

# RAVENSWOOD MANOR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2003



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## Speed Humps Coming Soon

**C**oncern about vehicles speeding through our neighborhood has prompted the RMIA traffic committee to gather information from the 33rd Ward and the Chicago Department of Transportation about speed humps. The responses of the Ward office and neighbors where speed humps currently exist indicate that speed humps have been effective in reducing vehicle speeds.

Based on this promising information, we are proceeding with speed humps at three targeted locations in Ravenswood Manor. Signatures are currently being gathered from street residents to confirm

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## RMIA T-Shirts For Sale

**T**he RMIA has new t-shirts for sale, \$10 each. To sport a new heather gray t-shirt with the RMIA logo, order on line at [www.ravenswoodmanor.com](http://www.ravenswoodmanor.com) or call the hotline at 312-409-3213.

## 2003 Garden Walk on July 13

**S**ave Sunday, July 13 for the Manor Garden Club's annual garden walk from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Maps will be available at Ravenswood Manor Park. Maps are free. Donations are accepted to offset printing costs and to

fund beautification projects such as LaPointe Park at Giddings and Manor Avenues, and its annual plant sale.

"Each garden is unique, reflecting our neighborhood," said MGC President Ann Rozmin.

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## Can You Canoe? Join First RMIA Canoe Trip in August

**C**ome explore the Chicago River by canoe with your fellow Ravenswood Manor residents. It will be a wonderful way to spend the day with family and friends.

The trip will take you up the Chicago River from Clark Park through Ravenswood Manor just past Foster Ave. Then, we will head back down the river to Clark Park. The trip will involve a moderate level of paddling and will take approximately 2 hours. This will be the first event of its kind in recent memory.

of canoes we need please sign up for the event by July 4, 2003. There will be a cost of approximately \$20 per person. This will cover the canoe rental, map of the river and refreshments.

The event will be set for one of the first few weekends in August. If you are interested please send an e-mail to [canoe@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:canoe@ravenswoodmanor.com) or call (312) 409-3213 to reserve your spot or ask additional questions.

— Josh Silverman

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## Hate Crimes Reported in the Manor Neighborhood Unites Against Racism

**T**he Ravenswood Manor neighborhood has always been a relatively peaceful area. Representing a great diversity of ethnic backgrounds, people here get along well across religious and racial lines.

Recently, the GO! Coffee shop located next to the Francisco el stop was the victim of hate crimes perpetrated by three individuals.

The suspects are white male high school students, probably juniors or seniors. They are sought in connection with property damage charges against

personnel of the GO! coffee establishment. Efforts are underway to obtain photographs of the perpetrators who have committed these crimes when the shop was open as well as closed. Neighboring shops and residents will soon display signs expressing that hate crimes will not be tolerated in our neighborhood.

Anyone with information about these attacks should contact the Chicago police or the RMIA hotline at 312-409-3213.

— RMIA Board

### *Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter*

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 (September through June) at 7:30 p.m. at the Horner Park field house. Meetings are open to all members and the Board welcomes comments and suggestions. 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](mailto:RMIAboard@ravenswoodmanor.com)

## Speed Humps Coming Soon...

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their desire to have a speed hump on their street. Pending scheduling with the 33rd Ward office and CDOT, we hope these will be installed this summer.

The speed humps will be installed on Manor, between Giddings and Leland; Wilson, between Manor and the river; and California, between Sunnyside and Montrose.

Speed humps are low, broad rises across the street pavement, extending the width of the pavement. Speed humps are designed so most vehicles can go over them at 20 mph without causing driver discomfort. Crossing at higher speeds causes cars to bottom out. Traffic

diversion to other streets is considered unlikely. These locations were selected in part because of the limited alternate street options that vehicles have at these spots.

Examples of speed humps can be experienced on Hutchinson (four streets south of Montrose), between Campbell and the river.

Any questions or concerns can be e-mailed to [traffic@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:traffic@ravenswoodmanor.com), or you may call the RMIA voice mail line at 312-409-3213.

— Paul Ogden

## Garden Walk...

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“We try to include the Manor’s best gardens. Some are small back yards, and others are along the Chicago River.”

The walk is one of MGC’s projects to encourage that the Manor remain a well-maintained area and to show it off. Those who are not opening their gardens for viewing will usually make an effort to have their homes and yards looking their best. Sidewalk sweeping, edge trimming, and a little weeding help make any place look in tip-top condition. “We invite everyone to come out, meet their neighbors, and enjoy all the beauty Ravenswood Manor offers,” said Rozmin.

# Summer Under the Stars: Enjoy a Concert at the Park!

## Summer Concert Schedule

Date	Band	Musical Format
<b>June 15</b>	Blues Experiment Radical Nuances	Jazz Fusion Blues
<b>June 29</b>	The Music Makers Kent McDaniels Band	American Pop Roots/Rock
<b>July 13</b>	Anne Harris	Folk/Pop
<b>July 20</b>	Flippomusic	International Jazz Fusion
<b>Manor Bash: August 10</b>		
<b>12-12:45 p.m.</b>	Steve Simms & John Novak	Bluegrass
<b>1-2:15 p.m.</b>	Chicago Bluegrass Band	Bluegrass
<b>2:30-3 p.m.</b>	CPD Children's Act	TBA
<b>3:15-4:45 p.m.</b>	Diamond Jim Green	Blues
<b>5-7 p.m.</b>	TBA	Zydeco
<b>7:15-9 p.m.</b>	Michael McDermott	Folk/Rock
<b>August 17</b>	Cooper, Nelson & Early Steve and Jenny Moss	English Folk Folk
<b>August 24</b>	Ravenswood Manor Talent Show	

## Concert Series Starts June 15



unday, June 15 marks the start of the ninth year of the Ravenswood Manor Park Summer Concert Series in Ravenswood Manor Park at Eastwood, Francisco, and Manor Avenues.

Concerts run from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Sundays. The series includes the sixth ManorBash, an all day kids/music event of food and live music under the park's pergola on Sunday, August 10, said concert chair John R. O'Connell. "The concerts get bigger and better every year because of our producers Larry Brown, Chris Moran and Susan Urban. We can't offer everything, but we try to get several musical styles." This year's selection includes jazz fusion, American pop, and folk.

Dates for the other concerts are June 29, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 10 ManorBash, August 17 and August 24. The Neighborhood Talent Show caps the series on August 24. Alternate rain dates will be announced as needed.

"We thank all the Manor residents who contribute to the series though our annual drive," O'Connell said. "We also appreciate the support of groups that sponsor an evening like the Manor Garden Club and the Ravenswood Manor Improvement

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## How Manor Streets Were Named

- AGATITE** (formerly Potwyne Place) Named for the agatite tree, some-times called the pea tree, a small tree with red, yellow and white flowers that grows in the West Indies
- CALIFORNIA** Named for the Golden State, whose name is traced to Spanish origins.
- EASTWOOD** (formerly Jamot Street) Named by the Northwest Land Association, subdividers of Albany Park, for a pine wood on the site of Ravenswood Gardens.
- FRANCISCO** Named for California's San Francisco, the Golden Gate city.
- GIDDINGS** Named after L.R. Giddings, one of the leading real estate men in Chicago in the 1880's.
- LELAND** Named for Cyrus P. Leland, a member of the Ravenswood Land Company, which named the street in its Ravenswood subdivision.
- LAWRENCE** Named for Bradford A. Lawrence, a young man who happened to be talking with subdivider Lazarus Silverman, who was naming streets in his new Montrose subdivision. Silverman looked at his companion and said, "Aw, let's call it Lawrence Avenue."
- MANOR** (formerly Fairfield Avenue) Said by the city to be named for Manor, Pennsylvania, an area of coal mines. More likely takes its name form William E. Harmon's grand designation of his subdivision, Ravenswood Manor.
- MONTROSE** (formerly Sulzer Road) Named to honor James G. Montrose, Scottish nobleman and royalist leader under Charles I, known as the great Marquis of Hamilton.
- MOZART** Named for the great Austrian composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).
- RICHMOND** (formerly Humboldt Street) Named after the capital of Virginia, which was in turn named for Lennox, Duke of Richmond.
- SACRAMENTO** Named for the capital of California, which comes from the Spanish word for sacrament.
- SUNNYSIDE** Named by the Ravenswood Land Company after the Sunnyside Hotel which stood at Sunnyside and Clark. It was the meeting place of the Ravenswood Land Co.
- WILSON** Named for John M. Wilson, an organizer of the Ravenswood Land Co. in 1868. Also the founder of Children's Memorial Hospital
- WINDSOR** (formerly Vilas Place) No indication of derivation.

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## Manor News

....Contributed by Brian Basler

***Ravenswood Manor Recycling Program...***Our neighborhood offers a great recycling program to every household. Every Monday I can set out my recyclables by the alley. I know that the Resource Center will take care of the pickup and make sure that everything gets recycled effectively. This is an inexpensive way to save landfill space, protect the environment, and preserve natural resources. To sign up call the Resource Center at 773-821-1351 and request an application for service.

***Historical Walk...***The Ravenswood-Lake View Historical Association will conduct guided Sunday walks in Historic Graceland Cemetery at 1 p.m. on June 15, and July 20. A wealth of historical information as well as intriguing stories about the permanent North Siders buried in Graceland Cemetery. Call Gloria Price at the Sulzer Regional Library (312) 742-4455 for information.

***Help Keep Our Parks Clean...***Please consider picking up litter as you see it. During the summer our playground and parks end up with ice cream wrappers and other trash laying around. If everyone takes a piece of litter and throws it in the garbage as they leave the park we'll keep the parks looking great all summer.

## RMIA Board Seeks Members

**D**o you have a passion for this neighborhood? Is there some neighborhood issue that you always thought would be rewarding to work on?

The RMIA needs new volunteers and board members this fall. Board members attend our meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month (except July and August) and also participate on a committee. If being a board member is more than you can commit to at this time, there is also a need for enthusiastic committee volunteers that focus on specific issues facing the neighborhood.

Our new board starts in the fall. If you're interested call the RMIA voicemail at 312-409-3213 or send email to [rmiaboard@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:rmiaboard@ravenswoodmanor.com) and we'll contact you this fall.

— Brian Basler

## ...Concert Series

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 ....Association for its donation to ManorBash. The Chicago Park District also provides advise, assistance, and support."

— Allan Mueller

## From the RMIA Help Desk

### *Don't Miss Out!*

Our RMIA newsletter is delivered quarterly but there are many times when there are important neighborhood meetings, social events or alerts that pop up between newsletters.

Stay informed by subscribing to the RMIA email news. Simply point your internet browser to [www.rmia.org/subscrib.html](http://www.rmia.org/subscrib.html). (Please note: there is no "e" on the "subscrib"). Each email you receive will include a link at the bottom where subscribers may update their profiles or unsubscribe.

This summer there are already several exciting neighborhood events which are not adequately planned to be mentioned in this newsletter. The only way we have to tell residents about these events is through the RMIA email news. The email addresses we collect are NEVER shared with any other group for any purpose. Your confidentiality is assured.

### *Have you subscribed to the RMIA email news and still don't receive it?*

Each service provider has different methods of controlling their spam filter. Users have control and, in addition to turning off the spam filtering, they are often able to provide a list of senders which are normally blocked to be allowed through. Check with your service provider or their support web site to find out how to do this. You may also email [webmaster@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:webmaster@ravenswoodmanor.com) for help with this matter. We understand how frustrating these email problems can be. We want our neighborhood to benefit from the power and immediacy that email communication has to offer. Almost all residents of the manor have email. Please help us by subscribing and receiving the RMIA email news.

— Scott Wheeler


  
**New Grilled Sandwiches Available at Go! Coffee**
  
 Go! Coffee is now offering made-to-order grilled sandwiches.
   
 Menu varies weekly.
   
 Stop by and check it out!

## Local Numbers to Know

Police Emergency .....	911	Chicago Police 17 <sup>th</sup> District Station .....	(312) 744-8346	RMIA Hotline .....	(312) 409-3213
City Services .....	311	Alderman Richard Mell .....	(773) 478-8040	Recycling Resource Center .....	(773) 821-1351
Police Non-Emergency .....	311				