

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Spring Plant Sale May Be Cancelled

Unfortunately, Manor Garden Club (MGC) has too few active members on the plant sale committee to go forward with the event this year. Unless we get 3 — preferably 5 — new volunteers by January 2nd, MGC will forego the sale and, instead, present more lectures and workshops this spring.

Plant-sale tasks, which are scattered over several months,

include: selecting and ordering perennials and annuals; compiling pre-orders; unloading and sorting deliveries; and participating in Plant Sale Day activities. Gardening expertise, knowledge or even experience is not required.

The planning meetings are always fun, and are a great way to meet your neighbors while learning a lot about gardening.
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Agreement Reached on Fate of Manor Property

On November 20th, it was announced in advance of a scheduled Housing Court Hearing that the owner of the boarded-up house at 2749 W. Windsor had reached an agreement with the city that morning to sell the property. The agreement dictates that the house be listed within two weeks of that date and be sold within 90 days. If the terms are not met, there will be a daily fine imposed on the owner and the house will go

into receivership for the express purpose of being sold. Approximately twenty-five neighbors appeared for the hearing. The RMIA would like to thank Alderman Mell's office, the local police and all of our neighbors who have been instrumental in working with us to help resolve this situation. We will continue to monitor it and ask that any housing concerns be called into the RMIA hotline (312-409-3213).

A Note from the (new) President

Since there are many Manor residents I haven't met yet, I'll take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Brian Basler and my wife and I moved into the neighborhood 3 years ago. Almost immediately, we felt we had moved into one of Chicago's great communities. Our 2 year old son loves playing in the front yard with the other children on the block.

In addition to our beautiful parks, the summer concerts, garden walk, winter social and garage sale are events other communities only dream of having. I recently read Manor resident Richard Bjorklund's history of Ravenswood Manor and have developed a deep respect for the hard work of the residents and past RMIA board members. My objective is for the current RMIA to build on that hard work and to continue to work with our residents to build an even stronger community. One of our goals this year is to expand the content of this newsletter and

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Even if there is not enough interest to continue the plant sale, MGC members have enjoyed the opportunity to provide this service to the community.

In other news, MGC's fall calendar featured presentations on *Butterfly Gardens* and *Gardening in Small Spaces*. Both presentations were given by interesting, experienced and colorful speakers. The Garden Club is now planning its Winter/Spring programs. Watch for announcements at the bulletin boards in Manor Kiosk, the Francisco el stop, or the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

To volunteer your time, join

Garbage Cans Available

Has your city-issued garbage can seen better days? Does the lid still close securely? Do you simply have too much trash for one garbage can?

If so, then contact the City of Chicago's City Services Hotline to get a new and/or replacement can. Just dial 311 and ask for your new can! Please do your part to keep the



Happy
Holidays!
-from the RMI A

Property Tax-Related Telephone Numbers

Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption..... 312-443-6151

Senior Citizen Assessment

Upcoming Dates

Magnet School Applications

Due

January 19, 2001

President's Note...

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our website. If you'd like to help, please let us know! I'm glad to have the opportunity to volunteer and serve the community that has given so much to so many.

If you would like to reach me, please send me an e-mail at brian@ravenswoodmanor.com

Good Deed by Local Resident

Dave Monk, a Manor resident, gets the good-deed-of-the-month award. He recovered a purse from a would-be purse snatcher. Thanks Dave!

Join the Manor Garden Club

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

___ \$12 Individual ___ \$20 Family ___ \$10 Senior

___ I want to volunteer some time to Manor Garden Club

Please mail to: Manor Garden Club, 4430 N. Mozart, 60625 or call 588-5675

A Final Note from the Past President

On this crisp fall afternoon, I am happy to say that my past year as President was very inspiring to say the least. I am continually impressed with the care and concern all of the Manor residents have towards this fantastic neighborhood. I have had the pleasure of working with many passionate, caring and knowledgeable neighbors.

In the past year we accomplished many objectives, including finally seeing the Manor, Mozart, Wilson intersection rebuilt (thanks to the persistence of the Traffic Committee). We also saw the construction of a beautiful fence along the north end of La Pointe Park. The caring neighbors of the “the Sacramento Alley

Party” donated plants that will be planted below our new fence. The city also installed our own water main that can handle the watering needs of La Pointe Park. Our website became more alive, thanks to Scott Wheeler.

We all enjoyed our Winter Social pretending to be enjoying a Summer Picnic. The Manor Bash was great. The Concert Series was eclectic and took place this year in our newly designed Manor Park/Playground.

Sadly we lost a great friend in Larry Osburn, who passed away on October 27th. He served as the RMIA secretary for many years and was instrumental in all the behind-the-scenes preparations for our General Meetings and our

Winter Socials. He gave of himself to the Manor, he will be missed and I’m sure we will do something very special to honor his spirit.

Welcome to our new President, Brian Basler, and

Newsletter Help Needed

Are you creative? Do you want to serve your community and get the first look at the neighborhood’s news?

The RMIA is looking for someone to lay out this newsletter. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please leave a phone message at the RMIA hotline (312-409-3213). Thanks!

Local Numbers to Know

Police Emergency.....**911**

City Services.....**311**

Police
Non-Emergency.....**746-6000**

Chicago Police Department 17
District Station.....**744-8347**

Alderman Richard
Mell.....**478-8040**

Abandoned Car Hot
Line.....**744-8494**

Recycling Resource
Center.....**821-1351**