

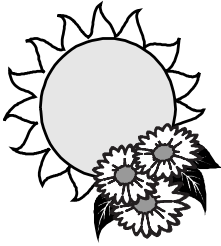
Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

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Ravenswood Manor Garden Club Plant Sale



Ravenswood
Manor Garden
Club will hold its
spring plant sale

Saturday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
at Buffalo Park, corner of Sunnyside
(4500 North) and Manor (2800 West).

Plants include annuals in pots and hanging
baskets, herbs and vegetables for sun and
shade. Club members will provide planting
and growing advice. Proceeds fund the
Club's operating costs and neighborhood/
park donations. The sale is first come, first
served; cash or check payment only. Come
early to purchase the colors and types to
enhance your home and garden!



Advance Order Perennials

Perennials will be offered
through advance order sales only. Advance
order pick up is Thursday, May 17th. They
will not be available at the May 19 Sale.
Garden Club members will select perenni-
als that can flourish in area soil conditions.
The Club is considering plants for Midwest
prairie gardens, herb gardens, English
country gardens and plants to attract
butterflies. Plants are ordered from Ted's
Greenhouse in Tinley Park, an established
local grower for 53 years, providing healthy
beautiful plants at great prices. (Preview
Ted's Greenhouse garden ideas at the

Chicago Flower and Garden Show
March 10-18th!)

Perennial brochures and order forms
will be distributed to Ravenswood Manor
homes in late February and will be available
in the surrounding neighborhoods in
locations TBD. If you'd like to place
additional brochures and a flyer in your
church, community space or business call
Amy Kraushaar 312.214.1852. Forms and
payment checks must be received by the
Garden Club no later than March 19th,
either by mail or hand delivery at the
March 19th Garden Club meeting at

Horner Park Fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m.

The Club is investigating the ability to
provide order forms via the RMIA website
www.RavenswoodManor.com; look for
details in the next newsletter. Neighborhood
residents are encouraged to attend the
March 19th meeting where perennial
descriptions, pictures, growing profiles and
planting ideas will help residents make final
order decisions. Bob Porter of the North
Park Village Nature Center will speak at
that meeting, presenting native plants that
attract wildlife, including information about
the perennials for order.

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The Big THAW— not the Big Chill!

No matter what the thermometer might say, Manor residents are invited to bask in the warmth of a neighborhood gathering. Come to this year's RMIA Winter Social & Potluck to prove that temperature really doesn't matter! Please bring the dish of your choice—it doesn't have to be HOT as long as there's enough to share with 8 or 10 others. Warmer days are around the corner, but who cares—it's fun spending an evening with neighbors and friends. This year's Winter Social is scheduled for **Saturday, March 3 from 5:30 - 7:30pm** at Horner Park Field House. Babysitters will be present to provide games and amusement for the children. Volunteers who would like to help set up for the event would be greatly appreciated and should **call the RMIA voice mail at 312-409-3213. See you on March 3rd!**

Stock School & Inter-American School — Relocating to 33rd Ward

By: JoAnn Moreno of Irving Park Neighbors and Marissa Hopkins of Ravenswood Manor

On November 15th, 2000, the Chicago Public School Board of Education approved the purchase of a five-acre parcel of land on Sacramento, just South of Addison. This will be the future home of the Inter-American Magnet and Frederick Stock schools. The building will house two (and up to four) “small” schools, for a total population of 800 grade school children (pre-K through 8th grade). Additionally, the design of this Northside school is part of a National competition, which is now entering its second phase.

What is the Frederick Stock School?

Stock is a school that serves Northside children with severe disabilities. Currently located on the far northwest side of Chicago at 7507 W. Birchwood. Its population consists of 130 students, ages 3-6 years old. Stock School is a full inclusion school which integrates non-disabled neighborhood students (30) with Stock's disabled population (100 kids). This means that typical preschoolers are taught in the same classroom as children with disabilities. Stock offers a highly specialized program for it's special needs students, including extensive physical, occupational and speech therapy services, full-time nursing services, an adaptive physical education program, an award-winning adaptive computer program, and a parent support program. Stock School has an award-

winning principal supported by a dedicated staff of highly trained and experienced individuals committed to the belief that all children can learn.

About Inter-American Magnet School

IAMS is a dual-language immersion school that achieves academic excellence through bilingual and multicultural education. Inter-American is currently located at 919 W. Barry. It serves 640 students from pre-K through 8th grade. In pre-K through 5th grade, 80% of the curriculum is taught in Spanish. In 6th grade, 60% is taught in Spanish and in 7th and 8th grades, 50% of the curriculum is taught in Spanish. The result is that all students become proficient in both Spanish and English. This is a clearly distinguishable from bilingual education. Bilingual education programs target the non-native English speaking student. The goal is to increase proficiency in English. Students are usually “pulled out” of regular classes to receive extra support in English.

Inter-American has a strong tradition of parental involvement, students consistently score above the national average on standardized tests and its principal and faculty have won numerous awards, including five Golden Apple Awards for Teaching.

Site Location

The property begins with the public playground and includes the land currently owned by A&G (Whipple is the Western boundary) and a portion of ComEd land to the East.

What's Next?

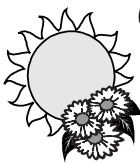
As of this writing, four finalists are busy developing designs for our school. Finalized concepts are due by March 2nd, and that weekend judging will take place to select the winning design.

Sponsors anticipate that our school will be a National model. Once the competition ends, a book documenting the competition and the innovation brought about, will be published. A national traveling exhibit will also feature the competition.

How and When Might Ravenswood Manor Benefit from the New School?

In addition to the fact that children living within a 1.5 mile radius of this site—which includes the Manor—will have a greater chance of getting into this magnet school (at least 30% of each year's new admissions), the community can also benefit from the facility. The grounds are being thoughtfully designed for park-like use, and CPS's own COO, Tim Martin, said that community use of schools is on the rise. Some are now open up to 16 hours per day, seven days per week to accommodate school and community use.

As for when... CPS promised, as a condition of the competition, that ground would be broken for the new school by 2004. However, at the January 30th Community Forum we were told that ground could be broken as early as one year from this spring, and that we should anticipate 18-20 months of construction. The start date is dependent upon securing funding for construction of the building, which in part is in the hands of the Illinois State Legislature. Stay tuned!



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Garden Club Plant Sale

Sale Day Volunteers Still Needed

With planning underway, the Garden Club still needs additional volunteers for the May 19 sale. You don't have to be a Club member to help on sale day — more participants mean it's fun and easy for everyone! It's a great way to get to know your neighbors. Volunteers set up the sale area and unload plants before 10:00 a.m., sell plants between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and tear down the sale area after 2:00 p.m. A 2-3 hour time commitment is appreciated. Volunteers receive a discount as thanks for their effort. Call Anne Rozmin 773-588-5675 to help on sale day.



Container Workshop

The Garden Club is looking into offering its popular Container Workshop after the plant sale. Members conduct the workshop to provide ideas and guidance on creating attractive container gardens with newly purchased plants. Look for information in the advance order brochure and the RMIA newsletter.

AEL & Associates

A successful catering and personal chef services company has moved into the restaurant location on Manor and is considering the idea of serving coffee and offering take-home meals.

The new owner of the Manor Grocery has closed the store because sales turned out to be lower than he expected. More information will be in future newsletters.

Traffic

The RMIA board and traffic committee have been working with the 33rd Ward and the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) to systematically calm the traffic that passes through our neighborhood. Recently, you may have noticed the new 20mph speed limit signs as well as the crosswalk signs and newly painted crosswalks on the intersections next to Manor Park. Additional speed humps have been added in certain alleys too. Manor Avenue is slated to be resurfaced this summer and will include a cobblestone effect at the intersections. This is a new treatment that is meant to both improve the aesthetics of the street and improve safety for pedestrians. This is a pilot program intended for Manor Avenue only. Special thanks to State Representative John Fritchey and Alderman Mell for securing the funding for this neighborhood project.

Manor Business District Committee Forming

The RMIA board is looking to form a new committee that will find ways to support our current Ravenswood Manor businesses and possibly attract new ones.

IN MEMORY

Joan Smith, a life-long Manor resident and active member of the RMIA and MGC for many years, passed away on November 29, 2000. Joan devoted countless hours to LaPointe and Buffalo Parks, as well as aiding in the design and installation of both Manor Park and the Horner Monument gardens. Her commitment, wit, and vivaciousness will be sorely missed by all. Our condolences to her twin sister, Jean Smith.

Be a part of History

Donovan Robin is putting together an oral history for the History section of the RMIA web page. It will include stories and descriptions of how the manor has changed over the years and why it has always been a great place to live. If you like talking and have good stories to tell, contact Donovan at 497-9902 or dm_robin@yahoo.com to arrange an interview.



BIG CHILL

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PLANT SALE

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GARAGE SALE

Sunday, May 20th.

Can You Design Our Newsletter?

Have you or a member of your family ever wanted to work on a publication? We are looking for someone who is familiar with a desktop publishing program to help us layout our newsletter. Put your creative stamp on the look and format of this newsletter. No writing of articles is necessary. Just format the articles for our printer. Please leave a message on the RMIA hotline at 312-409-3213 if you know of someone who would like to volunteer for this job.



Local Phone Numbers You Should Know

Ravenswood Manor
Improvement Association 409-3213

Police Emergency 911

City Services 311

Police Non-Emergency 746-6000

Chicago Police Department
17th District Station 744-8347

Alderman Richard Mell 478-8040

Abandoned Car Hotline 744-8494

Recycling Resource Ctr. 821-1351