



The Manor News

Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

Winter 2011

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Calendar

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 23rd

Garage Sale
Sunday, May 15th

Garden Walk
Sunday, June 26th

Kids' Bike Parade
Sunday, July 3rd

Your News

Submit by March 15th
for Spring 2011 issue,
delivered in early April.

Submit by June 8th for
Summer 2011, delivered
last week of June.

Send to *newsletter@
ravenswoodmanor.com*.

Winter Social Annual RMIA

2pm Sunday, March 13th at Luther Memorial Church

This year's Winter Social will be held Sunday, March 13th, from 2:00 until 5:00pm at Luther Memorial Church, 2500 W. Wilson. Food, drink, fun and games will be on the agenda as well as the opportunity to connect with neighbors after a long winter. All Manor residents are invited to join us.

As in the past, donations of canned or packaged foods will be collected for the food pantry at the Albany Park Community Center. Babysitting will be provided. Bakers please bring cakes for the Cake Walk. Others are invited to help with set-up and clean up. All volunteers can contact volunteer@ravenswoodmanor.com

RMIA Membership: Annual Renewal

Our neighborhood is more than a collection of distinctive houses, we are good neighbors, old friends, and active community volunteers. Since 1914, the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association has worked to maintain the unique character of the Manor. The RMIA relies heavily on member support and deeply committed volunteers. Your contribution and involvement will help the RMIA continue its work for another year. Please become a member (or renew your annual membership) by mailing this form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website/Blog?: _____

Contribution: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$_____

Have you moved into the neighborhood in the last year? Y/N

What neighborhood issues and/or activities are most important to you?

Mail to RMIA, PO Box 25486, Chicago IL 60625. **Thank You!**

Neighborhood Food Drive

The Food Drive project is more than a year old and already has monthly host families signed up into 2012. Each month, a different host family puts a box out on their porch and Ravenswood Manor families and friends fill the box over and over with food. The host family makes one or more deliveries to the Albany Park Food Pantry. Here are the next few months of donation hosts. Anyone can donate canned food items at these sites. Contact Sarah Putrim to be added to the email list. putrim@sbcglobal.net

Feb: McGowen-Fitter @ 4509 N. Sacramento
Mar: Pricco @ 2666 W. Eastwood
Apr: Beutler @ 4439 N. Mozart

CAPS Meetings Now Bi-Monthly

Ravenswood Manor straddles two police beats, 1713 (north of Wilson) and 1724 (south). The schedule for CAPS community meetings has been changed to bi-monthly and both will happen in EVEN months only. Locations and day of the month remain the same. Beat 1713 meets 4th Thursday, 2/24 and 4/28 at 5000 N. Spaulding, Magnuson Center at North Park University, 7-8pm. Beat 1724 meets 3rd Tuesday, 2/15 and 4/19, at Horner Park Fieldhouse, 7-8pm.

Thanks for the Snowflakes

Thanks to Alderman Richard Mell's office for funding the installation of our traditional lamppost snowflakes this year.



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Thanks for Shoveling

Some anonymous volunteer shovelers have done well to keep the Wilson Bridge clear of snow this year. Thanks to them and to everyone else who's kept our sidewalks passable for school kids, dog walkers, commuters and other walkers. Keep it up! We're halfway there!

Manor Garden Club

The Manor Garden Club meets next on Monday, February 21, 2011, at Luther Memorial Church (use side entrance on Campbell), starting at 7:30pm, with presentation to follow refreshments and raffle (see Manor Garden Club on Facebook).

The presentation will be "How Wine Is Made - From The ground Up." Krisitn Savino, a certified sommelier and owner of Vino di Savino in Chicago, will speak about the process of growing grapes and making them in to wine. She will discuss the classical grape varietals and their characteristics based on wine regions. Learn how climate, terrain, and soil (terroir) as well as tradition and technique affect the final product.

Thanks to RMIA Volunteers

Thanks to Fran Voegtle, Mary Jo Bitondo, John Dickerson, Marti Luby, Rachel Kraft, Brian Bassler and all the other volunteers who help produce and deliver our *Manor News*. Please thank our advertisers with your patronage!

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Joe Cesario, Vice President
Chuck Renner, Treasurer
Orysia Pokorny, Secretary

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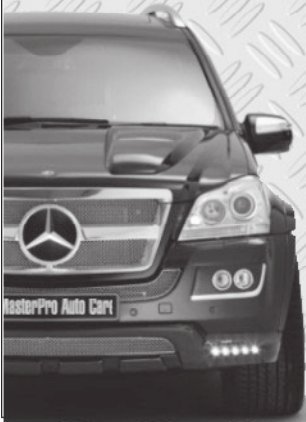
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LaPointe Park: Neighbors Wanted

Lapointe Park, the green space on Manor Avenue just south of Lawrence, is named for Le Petit Ballet founder and long-time RMIA leader, Arthur Lapointe. It's owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and leased by NeighborSpace (www.NeighborSpace.org), a nonprofit land trust that provides insurance, water and other support for gardening at Lapointe and 74 other community green spaces around the city. LaPointe is managed through a partnership agreement between NeighborSpace, RMIA and individual "garden leaders".

For as long as anyone can remember, the Park has been maintained by friends and neighbors, under the auspices and with the involvement of the RMIA. Approximately six years ago, the RMIA approved, and the partnership members installed, a community garden on the north end of the park. The garden is divided into individual, 4ft x 6ft, gardening plots. These plots and several ornamental plantings are tended by community gardeners and nearby neighbors. Even the mowing is done by a volunteer.

In preparation for the new growing season (yes, Spring will eventually come!) RMIA would like to hear from anyone interested in joining an expanding group of "garden leaders," committed to looking after the care and feeding of the park, being one of the contact people for other neighbors and NeighborSpace staff, and leading community conversations about planting, pruning, weed control, community garden expansion, sign and fence maintenance and similar issues.

If anyone would like to be added to the email list of "garden stakeholders" -- people who care about the appearance, function, and future of the Park -- then they should also contact RMIA to be added to the list that will be used to deliver LaPointe Park news to interested neighbors.

In the coming months, a new email listserve is envisioned, so that everyone who wants to know what's happening in the Park will have a place to connect and contribute. Stakeholders will be invited to join that list and be part of an open and ongoing conversation about the Park. News will also be posted in the park, for non-emailers. More on community garden plot sign-ups in our next issue.

Lapointe Park neighbors -- leaders, gardeners and stakeholders -- are wanted and needed. Contact RMIA at garden@ravenswoodmanor.com to learn more about joining the garden leadership group or to be included on the new list of garden stakeholders.



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