual. In addition to screening home movies for a larger audience, playing "Home Movie Bingo," and enjoying refreshments, there are preservation experts on hand who can take a look at your films and advise you on preservation and proper storage. You can also get your films transferred to digital for a nominal fee. Normally, participants will leave with their home movies in hand, but if you get your film transferred, you may choose to donate the original to either CFA, or to The Ravenswood Manor Archives, stored at the Sulzer Library.



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Centennial Logo Chosen

Congratulations to Steve Shanabruch!

From the outset of planning the centennial celebrations back in June, the Steering Committee has been eager to engage our community in designing a centennial logo. After receiving nine submissions from five designers, Steve Shanabruch's logo was selected, and his logo will be officially unveiled at the Semi Annual Member Meeting on October 9.

A big thank you to Steve and to the other designers, Danna Brim, Tom Melvin, Grace Moore, and Heather Neyer. They were all asked to include the centennial slogan, "City Beautiful: 100 Years of Ravenswood Manor" and the year, 2014. With so many great submissions, the difficulty was picking just one winner.

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RMIA Issues Safety Update

Neighbors have been alerted to gang-related violence in the area recently. The RMIA board take the opportunity to disseminate available information about incidents and instructions for how concerned residents should respond.

Chicago Police Department Sargeant Munin has confirmed a gang-related shooting at Sacramento and Lawrence. The building where the shooting took place has been reported to the city's troubled building's department for investigation.

Sgt. Munin notes, "It's important that the neighbors continue to call in when they see disturbances happen because it makes it possible for us to have the proper evidence needed when approaching these owners about their horrible buildings, and it helps in housing court too, if it should get that far."

Safety was discussed at a recent CAPS meeting and will be a primary focus of our conversation with Alderman Mell at the RMIA Semi-Annual Meeting on Wednesday 10/9.

Police advise to ALWAYS call 911 or the 17th district if you see anything suspicious at this building, or anywhere. Small problems develop into big problems down the road. If an address has no history on record of gang or drug activity, it can be hard for beat police to get assistance from narcotics or vice squads to run operations to catch criminals. It's very important that residents record incidents so authorities can lean on building owners to get their property in order. Also report graffiti (send photos to caps.017district@cityofchicago.org) and keep Alderman Mell's office informed so they can follow up with Chicago Police Department 17th district.

CAPS Meetings

CAPS.017District@chicagopolice.org

Ravenswood Manor straddles two police beats, which host bi-monthly community policing meetings in even numbered months. North of Wilson, Beat 1713 meets on the 4th Thursday of each month, at the North Park College Magnuson Center, 5008 N. Kedzie Avenue, 7-8pm. South of Wilson, Beat 1724 meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at the Horner Park Field House, 7-8pm. *Note: There will be no November meeting for 1713 due to a conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. The next 1713 CAPS meeting will be in January 2014.*



Volunteer Now

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In September or October we'll join **hands across the river with Ravenswood Gardens** neighbors for a big collective bash, marking the common formation in 1914 of the precursor to today's RMIA and Ravenswood Gardens Homeowners Association, the original "Ravenswood Gardens and Manor Association."

Please join neighbors who have already stepped forward to help make our centennial year one to remember. Thanks to all those who give so generously their involvement and support! To volunteer for one of these events or any other project, email Steering Committee cochair Thomas Applegate at thomasapplegate@yahoo.com.

Great Neighbor turnout for RMIA Oktoberfest

Thanks to neighbors young and old who made it out to join RMIA for our Oktoberfest Celebration at Montrose Saloon—and an extra hearty cheers to host and new business proprietor Scott Hammond, for serving up some tasty backyard brewpub grub!



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From the Archives: Ravenswood Manor Park Shelter

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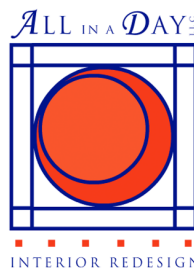
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CTA Station Mosaic Update

For the last two years, the RMIA has been working to preserve our local treasure, "Carpet" by Ellen Harvey. The Chicago winters have not been kind and repairs to the platform have created issues of their own. That said, the reddish residue you currently see is the latest solution to the loosening mosaic tiles. Our master mosaicist, Alejandro Romero, has covered over 90% of the artwork with a grout compound that will fortify existing grout, further embed some tiles that had come loose, and, we hope, stabilize the bottom of the ramp through the coming winter. This grout compound will slowly wash away with rain and snow to leave behind a more durable mosaic.



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Are You Curious, Manor?

In this issue we answer a Curious Manor question about a couple of noteworthy former residents. Our previous article offered the question:

“Were famous Bears quarterback Sid Luckman, and Harlem Globetrotter founder Abe Saperstein former Manor residents?”

The answer, heard from many long-time residents, is yes to both. Particular thanks to Adrian Collins for his personal verification of the Sapersteins’ residence in the Manor.

In a recent conversation and quick research session with Chicago historian Tim Samuelson, a story about Sid Luckman’s departure from the Manor was uncovered. In 1956, while former Bears QB Sid Luckman was living at 2749 W. Sunnyside, his 14-year-old son, Robert, a student at Roosevelt HS, was beaten up by some kids near Horner Park as reported in the Chicago Tribune. Shortly thereafter, the Luckman family moved out of the Manor to Skokie. In contrast, Abe Saperstein, founder of the Harlem Globetrotters, continued to live at 2948 W. Eastwood until his death in 1966. Also, Collins reports that Eloise Saperstein and family later returned to the Manor at 2921 W Eastwood.

Do you have a question, something that you have always heard and wondered if it was true? Send your curiosity and any Manor-related

questions to:

curiousmanor@ravenswoodmanor.com

Questions will be researched and answered by a group of neighborhood historians.

Q&A



Four time NFL champion quarterback (during his 12 seasons with the Bears), Sid Luckman, 1943, Chicago. Photo courtesy of the excellent calumet412.com



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