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New and Improved RMIA Annual Meeting Wednesday, October 24 Featuring Alderman Mell

If you've attended RMIA Annual meetings before then this next meeting will be much different. No long committee reports at this meeting. We want to hear from the neighborhood on what is important to you. The RMIA Board will use these ideas and concerns to form our goals and direction for the upcoming year.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 sharp at the Horner Park field house and will last 1 hour with refreshments served afterwards. This is a great way for both new and long time residents to get together. Alderman Richard Mell will be there to give an update on the state of the 33rd Ward. Hope to see you there!
Brian Basler

Ravenswood Manor Resident Runs for Governor

While we usually don't spotlight politics in our newsletter, it is not everyday that one of our neighbors seeks the highest office in the state.

Congratulations to Congressman

Rod Blagojevich for securing many endorsements on both the state and local level. Rod announced his candidacy on August 12th at A. Finkl and Sons Steel Mill in front of thousands of enthusiastic supporters.

Memorial Trees

Area parks will soon have two new trees in memory of deceased Ravenswood Manor residents who served their community.

One will commemorate Joan

Smith of California Avenue. A long-time member of the RMIA and Manor Garden Club. Funding for her tree came from the RMIA, MGC, and private donations.

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Things Are Brewing At



Drop in and visit your friends at your neighborhood

coffee shop. There are many new items for you to try.

Since opening this past summer the owners, Andrew and Jane Lawrence, have expanded their seating areas with a charming back garden and an attractive front patio. For the fall they are adding many new items to the menu.

Oregon Chai, is now available in the neighborhood. The special spiced tea drink is very popular and you can have it on icy cold or steaming hot.

As fall approaches, you can stop in for Hot Apple Cider, homemade Caramel Apples and Popcorn balls. Their freshly made soups will be available in new tantalizing flavors and they will feature "Chili Weekends" with a variety of different chili recipes and cornbread to warm us up as the weather gets cooler.

Another new addition is the jumbo, all-beef hot dogs with ballpark fixings and chips. These dogs are reportedly very popular

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Boarded House To Be Restored

The RMIA and concerned neighbors persisted through many housing court hearings and are pleased to report that the house on Windsor has been sold and is currently going through renovations. The RMIA would like to thank the Chicago Corporation Counsel, Alderman Mell's office, the local police and all of our neighbors who have been instrumental in working with us on this process and bring it to culmination.

This constitutes a major victory for our neighborhood. It is the result of a lot of hard work by a lot of our neighbors. Of special note is the special effort made by Mary V. Pendergast who followed the case carefully. She appeared in court many times. Many neighborhood residents also appeared in court to help express the urgency and

Coffee Shop...

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with Manor residents. Speaking of dogs, GO! Coffee also offers doggie treats for our 4-legged neighbors.

For the holidays, GO! will feature gift baskets and cookie boxes for coffee lovers, chocoholics and other "loved ones". Look for more delicious nut breads, hand-dipped peanut butter bon bons and homemade gingerbread.

We now have a fabulous neighborhood coffee shop.

Grab a neighbor and take a break at...



Trees...

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The second is for Maureen Bristol of Wilson Avenue, a former RMIA board member. Her tree will be paid for with private donations. Plans are that both will be planted this fall. Alan Mueller

severity of the situation. The RMIA is committed to maintaining the high quality of housing within Ravenswood Manor.

Manor Travel Has Moved

Manor Travel has merged and become Cosmopolitan Travel located at 7111 W. Higgins. We are sorry to see Debbie Montgomery leave our neighborhood, but changes in the travel industry prompted this move. Debbie served as president of the RMIA and worked hard while on the Education committee to improve Waters School, our local elementary school. We appreciate the support Debbie has given our community and wish her continued success.

Welcome!

A hearty welcome to our new young residents of Ravenswood Manor!



Name: Aden Conrad Harzman
Born: August 25, 2001
Parents: Theresa and Brent, proprietors of Manor Cleaners

Name: Catherine "Catie" Anne Mitchell
Born: July 14, 2001
Siblings: Matthew (3)
Parents: Anne Marie and Jay on Eastwood

Name: Adelle "Addie" Nina Schlensker
Born: July 9, 2001
Siblings: Elsa (3)
Parents: Carol and David on Eastwood

Name:
Born: Recently
Siblings:
Parents: people around here

Safety Zone

Welcome to the second edition of the "Safety Zone" column. In this newsletter, we would like to share with readers some C.A.P. S. (Chicago Alternative Police Strategies) personal safety tips. These tips are issued by the Police Department, and while no one can guarantee your total safety, there are ways to lessen the chance of being victimized.

AT HOME: Don't be surprised. Keep doors locked if you are home alone and/or if you are working outside (i.e. lock the back door if you are home alone and working on the front lawn). Illuminate porches and backyard to discourage intruders.

Mayor Daley will conduct "Neighborhood Alive – the Chicago Neighborhood Assembly" at Mather High School at 5835 N. Lincoln Ave. on Saturday, November 10, 2001. The event is sponsored by C.A.P.S. A continental breakfast will be provided at 8:00 a.m. after Mayor Daley's speech, there will be specific information workshops for Chicago residents. Lunch will be served around 12:30. Prior to departure. It's all free. For more information contact Chris Wright at 312-742-0961
Nancy Campbell

Talent Show Rescheduled For Sunday November 4 — 2 PM Horner Park Gym

Come show what you can do at Ravenswood Manor's Talent Show on Sunday, November 4, at 2 P.M. in the Horner Park gym, 2741 W. Montrose Av.

The talent show was postponed due to weather on September 9 and canceled on September 16 due to events in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. Donations for the American National Red Cross

will be collected at the show.

Event sponsors are the Horner Park Advisory Council, Manor Garden Club, and Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association. Red Cross was selected as the charity due to its broad coverage of many services for those effected by the events.

Those wishing to perform, or needing more information may call Alan Mueller at (773) 583-4321.

Cooking Club

Are you interested in forming a cooking club? Similar to a book club – gather your friends and neighbors and get together in the kitchens of AEL Catering right here in the neighborhood. Chef Andrew will help facilitate the meeting and help you create the types of dishes you are interested in. If you are a gourmet cook or just want to make good tasting food fast this is a fun way to expand your cooking repertoire right in here your neighborhood. Call Chef Andrew Lawrence at 773-588-4549 for further info.

Traffic

We fully expected the resurfacing, textured crosswalks and speed humps on Manor Avenue to be finished by now. According to the 33rd Ward office, the State of Illinois has not yet released the allocated funds to the City. So now with the temperatures dropping, any new pavement would not cure as well and would have a shorter usable life. We believe scheduling this project for early summer 2002 will result in the best quality job for the neighborhood. During the winter, we will work with the various government agencies to finalize the plans and schedule.

Local Numbers to Know

Police Emergency**911**
City Services**311**
Police Non-Emergency
.....**311**

Chicago Police 17th District
Station**(312) 744-8346**
Alderman Richard
Mell**(773) 478-8040**

RMIA Hotline
.....**(312) 409-1234**
Recycling Resource
Center**(773) 821-1351**

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