

The Manor News

Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

Autumn 2010

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Your News Here

January 10th is the deadline for submitting news for next issue, Winter 2010, to be delivered Feb 1st-8th.

March 15th is the deadline for submitting news for the Spring issue, delivered in early April, 2011.

Send to newsletter@ravenswoodmanor.com.

Neighborhood Care and Connecting

What's best about this place? How do we maintain it — and make more of it? Ravenswood Manor is a great place to live because people have been taking good care of this place — as a place — for nearly 100 years. A lot of that is individuals taking care of their own properties. The other important part is people getting together to care for community spaces and relationships.

Community Meeting October 20th

The RMIA Semi-Annual Community Meeting, Wednesday, October 20th, 7:30pm, at Horner Park Fieldhouse. We will report on what was accomplished last year, review what is already ongoing for this year, and invite open discussion of issues of general interest to residents and members. A new slate of officers will be elected by all members present. All community members are welcome to attend and participate.

RMIA Board

The RMIA Board meets monthly, on second Mondays, 7:30pm at Horner Park Fieldhouse (September through June). Can you help with social events, beautification projects, communications, public safety, or some new neighborhood initiative(s)? Please join us!

Social Events

A new and improved Winter Social? It doesn't happen until February or March next year, but we're looking for volunteers now — to organize this annual RMIA event or even start something new. Contact Michael Herman at (312) 280-7838 if you want to help throw a party.

Newsletter

The RMIA Newsletter comes out four times a year. What should be included here? What neighborhood good would you do with a little space here? What can you share about your block or neighborhood group? Could you help deliver the newsletter to your neighbors? Your ideas and interests welcome at newsletter@ravenswoodmanor.com.

And More...

See inside for more good ways to be involved in taking care of our community. And again, if you see something missing here, send it along for the next newsletter.



Second Annual Holiday Artisan Sale

**Saturday, December 4– 10am to 3pm
at Waters School**

Artists and Artisans

Take this opportunity to show and sell your handcrafted pieces at our holiday sale. Exhibit spaces available for \$25.

Gift-Givers and Art Lovers

Mark your calendars and come prepared for a visual treat of treasures that will make great gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

The sale will offer a wide variety of handmade pieces of various modalities. Last year we had a long wait list for those who wanted to participate in the show and are encouraging artisans to sign up early.

There is a quick review process as artisans are asked to send in photos/links to photos, and a brief description to ensure that pieces are handcrafted. There may be a wait list for certain motilities such as jewelry making which tends to be quite popular.

Our goal is to provide a vibrant experience for students, families, and the community as we bring the art of others within our school walls as artists share their work. There will also be a delicious bake sale and other fun surprises.

We look forward to seeing you there as Waters School celebrates and supports the arts! Learn more at WatersToday.org.

Thank You!

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RMIA Officers

- Scott Wheeler *President*
- Adam Betzen *Vice President*
- Chuck Renner *Treasurer*
- Orysia Pokorni *Secretary*

Waters School Community Wins Grant Competition


Amy Morgan, Communications Chair at Waters Elementary School, reports some fantastic news: “Waters has officially won a \$25,000 Pepsi Refresh grant for the Waters ecology program! Although we knew we were finalists, the winners were officially announced in August.

“This is a proud moment for Waters — this was a national call-for-votes with an intense amount of pressure and competition. A committed group of parents, neighbors, community members and others worked tirelessly on this for months, in a competition that literally put us up against thousands of other ideas from across the U.S. We’d like to extend a very special thank you to Waters parent Julie Moore for spearheading this and for all the others who dedicated time each day for months to ensure our votes were cast.

“Please spread the word among your family and friends, post on Facebook, tell your neighbors – this is something they might have pitched in on and we’d like everyone to know the effort paid off. We’ve proven once again that you can accomplish a great deal when you band together as a community and do your part.”

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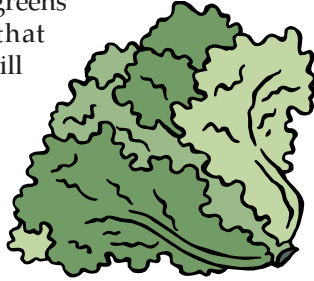
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Manor Garden Club: Year-Round Salad Greens and Growing Season Extension

In October, the Manor Garden Club welcomes Bill Shores, owner of Shores Garden Consulting and the gardener for chef Rick Bayless, to present a slide lecture on cold and heat hardy greens (salad, cooking, herbal) that grow well in our area. He will discuss ways to improve the growing space for increasing year round yields and specific season extension techniques.



The Club has a holiday party in November, takes December off, and returns with another presentation in January. They meet on third Monday, seven months a year, at 7:30pm, at Luther Memorial Church, 2500 W. Wilson. Meetings usually include a guest presenter, project business, and friendly conversation. Everyone is welcome. Details on the Calendars at RavenswoodManor.com, ManorNeighbors.com, and the Club's Facebook page.

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 and deliver neighborhood donations this Fall. Usually this means they put some sort of bin on the porch. You can join the email list for monthly reminders and any special instructions.

OCT: Heidi & Ken Kise at 2955 W Sunnyside

NOV: Ellen & Randy Moderhack at 2717 W Sunnyside

DEC: Jill Perkins & Michael Herman at 2920 W Giddings

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Horner Park Advisory Council

HPAC is looking for new members and will elect new officers in October. Meetings are usually first Monday of the month. See HornerPark.org to get involved or make a donation. (HPAC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization).

The Council reports that significant ADA-compliance improvements are underway in the big fieldhouse. Look for an elevator and rehabbed men's and women's basement locker rooms.

South of the little fieldhouse, look for the construction of the Officer Ceriale Memorial Flagpole. Police officer Michael A. Ceriale, who grew up in the neighborhood, played football in Horner Park, and graduated from Gordon Tech High School, was killed by gunfire while working undercover on a narcotics surveillance in 1998.

Public Meetings

33rd Ward Advisory Council - hosted by Alderman Richard Mell, meets third Thursday of the month, at 7:00pm, at Horner Park Fieldhouse.

Police Beat 1713 (includes all of Ravenswood Manor north of Wilson Avenue) holds public CAPS meetings with officers on the 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.

Waters School's LSC meets monthly on the second Tuesday, at 3:30pm and 6:30pm in alternate months. See WatersElementary.org/welcome-lsc.html for details.

Recycling Refresher

Are you a good recycler? Or a bad recycler?

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Historical Marker

The Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association will turn 100 in 2014, one of the oldest (if not *the* oldest) neighborhood groups in Chicago. As this anniversary approaches, watch this space for bits of our neighborhood history. This one comes from our application for designation as a historic neighborhood...

Spacious by Design

Today's Ravenswood Manor neighborhood actually started out as a specifically planned housing development more than a century ago. In 1909, real estate developer W.E. Harmon purchased eight acres of rural land (previously inhabited by Miami Indians) from the Northeast Land Association. Ravenswood Manor was one of Harmon's new housing developments. Today's neighborhood maintains the same boundaries that Harmon himself first outlined. Harmon's concept was to develop a "suburb beautiful" on the land, which at that time was outside the booming Chicago's city limits. The Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association's Golden Jubilee Book (1964) describes:

"Harmon laid out streets and installed sidewalks, curbs, gutters, gas mains, sewers and main lines. In parkways, he planted elm and maple trees, many of which survive, and forsythia, bridal wreath, and other flowering bushes... it is likely Harmon intended to give a grand feeling to the subdivision by naming it for the main hall of an English estate."

The "planned neighborhood" offered specific types of houses available to purchasers that gave the neighborhood a cohesive look and feel. Under Harmon's plan, the houses in

the neighborhood are set back further from the street than in adjacent areas to foster an open and spacious feeling as you enter the neighborhood. Many early dwellers bought multiple lots, thereby maintaining spaciousness and escaping the overrun destiny that plagued so many other urban neighborhoods. Over the decades, the RMIA has fought to retain single-family and limited multiple-dwelling zoning restrictions (such as in a 1957 comprehensive zoning ordinance), maintaining that spaciousness so rare in Chicago.



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Did you know that this neighborhood used to host a racetrack? Have any idea why the small park on Manor is called Buffalo Park? Watch this space!

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