

The Manor News

Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

Winter 2010

Mark Your Calendar

**RMIA Business District
Wine & Cheese Event**
RSVP deadline Feb. 15

Manor Garden Club
February 15

RMIA Winter Social
February 28

Enjoy Wine and Cheese with Your Manor Neighbors

The RMIA Business District Committee will host a wine and cheese tasting event on Monday, February 22 to raise money for the Manor Francisco Garden Initiative.

The event will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Provenance Food & Wine located at 2312 W. Leland Avenue in Lincoln Square. The event will feature a selection of wines and cheeses from around the Midwest.

The cost is \$45 per person. Guests must be 21 years or older. Space is limited. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP by email to businessdistrict@ravenswoodmanor.com. Guests will receive instructions for returning payment on line via PayPal.

Payment in full will be required by February 15 to attend the event.



CAPS Meetings Serve Manor Residents

The RMIA would like to remind residents that the most important thing you can do about public safety is to call the police whenever you see something suspicious. Residents can call 911 for emergencies, or you can call 311 and talk to an operator for less urgent situations.

If you're concerned about public safety, you can also attend your local CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) meetings. At the meetings, you can talk to the officers who patrol your beat, and have the opportunity to work with your beat officers to help identify and solve neighborhood crime issues.

Ravenswood Manor is served by two police beats: Beat 1713 covers residences north of Wilson Avenue. Beat Meetings are on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., at the Korean Senior Center, 5008 N. Kedzie Ave.

Beat 1724 covers residences south of Wilson Avenue. Beat Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Horner Park Field House, 2741 W. Montrose Ave.

If you are unable to attend a CAPS meeting and have a safety or crime issue please contact the 17th District Community Policing Office at (312) 742-4588 or CAPS.017District@chicagopolice.org.

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Annual RMIA Winter Social

The Winter Social will be held Sunday, February 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

All Manor residents are invited to come out for food, fun and community conversation. It's an easy afternoon for sharing and connecting.

Food For You: RMIA will provide hors d'ouvres, desserts, and hot drinks from Merle's Coffee Shoppe, Blue Sky Bakery and Café, and First Slice.

Food for Others: We ask you to bring canned goods and packaged foods for the food pantry at the Albany Park Community Center.

Bakers, Please: We'll need cakes for the kid's cake walk, too. Bakers, you know who you are. Thank you!

New this Year: First Slice will invite all the kids to make placemats and other contributions to the meals

First Slice serve in homeless shelters and soup kitchens.

Get Connected: There also will be tables for information and conversation about all kinds of activities that go on in the Manor. If you lead something, or want to organize something, bring your info or ideas and make some new connections.

Volunteers Needed for set-up, clean up. Contact volunteer@ravenswoodmanor.com or just come over to the fieldhouse an hour early.



RMIA Newsletter Deadlines

March 22: Spring newsletter submission deadline
April 9 to April 16: Spring newsletter delivery

June 1: Summer newsletter submission deadline
June 18 to June 25: Summer newsletter delivery

Sept. 10: Fall newsletter submission deadline
Oct. 1 to Oct. 8: Fall newsletter delivery.

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Winter Snow Removal on Wilson Bridge

We are in the throes of winter and we all know how messy it can be, especially for pedestrians, children walking to school and mail carriers! Snow and ice on sidewalks are unsafe for everyone. Here in the Manor, we are fortunate to have foot



access to two train stations and several neighborhood schools. It's very important for the safety of all pedestrians that we make an extra effort to keep our properties free of snow and ice after every snow fall.

One big issue we face in our neighborhood is the ongoing problem of snow and ice on our bridges. The Wilson Avenue bridge in particular includes a large expanse of public walkways, with the added obstacle of being on a hill. Every day in winter, children walking to school struggle to make it up and down the hill and to cross the bridge safely.

We are seeking volunteers, especially those with snow blowers, to help keep the Wilson Avenue Bridge clear this winter. If you are able to help with clearing the bridge and own a snow blower, please contact Michael Herman at 312-280-7838 or send an email to michael@michaelherman.com. Michael will help coordinate volunteers so hopefully each person may only have to help out occasionally.

The RMIA is currently investigating all options for having the snow removed regularly from either a city or county service. With deep cuts having been made to government services over the past two years, we are having difficulty finding a resolution.

We will not give up until we find an answer. But in the meantime, we are hoping our neighborhood can join together to help remove the snow and to keep all of us safe. Please help if you are able. The RMIA fully supports active transit, especially walking and biking in the Manor, and encourages residents to continue to use public transportation through the winter to help conserve energy and foster healthier lifestyles.

Stay warm and keep moving this winter!

Get Involved!

If you are looking for ways to get involved or have your voice heard, here are some of the local civic meetings that are being held.

The RMIA board meets second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., at the Horner Park Fieldhouse. All Manor residents are welcome.

Alderman Richard Mell's 33rd Ward Advisory Council meets third Thursday of the month, at 7 p.m., at Horner Park Fieldhouse.

CAPS beat 1713 (Ravenswood Manor north of Wilson) meets fourth Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., at the Korean Senior Center, 5008 N. Kedzie Ave.

CAPS beat 1724 (Ravenswood Manor south of Wilson) meets third Tuesday of the month 7 p.m. Horner Park Fieldhouse.

Next HPAC (Horner Park Advisory Council) meeting will be on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

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Manor Garden Club News

Join the Manor Garden Club on Monday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. for an armchair safari to the magnificent country of South Africa.

At the meeting, Joyce Basel, a South African native and owner of a special interest safari company will give a slide presentation tour of the garden route, botanic gardens and wilderness areas, including game reserves.

The Manor Garden Club meets at Luther Memorial Church in the Beginner's Room downstairs. Please use the side entrance. The address is 2500 W. Wilson.

The presentation follows refreshments and a raffle.



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312-742-4410

Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS)
312-744-3774

Alderman Richard Mell
773-418-8040

Recycling Resource Center
773-821-1351

Graffiti Removal
312-744-5000 or 311





Giddings and Manor Potluck Dinners

The neighbors on Giddings and Manor Streets, at the top of the Manor, just had their 15th neighborhood potluck dinner in 17 months. Twelve households, or about 30 people, attended the latest dinner in January.

Since the potluck started, more than 20 of all 28 households invited have attended one or more of our dinners. We've gathered in 10 different homes and the menu is always different. We started by passing out simple paper invitations, then mostly moved to blind email, then made a neighborhood directory and open group emails. This was inspired by an article in the New York Times about a neighborhood that's been doing this for 17 years.

Our first rule is that everyone is invited. That's everyone from every household on Giddings, or facing Giddings from Manor Street. Our second rule is those who attend must bring something to share. We've had big groups and small, but we haven't had to order pizzas yet!

If your block has a unique tradition, share it with the entire neighborhood. Send your information to newsletter@ravenswoodmanor.com.



Would you like to see the Garden Walk return to the Manor in 2010? Despite the snow on the ground, the seed catalogues are in the mail and now is the time to start planning. The Garden Walk was once an annual tradition in the Manor, but the event had gone fallow the last few years.

The RMIA is working to build momentum for a return of the event for this summer. Whether you want to be involved in planning the event or to lend an hour of help on the day of the event, we are interested in hearing from you. This was a popular event in years past, but it takes time and volunteers to organize. If you are interested helping the event germinate in 2010, please contact the RMIA at rmiaboard@ravenswoodmanor.com.



Mark your Social Calendar with these upcoming RMIA events

Saturday, March 27: Children's Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 28: RMIA Semi-Annual Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Horner Park Fieldhouse

Saturday, May 16: Annual RMIA Garage Sale

Saturday, July 3: Children's 4th of July Bike Parade

Wednesday, Oct. 20: RMIA Semi-Annual Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Horner Park Fieldhouse



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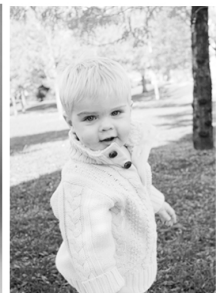


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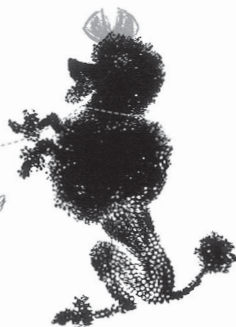
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