



# The Manor News

Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

*Spring 2009*

## mark your calendar

**Semi-Annual Meeting**  
Wednesday  
April 22

**Garage Sale**  
Sunday, May 17

**Garden Club Meetings**  
Monday, May 18



## Calendar the Semi-Annual Meeting

The RMIA semi-annual meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30pm** at the Horner Park Fieldhouse. Twice a year the RMIA invites everyone from the community to attend a meeting to discuss the initiatives of the RMIA and the concerns of the community.

This year, the scheduled topic for the semi-annual meeting will be a discussion regarding crime prevention in the Manor. We will be inviting a representative from the Chicago Police Department to attend the meeting and to share information about the CAPS program.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting.

## Manor Garden Club to Meet

The Manor Garden Club will have a meeting at **7:30pm on Monday, May 18**, at Luther Memorial Church, 2500 W. Wilson Avenue. The topic will be pioneer gardens.

Nancy Schumm-Burgess, award winning photographer, historian and author, will give a slide presentation exploring the history of the kitchen and home gardens.

Pioneer women knew everything about flowers. Nancy will share the medicinal uses and wisdom passed down through generations.

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# Thanks for Making the Winter Social a Success

The RMIA Winter Social was a great success this year. There are pictures of the event on the Ravenswood Manor group page on Facebook.

The Social was held on Sunday, March 29th and despite the snow that morning there was a large crowd to celebrate the end to winter. The event organizers were delighted to see so many neighbors. The kids had a wonderful time running around in the gym and enjoyed the annual cake walk. In addition, we collected boxes full of food to donate to a local food pantry.

We would like to especially thank Merle's Coffee Shop for cooking the food and Blue Sky Café for providing the sweets.

The Winter Social is not possible without the generosity of the RMIA members and we appreciate their support. The annual dues paid by members provided the necessary funds for these events. Thank you.

Are you interested in turning your neighbors into customers? Then consider advertising in the RMIA Newsletter. The newsletter is seen by hundreds of people who love the Manor as much as you do. Advertising in the newsletter is extremely economical and can be as easy as handing over your business card. Or, ads that are larger and have more impact can also be purchased.

Ads are purchased for a year of newsletters (that's four issues a year), so just pay once and you are done.

The deadline is fast approaching. All ads for the next year must be in by June 1. For information and rates, please contact Jen at newsletter@ravenswoodmanor.com or 588-8213.

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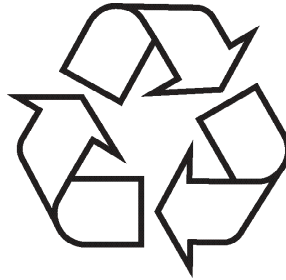
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## Recycling Reminder

Blue cart recycling is in full swing in the Manor. As a reminder, here is a brief outline of what can and cannot be placed in the carts. There is no need to separate the recyclables when placing them into the bin. The types of materials that can be put in the bins are

- Beverage cartons for milk and juice
- Glass jars and bottles
- Aluminum cans, foil and pie tins
- Tin or steel cans
- Cereal boxes, paper towel rolls
- Flattened cardboard
- Plastic bottles with numbers 1-5 and 7
- Junk mail
- Magazines and catalogs
- Telephone books
- Paper bags
- Office paper and file folders
- Newspapers and inserts



Items that cannot be placed in the carts are yard waste, non recyclable trash and household hazardous waste and electronics.

If residents need an additional blue cart or to have one of the existing black carts removed, please call 311.

## Connect with the Manor on Facebook

The Manor is now on Facebook. If you are using the popular social networking website, check out the Ravenswood Manor group. You can check out and tag photos from the Winter Social and Egg Hunt, or post your own neighborhood photos. Also, the group can be a forum to discuss neighborhood issues online and share information with your neighbors.

So make some virtual friends in the neighborhood and join the Ravenswood Manor group on Facebook.

## Community Garden Looking into Possible Expansion

The RMIA is exploring the possibility of expanding the Community Garden at LaPointe Park. Last year, the demand for plots exceeded the available space in the current garden, and there has already been enormous demand for plots this spring. This project is still in the planning stages, however, the RMIA seeking community input.

The plan under consideration is a second raised bed garden similar to the current garden but immediately to the south (away from the fence). The RMIA is seeking fundraising commitments to support the expanded Community Garden. For more information or to share your thoughts on the expansion plan, please contact

[gardencoordinator@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:gardencoordinator@ravenswoodmanor.com).

The daffodils have begun peaking out and it's not too soon to begin thinking about tomatoes for the Community Garden. The community garden has a limited amount of space for aspiring farmers, and last year demand for garden space exceeded the number of available plots.

LaPointe Park is managed by the RMIA in cooperation with NeighborSpace. Because of the applicable regulations, the garden must be in a raised bed of topsoil for growing vegetables. Therefore, in order to expand the garden, the RMIA must raise money for the cost of a second raised bed. The plots in the current garden may already be spoken for, but garden-

ers who contribute to the fundraising effort may be able to plant in an expanded garden. If you are able to contribute or interested in a plot, please contact us.

Gardeners can sign up and be assigned a plot to tend and cultivate. The entire garden will be turned over and tilled prior to the planting season so that the soil is ready for each gardener to start planting. Plots will be approximately four feet wide and six feet long, and gardeners can take an entire plot or share with a friend if they prefer. Plots will be ready for planting sometime in mid-May, weather permitting.

If anyone is interested or wants more information, contact Adam Betzen at [gardencoordinator@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:gardencoordinator@ravenswoodmanor.com).



# Manor Garage Sale

The annual Ravenswood Manor Garage Sale is scheduled for **Sunday, May 17**. The sign-up Deadline is May 11th. For more information or to sign up online, go to [www.ravenswoodmanor.com](http://www.ravenswoodmanor.com).

The RMIA needs volunteers to help coordinate the garage sale. Please email us at [garagesale@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:garagesale@ravenswoodmanor.com) to let us know if you are able to volunteer to help with various tasks before the sale and to help the morning of the sale. Whether you can contribute an hour or a day, we cannot organize the garage sale without volunteers from the Manor. Without volunteers, the RMIA will not be able to organize the garage sale in the future.

It's time to clean out your garage, attic, basement and closets and make some money. Spring cleaning is right around the corner and the Ravenswood Manor Garage Sale is the perfect opportunity to unload all of those extra items from your house. Just sign-up and prepare your items for sale.

The RMIA pays to advertise the popular neighborhood sale in the local publications, and the crowds

show up ready to buy in any economy. The RMIA will place ads in the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Reader, Chicago Sun-Times and the Pioneer Press the week preceding the sale.

To sign-up, just visit [www.ravenswoodmanor.com](http://www.ravenswoodmanor.com) to sign up online or mail in the attached coupon. Garage sale participants are asked to make a minimum \$15 contribution to the RMIA. You can send your sign-up form to the RMIA at PO Box 25486, Chicago, IL 60625 or send your name, address and email to [garagesale@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:garagesale@ravenswoodmanor.com).

Please include a donation with your registration as the prints advertising, maps and permits are paid for by the RMIA. Thank you in advance for your donation. Anyone seeking more information can email [garagesale@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:garagesale@ravenswoodmanor.com) or call Adam Betzen at 773 588-8213.

Let's hope our weather is good and our sales are high. It's going to be another great garage sale in the Manor.



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*(May 11th deadline)*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make a contribution of (please circle amount)    \$15    \$25    \$35  
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