

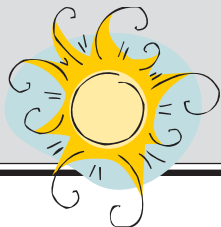
The Manor News

Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

Summer 2010

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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

September 8th is the deadline for submitting news for next issue, Fall 2010, to be delivered October 1st-8th.

January 10th is the deadline for submitting news for the Winter issue, delivered in early February, 2011.

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Garden Walk

Sunday, June 27th, 1pm - 4pm --LaPointe Park

After a few years of dormancy, the RMIA is sponsoring the Garden Walk this year. The Garden Walk committee is soliciting gardeners and volunteers who are interested in participating. The Garden Walk starts in LaPointe Park (at Manor and Giddings). The Walk is free and open to everyone in the Manor – just come up to LaPointe, pick-up a flyer, and enjoy some of the best examples of Manor horticulture.

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. If you only walk the neighborhood during the Garage Sale, then this will be a chance to see more than just the alleys and without the crowds.

The Garden Walk committee needs volunteers who can help before the event or who can help organize on the day of the event. For more information, or to volunteer, please email the Garden Walk committee at gardenwalk@ravenswoodmanor.com.

Children's Parade

Saturday, July 3, 10am -- Buffalo Park

The great annual tradition of the children's bicycle parade will continue this year, on Saturday, July 3rd. Gathering and lining up begins at 10am in Buffalo Park. Come out to watch or ride!

The parade begins at 10:30, heading north on Manor Avenue and ending at Merle's Coffee Shoppe. Bicycles, wagons and scooters welcome. Decorations are encouraged. There might even be awards for best decorations.

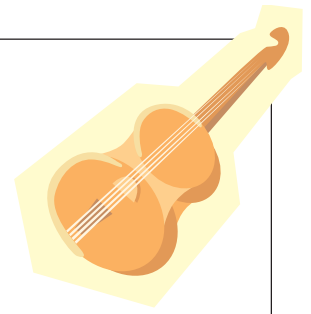
Parade Stewards (adults) are needed to secure the route, block cross-streets and direct traffic. If you can help, please come to Buffalo Park that morning at 10:00am. Thank you! See you at the Parade!

RMIA Meetings

Topics addressed at recent RMIA Board meetings include the Garden Walk, community gardens, neighborhood websites, public safety, newsletter policy, and signage to reflect our recent designation as a Historic Neighborhood.

The Board has now adjourned for the summer. Regular monthly meetings will begin again on September 13th, 7:30pm at Horner Park Fieldhouse, and continue every second Monday through June, 2011. Residents, visitors and new board members are always welcome.

New RMIA website: ravenswoodmanor.com



Summer Concerts

Horner Park (and Manor Park) Series

The HPAC Summer Concert Series continues in Horner Park, then returns to Ravenswood Manor Park in August. Contributions are still being accepted via PayPal at hornerpark.org.

June 26th, Saturday (Horner Park) – Buzz Kilman and the Rocket Scientists (7pm), Movie Night: Raiders of the Lost Ark (9pm).

July 9th, Friday (Horner Park) – Colin Gilmore (7pm) and Grayson Capps and the Stompknockers (8:30pm).

July 16th, Friday (Horner Park) – Alex Abbey (7pm), Jonny Rumble (7:30pm), and Andre Williams & the Goldstars (8:45pm).

August 1st, Sunday (Manor Park) – Gaudete Brass Quintet (7pm) and Finley Knight Band (8pm).

August 15th, Sunday (Manor Park) – Lawrence Peters Outfit (7pm).

August 29th, Sunday (Manor Park) – Rokko Jans and Friends (7pm).

Ronan Park Concert Series

The North River Commission sponsors another FREE Summer Concert Series. Two different groups will play, on each of four **Thursdays evenings**, 6:30pm-8:30pm, in Ronan Park (immediately north of the Manor, on Lawrence Avenue). Website: northrivercommission.org.

June 24th - Cocinando (Latin Jazz) and The Uptown Strings/Mark Kluemper (Bistro Swing)

July 8th - Ginny Morin and Vitamin x (American Song Book) and Picante (World Latin Jazz)

July 22nd - Jaroichicanos (Son Jarocho) and Roots Rock Society (Reggae)

August 5th - Global Sounds




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Food Drive: Manor Families Giving

The Ravenswood Manor Food Drive started in December 2009 as a way for our special community to give back to those less fortunate. Since our first collection, we have steadily supplied 8-10 bags of groceries to The Albany Park Food Pantry each month.

The Albany Park Food Pantry is located at 5101 N. Kimball, Chicago, IL 60625 and provides emergency food to the needy and poor. Most of the food is obtained from the Greater Chicago Food Depository, but donations are always needed! Items needed are cereal, beans, rice, canned fruits and vegetables, diapers and baby formula.

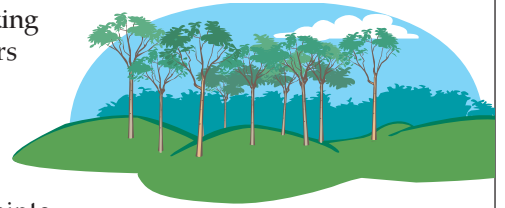
The following families have agreed to collect through September. Usually this means they put some sort of bin on the porch, but each host will send out an email detailing their collection plan for their month.

- July -- Lisa & Rob Brennan @ 4307 N. Richmond
- Aug -- Natalie and Dean Martinez @ 4442 N. Francisco
- Sept -- Geri and Matt Weinstock @ 4444 N. Francisco

To add your name to the monthly email list or to volunteer to help collect food, please contact Sarah Putrim at putrim@sbcglobal.net.

Horner Park Advisory Council

HPAC is looking for new members and will elect new officers in October. They also need help with garden maintenance, after state and city funding cuts.



In recent months, the HPAC has been working on their Summer concert series and a number of park improvement projects. The latter include a new information kiosk in Manor Park, possible community garden plots and a new flagpole at Horner, and a Horner riverbank initiative with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago Park District, and Congressman Mike Quigley's office to get appropriations needed to remove the fence, improve the deteriorating riverbank, and create a path there.

The Council meets first Mondays each month, 7pm, except in August. The July meeting is likely at Sunken Gardens Park. Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the next meeting will be Monday, September 13th, 7pm at Horner Park Fieldhouse.

Go to hornerpark.org to get involved or make a donation. (HPAC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization).

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Global Explorers Kids Camp

Registration is still open for The Global Explorers Kids summer camp, held at Luther Memorial Church (across from Waters School), Monday through Friday, July 5-16, 9-11:30am, for *all* kids ages 3-1/2 to 9 years old.

During the camp, children "travel" the world through arts activities, storytelling, games, movement, music, dramatic play, flag making and more. With "passports" in hand, children explore the cultures of Australia, South Africa, Thailand, Ireland, Turkey, Guatemala, Haiti and other countries. Fee: \$130/week.

Global Explorers Kids is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing children with the opportunity to explore the diversity of the world's peoples and helping them to understand and respect different cultures, using the arts as a catalyst towards learning.

For more info: globalexplorerskids@yahoo.com, or call Holly at 773-491-2723.

Garden Club

The Ravenswood Manor Garden Club meets the third Monday of the month, in the basement at Luther Memorial Church, 2500 W. Wilson, but is adjourned until September, 20th at 7pm. Each meeting features some sort of informative presentation. Everyone, novice to master, is welcome.

Monthly CAPS Meetings

Chicago Police Beat 1713 (includes all of Ravenswood Manor north of Wilson Avenue) holds public CAPS meetings with officers on 4th Thursday of every month, 7-8pm at North Park University's Magnuson Center, 5000 N. Spaulding.

Police Beat 1724 (includes all of Ravenswood Manor south of Wilson Avenue) holds public CAPS meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7-8pm at Horner Park Fieldhouse.

Your Meeting or Event Here

What is this place (this neighborhood, and newsletter)? And what should it be? Got a project or passion, a meeting or interest? Post it here in our newsletter calendar. Something special happening on your block? Report it here! Send it to newsletter@ravenswoodmanor.com.

Community garden dates, book clubs, new moms groups, and anything else you want to invite or report on, for the whole Manor. Any community or otherwise non-profit gathering is welcome. For-profit affairs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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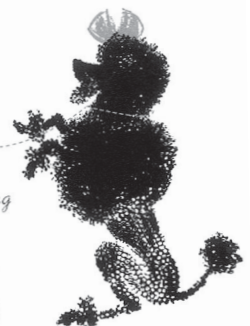
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ManorNeighbors.com: Inviting Community is Everybody's Business

A new neighborhood website showed up in December, 2009, but it's not the work of RMIA.

According to the site, ManorNeighbors.com was created by one Jedidiah Tingle. The idea was to create an easy-to-use space where neighbors could share important news and information, directly and immediately — and get to know neighbors all over the Manor, as well as we know the people next door or across the street.

So far, 110 neighbors have signed on as members. The Manor Families Food Drive (see page 3), the Men's Book Group (reading made easy, at the Montrose Tap), neighbors reporting on CAPS, HPAC, Garden Club, RMIA and other meetings have used the site. The newest development is a Neighbor-to-Neighbor page where anyone can offer services, like guitar lessons or babysitting.

In this way, inviting community really is everybody's business — because everybody can read it. Anyone who registers as a member (it's free) can post a meeting, project, event or report. That means that everyone is able to take some responsibility, make a large or small offering, and make Ravenswood Manor more "inviting" than ever.

The site creator is an active member, but has no special personal, professional, or financial stake in the site. He runs it as a community service, a neighborhood gift — and a friendly invitation to other neighbors to connect and share — inspired by Ravenswood Manor developer and storied philanthropist, William Harmon, aka Jedidiah Tingle. Learn more, about Tingle and your neighbors, at ManorNeighbors.com.

Historical Marker: Chicago Daily Tribune, Display Advertisement, July 18th, 1909

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