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Speed Humps for the Manor?

The RMIA Traffic Committee is gathering information on speed humps because many residents are concerned with cars speeding through our neighborhood. Speed humps are low, broad humps which can be driven over comfortably up to 20 m.p.h. Speed "humps" are different from "bumps" which are seen in many private parking lots.

We have requested feedback from the 33rd Ward as well as the Chicago Department of Transportation regarding the feasibility of speed humps on our streets. Of particular interest are safety, budget constraints, effectiveness, effect on traffic patterns and speed and placement of speed humps. We've had a few

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RMIA Annual Meeting on October 23

The RMIA Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. All Manor residents interested in learning more about the RMIA, its plans for the coming year, and how to get involved are welcome. The

meeting will be held at home, the newest Ravenswood Manor restaurant located at 4664 N. Manor, just north of the railroad-tracks. Refreshments will be served. So please spend an evening getting to know your fellow residents and the RMIA.

Ravenswood Manor's New Brunch Café, home, Open Weekends, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chef Willa J. Taylor and Taylor-Made Cuisine present **home**: a new brunch cafe in Ravenswood Manor just around the corner from the Francisco Brown Line stop. The youngest in a family of fabulous Southern cooks, Taylor learned the basics from her father, a cook on the Southern Pacific railroad, and her grandmother, Nana. She left the University of Texas to join the Navy

and while overseas, she worked with chefs in Greece, Turkey and Italy. Taylor moved to New York as the Education Director at Lincoln Center and also served as Cultural Festival Director for the Gay Games in 1994. After moving to Chicago to be with her partner Mary Morten, Willa was finally able to pursue her true passion—food. Open on **Saturdays and Sundays** for brunch from **9am to 2pm** at **4664 N. Manor, (773) 866-0345.**

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Manor Garden Club Active In Fall

Fall is the perfect time to join the Manor Garden Club.

“Even though the growing season is winding down, there’s a lot of work to be done to put most gardens to bed,” club president Anne Rozmin noted. “Many people have plants that they bring indoors. Others may be looking for their final harvest from the vegetable garden, and there’s always some tidying up that can be done.”

The club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Horner Park field house. The October 21 meeting will feature Debbie Fuller, a naturalist from the North Park Village Nature Center discussing “Composting in Your City

Garden.” The November 18 meeting will be a holiday decorating workshop. Meetings feature refreshments and a book raffle.

“Beautifying our community is a big part of the garden club,” Rozmin said. “We hold the plant sale in May, and Garden Walk during the summer. Other activities last year included clean up days at Horner and Ravenswood Manor parks. The club sponsors the Horner Park Advisory Council’s Summer Concert in Manor Park on the evening of the garden walk.

The club maintains a web site at www.manorgardenclub.org. Information is also available by calling 588-5675.

By Alan Mueller

The *Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter* is published by the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association (RMIA), a non-profit group of Ravenswood Manor residents formed to implement the will of its members. All those who live or do business in Ravenswood Manor are eligible to become board members. The Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Horner Park field house. Meetings are open to all members.

To join the RMIA, volunteer or make a suggestion, call the RMIA hotline at (312) 409-3213 or send us an e-mail at rmiaboard@ravenswoodmanor.com

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residents express interest in the speed humps and a few express concerns. We will pass on the information gathered from the City in subsequent newsletters. The steps we plan on going through will be research, feasibility, community input and discussion, a couple “test” speed humps, evaluation, and removal or expansion of speed hump installation in the neighborhood.

Although some residents want speed humps on their street now, we feel we need to go through a process to make sure it would be the right solution for Ravenswood Manor. Any questions or concerns should be e-mailed to traffic@ravenswoodmanor.com or you may call the RMIA voice-mail (312) 409-3213.

Ravenswood Manor Recycling Program: Compare the Difference

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Source-separation ensures high-quality recyclables.	Compacting recyclables with garbage causes breakage and contamination.
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Waters Elementary School Update

The first Waters Elementary LSC meeting of the new school year was held on Monday, September 9. It was nice to see several Ravenswood Manor residents in attendance. All future Waters LSC meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month (the next meeting is Monday, October 21). As a reminder, LSC meetings are open to the public and all community residents are welcome to attend and share their thoughts.

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills preliminary results for 2002 are now available. Below is a summary of how Waters performed.

Highlights

- Across all grade levels (3 - 8 combined), the percent of students at or above national norms in both Reading and Math has increased every year from 1997 to 2002.
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- Across all grade levels (3 - 8 combined), the percent of students at or above national norms in math has increased

from 30.5% in 1997 to 57.8% in 2002.

- Comparing the same group of students over time (e.g., 8th graders in 2002 compared to 7th graders in 2001), the percent of students at or above national norms in reading increased from 2001 to 2002 for all grade cohorts except Grade 6. The largest increases are in Grade 8 (28.3% increase) and Grade 4 (13.6% increase).
- Comparing the same group of students over time (e.g., 8th graders in 2002 compared to 7th graders in 2001), the percent of students at or above national norms in math increased from 2001 to 2002 for all grade cohorts except Grade 8. The largest increases are in Grade 4 (18.3% increase) and Grade 6 (11.9% increase).

- In 2002, the percent of students at or above national norms in reading is above 60% for Grade 5.
- In 2002, the percent of students at or above national norms in math is above 60% for Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Room for Improvement

- In 2002, the percent of students at or above national norms in reading is still below 50% for Grade 6 and Grade 8 and below 35% for Grade 3.
- In 2002, the percent of students at or above national norms in math is still below 50% for Grade 8 (although there was significant improvement over 2001).

By Aaron Schwartz

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