

# The Manor News

Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

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Welcome to the *Manor News*, a free neighborhood publication distributed by the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association. Want to contribute an article or a photo? Interested in placing an advertisement for your business? Fundraiser? Event? Please submit by December 1 for the Winter issue of the *Manor News*. Any questions or comments, please contact [newsletter@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:newsletter@ravenswoodmanor.com).



## RMIA Semi Annual Meeting: Cocktail Party on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>!

To kick off the new fiscal year, we're trying a new idea for the next Semi-Annual Meeting. We'd like a chance for you to meet the board and for us to meet new residents, revisit with old ones, and have some fun while we chat about the neighborhood. So for our next meeting, we've decided to throw a cocktail party at the office of our generous host and new board president, Joe Cesario. Join us at **Urban Homes Real Estate at 4668 N. Manor, Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:30 p.m.** We'll have wine, beer, some light fare, and conversation about all the things we love about our neighborhood and ways we would all like to make it better. Don't miss this fun and informative meeting: see you on October 17th!

## Meet Your New Board

The September Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association board meeting elected new officers for the fiscal year (which runs October 1 through September 1) at its September 2012 board meeting. The officers are:

President: **Joe Cesario**

Vice-President: **Athene Carras**

Secretary: **Orysia Pokorni**

Treasurer: **Chuck Renner**

Board Members: **Geoff Gieske, Gwen Ihnat, Kathy Monk, Alan Mueller, David Rownd, Gary Smith, Bill Termini, Scott Wheeler**

David Rownd is stepping down after years of excellent leadership as the board president, but fortunately will remain on the board, focusing on the RMIA Centennial in 2014. Vice-President Joe Cesario steps into the position of president after tireless effort for the board, including managing the newsletter and hosting board meetings in his attractive offices at Urban Homes Real Estate! Orysia and Chuck continue in their previous officer capacities, for which we are grateful.

We are happy to welcome Gary Smith back to the board after a short absence, and we also welcome new member Kathy Monk. Board meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Joe's office. Sometimes there are snacks. Any residents are welcome to attend these meetings, and the board is always looking for volunteers and new members. If you are interested, please feel free to follow up with any board member, or email [info@ravenswoodmanor.org](mailto:info@ravenswoodmanor.org). We are always happy to hear from you!



# RMIA Centennial 2014



Did you know that your neighborhood board has the longest history of any neighborhood board in the city? The Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association will celebrate its **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014**. The board is just starting to plan for this momentous occasion. This will be a great celebration for our beautiful and historic neighborhood. Please feel free to submit to the RMIA any ideas, photos, or stories you may have related to Ravenswood Manor. Your involvement will help make this celebration special for all Manor residents.

## Pest Alert!

Many longtime residents have lived in the Manor for years without ever having the misfortune of spotting a rat, let alone having them set up shop in their backyards or garages. Unfortunately, last year's mild winter (which didn't kill off the population the way it usually does) combined with our proximity to the river has caused our resi-

dents to see many more rats in the neighborhood than usual. If you see one, in your alley, the park, or anywhere in the 'hood, **please call 311**




immediately. You can also submit a form online at [www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/streets/provdrs/rodent/svcs/rodent\\_baiting.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/streets/provdrs/rodent/svcs/rodent_baiting.html) and indicate whether you'd like the city to bait your alley and/or your backyard. Hopefully, our combined vigilance will help keep these loathsome pests out of Ravenswood Manor!

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## Ravenswood Manor Education Coffee in Manor Park

Several education and childcare reps and interested parents braved the unseasonably chilly September 22 Saturday morning weather to attend the revamped Ravenswood Manor Education Coffee in Manor Park. The RMIA decided to bring this event back to the neighborhood to help inform some of our area's many new parents about their childcare options. Special thanks are due to **Julia Kelly**, principal of Queen of Angels School; **Terri Versace**, Manor resident and Parent Representative on the Waters Elementary Local School Council; **Nancy Melvin**, Manor resident and instructor at Chicago Waldorf School; and **Ana-Maria Deheleanu**, director of the new Lincoln Square Montessori facility, for hanging out in the cold and answering questions from the many curious parents and families who attended. Delicious (and hot) coffee and breakfast from First Slice helped warm parents while they chatted with friends and neighbors and their young ones enjoyed the playground.

After this promising beginning, the RMIA hopes to make this coffee an annual event. If there is a special school or daycare you'd like us to invite, or if you have any comments or questions about this event, please send it to [education@ravenswoodmanor.org](mailto:education@ravenswoodmanor.org).



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## Report on Spring 2012 Semi-Annual Meeting: CPS Obsessed

For the spring semi-annual meeting, the RMIA decided to focus on a topic near and dear to the hearts of all residents who are also parents: education. Former Manor resident Rebecca Labowitz, author of the popular blog CPS Obsessed ([www.cpsobsessed.com](http://www.cpsobsessed.com)), was the featured speaker at the meeting, held at the Horner Park Fieldhouse on April 18. She offered an interesting and intriguing perspective on how to navigate the labyrinth-like Chicago Public School system. The meeting was well attended, with many parents from Waters Elementary and other area schools discussing various education options in the city.

The RMIA board wants to host other meetings based on subjects vital to area residents: public safety, property taxes, green living, traffic... what kinds of topics are you interested in? Email [info@ravenswoodmanor.org](mailto:info@ravenswoodmanor.org) to let us know!



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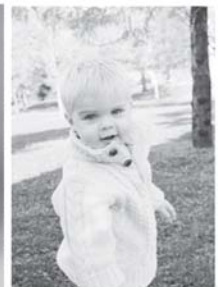
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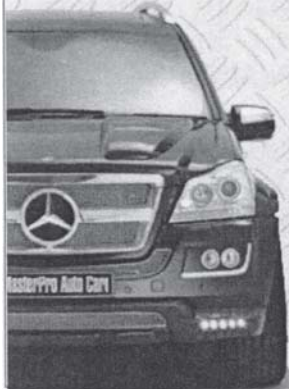
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