



The Manor News

Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

Spring 2010

Mark Your Calendar



Semi-Annual Meeting
Wednesday, April 28

Manor Garden Club
Saturday, May 15

Manor Garage Sale
Sunday, May 16

Summer Concert Series Begins
Sunday, June 6

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Sunday, June 27

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Free Summer Concert Series

The Horner Park Advisory Council, with the Chicago Park District, announces 16th Season of Free Summer Concerts. The Horner Park Advisory Council Presents The Summer Concert Series. This is the 16th season of free summer concerts at Ravenswood Manor Park and Horner Park.

The season opens with "Juiced up June" on Sunday, June 6 at Ravenswood Manor Park with **Fulton County Line** at 7 pm. This is a very popular country act in town, and a big feature of the evening will be a line dance caller, to get your toes tappin' and feet shufflin'.

Join us a week later on Sunday, June 13 at Ravenswood Manor Park at 7 pm for the Blues styles of Chicago's legendary **Charlie Love Band**.

Two weeks later, come out to Horner Park on Saturday, June 26 for the ever popular **Buzz Killman and the Rocket Scientists**, to be followed by a movie on Horner Hill: *Indiana Jones and The Raiders of the Lost Ark* (Yes, the Original, and still the best!)

Two more Friday evenings follow in Horner for "Jammin' July!" **Grayson Capps and the Stompknockers** perform on Friday, July 9 at 7 pm. Another concert will follow in Horner on Friday, July 16, the act will be announced shortly. Return for Awesome August in Ravenswood Manor Park. Sunday, August 1 at 7 pm features the **Finley McKnight Band**. Opening for them will be a unique group: **The Gaudete Brass Quintet!** Two weeks later on Sunday, August 15 at 7 pm we'll enjoy the sounds of the **Lawrence Peters Outfit** for two solid sets.

Our season closes on Sunday, August 29 at 7 pm with our old friend **Rokko Jans and Friends**, a neighborhood tradition for many years.

Contributions and sponsorships are still available. Call 773-612-7887 for more information on becoming a sponsor. Support can be made via PayPal on this website. Contributors will have their name appear in the concert program. It all promises to be a great summer in the parks. Please come out and enjoy the shows! (see page 5 for schedule)





Manor Garden Walk is Back!

The much anticipated return of the Manor Garden Walk is coming into bloom June 27. After a few years of dormancy, the RMIA is sponsoring the Garden Walk this year, and the Garden Walk committee is soliciting gardeners and volunteers who are interested in participating.

The 2010 Garden Walk will be the homegrown social event of the summer. The Walk will be advertised and promoted within the Manor so that neighbors can get out and see what is blooming around the neighborhood. This year's event will not be generally advertised outside the Manor. If you only walk the neighborhood during the Garage Sale, then this will be a chance to see more than just the alleys and you won't have to deal with the crowds.

The Garden Walk committee is seeking nominations for approximately 15 to 20 gardeners who are willing to open their horticultural gems to the world. Feel free to nominate yourself or a neighbor whose yard deserves recognition by emailing gardenwalk@ravenswoodmanor.com. The committee will select participating gardens from those that are nominated.

In addition, the Garden Walk committee is seeking volunteers who can help out leading up to the event or who can help organize on the day of the event. To volunteer, please email the Garden Walk committee.

The details for the Garden Walk are stilling taking shape, but the seed has been planted. Watch for the Summer Manor News Newsletter for more information about the event. For more information or to nominate a garden, email the committee at gardenwalk@ravenswoodmanor.com.

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CTA to Fix Francisco Mosaic

The CTA is working on repairing the broken tiles in the mosaic that is featured outside the Francisco El stop.

According to Jeff Wilson, a Government and Community Relations Officer with the CTA, the replacement tiles have been fabricated and shipped from Mexico. The tile will be repaired as soon as the weather holds for 5 days at 50 degrees or above, Wilson said. The CTA expects the weather to start cooperating in April or May, he said.

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Garage Sale Set for Sunday, May 16

The annual Ravenswood Manor Garage Sale is scheduled for Sunday, May 16. The sign-up Deadline is May 10th! For more information or to sign up online, go to www.ravenswoodmanor.com.

It's time to clean out your garage, attic, basement and closets and make some money. Spring cleaning is right around the corner and the Ravenswood Manor Garage Sale is the perfect opportunity to unload all of those extra items from your house. Just sign-up and prepare your items for sale.

The RMIA pays to advertise the popular neighborhood sale in the local publications, and the crowds show up ready to buy in any economy. The RMIA will place ads in the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Reader, Chicago Sun-Times and Craigslist the week preceding the sale.

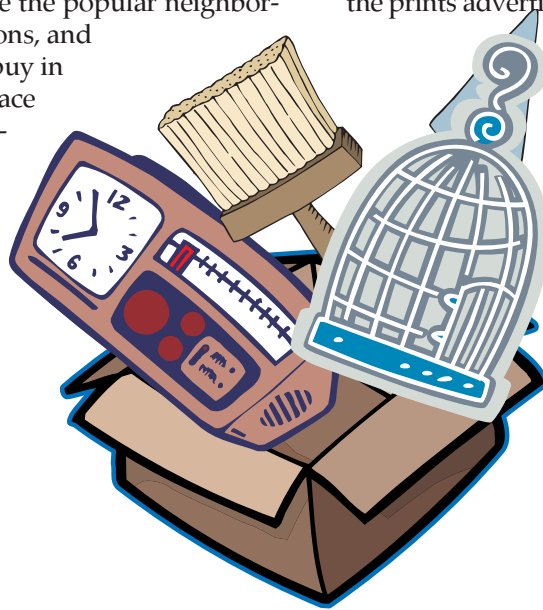
To sign-up, just visit www.ravenswoodmanor.com to sign up online or mail in the entry form below. Garage sale participants are asked to make a minimum \$15 contribution to the RMIA. You can send your sign-up form to the RMIA at PO Box 25486, Chicago, IL 60625 or send your

name, address and email to garagesale@ravenswoodmanor.com.

The RMIA needs volunteers to help coordinate the garage sale. Please email us at garagesale@ravenswoodmanor.com to let us know if you are able to volunteer to help with various tasks before the sale and to help the morning of the sale. Whether you can contribute an hour or a day, we cannot organize the garage sale without volunteers from the Manor.

Please include a donation with your registration as the prints advertising, maps and permits are paid for by the RMIA. Thank you in advance for your donation. Anyone seeking more information can email garagesale@ravenswoodmanor.com.

Let's hope our weather is good and our sales are high. It's our chance to show everyone that the Manor has the nicest alleys in the city.



2010 RAVENSWOOD MANOR GARAGE SALE REGISTRATION (May 10th deadline)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

UNIT # _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

I wish to make a contribution of (please circle amount) \$15 \$25 \$35
to RMIA for garage sale expenses.

Please make checks payable to Ravenswood Manor
Improvement Association and mail your registration to:
RMIA Garage Sale, P.O. Box 25486, Chicago, IL 60625



Manor Garden Club to Host Annual Plant Sale

The Manor Garden Club is holding its annual Plant Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, May 15 from 10 am to noon. This year the sale will be at Luther Memorial Church, 2500 W. Wilson (at Wilson and Campbell). The sale will be set up on the front lawn - rain or shine.

Luther Memorial Church members will be selling delicious homemade treats and beverages. The sale features a large selection of herbs, vegetables, annuals, and some spring perennials. The plant sale will feature plant varieties that have done well in gardens and containers, as well as some new varieties and heirloom vegetables. Club members will be on hand to answer your questions and assist you with plant choices. Please come early for the best selection.

Your plant purchases help to host presentations at the Garden Club meetings, which cover a wide variety of topics from wildflowers and birds to garden art and design. Meetings are held at Luther Memorial Church on the third Monday of most months at 7:30 pm. All are invited to attend.

High school students who are in need of community service hours can earn some by volunteering to work at the Garden Club's Plant Sale. The start time for volunteers is 8 am at Luther Memorial Church. Call Ann

Rozmin at 773-334-7874 by May 1 to sign up.

Also, the Manor Garden Club will have its monthly meeting at 7:30 pm Monday, April 19 at Luther Memorial Church.

The meeting will feature Mel Zaloudek, a botanist and former Horticulture Department faculty member at Triton College. Mel will present a slide lecture highlighting various herbs and flowers you can grow in the garden and use medicinally. Mel will also discuss the care and identification of these plants, as well as the abundant folklore about their health-enhancing properties.

Look for updated information on Manor Garden Club facebook page.

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Winter Social Report

Thanks to contributions from all over the neighborhood, we had another successful RMIA Winter Social in February.

Merle's Coffee Shoppe and Blue Sky Café provided food and dessert. First Slice Pie Café provided drinks and helped the kids make more than 50 placemats and decorated cups of hot cocoa for the homeless shelters where First Slice provides meals.

Thanks to the volunteers who set up tables and chairs, baked for and ran the cake walk for an excited group of young frosting-seekers, and helped carry bags and boxes of canned goods outside, for delivery to an Albany Park food pantry.

We had representatives from the Garden Club, Whistle Awareness initiative, Horner Park Advisory Council. PUSH Therapy offered free chair massages and the flowers from All in a Day interior makeovers were another bright spot.

Semi-Annual Meeting

The RMIA semi-annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30 pm at the Horner Park Fieldhouse. Twice a year the RMIA invites everyone from the community to attend a meeting to discuss the initiatives of the RMIA and the concerns of the community. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting.

Thanks for Shoveling!

As spring arrives, we would like to say thanks to all those who worked with shovels and snowblowers to keep our sidewalks clear these last few months.

Special thanks to Howard Lange, Eileen Rochford, Scott Wheeler, Michael Herman and Summit Industries. These are the people we know for sure had a hand in clearing the sidewalks on our three bridges this year. If you helped too, or want to help next year, contact the RMIA at volunteer@ravenswoodmanor.com to be a part of the shoveling team.

Summer Concert Series Lineup

| Day | Date | Time | Site | Act |
|----------|-----------|------|-----------------------|---|
| Sunday | June 6 | 7 pm | Ravenswood Manor Park | Fulton County Line (A Hoe-down) |
| Sunday | June 13 | 7 pm | Ravenswood Manor Park | Charlie Love Blues Band |
| Saturday | June 26 | 7 pm | Horner Park | Movie Night: Raiders of the Lost Ark / Buzz Kilmann and the Rocket Scientists |
| Friday | July 9 | 7 pm | Horner Park | Grayson Capps and the Stompknockers |
| Friday | July 16 | 7 pm | Horner Park | TBA |
| Sunday | August 1 | 7 pm | Ravenswood Manor Park | Gaudete Brass Quintet |
| Sunday | August 1 | 8 pm | Ravenswood Manor Park | Finley McKnight Band |
| Sunday | August 15 | 7 pm | Ravenswood Manor Park | Lawrence Peters Outfit |
| Sunday | August 29 | 7 pm | Ravenswood Manor Park | Rokko Jans and Friends |

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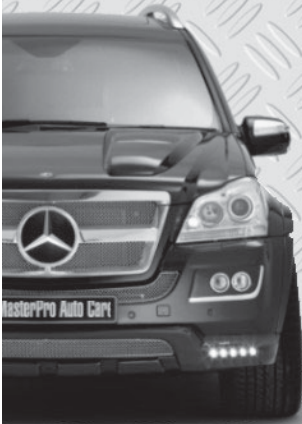
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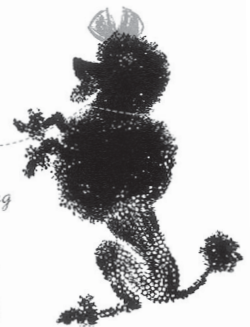
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