

# The Manor News

Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

# Summer 2007

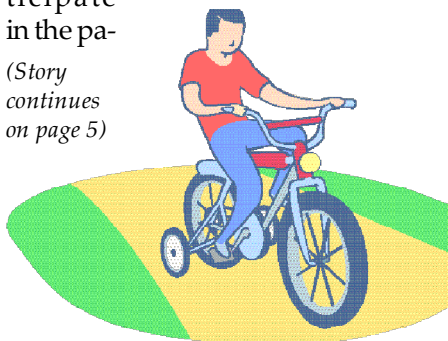
## 4th of July Bicycle Parade

The annual RMIA Fourth of July Children's Bicycle Parade will be Tuesday, July 3. The parade route will take patriotic cyclists along Manor Avenue for everyone to admire. Neighborhood children are encouraged to decorate their bikes in patriotic colors and join the parade.

The parade will begin at Buffalo Park at 11:00am and head North on Manor. The parade route will then end in front of Merle's Coffee Shoppe. Merle's will be providing snacks for the kids and will award prizes for the best decorated bicycles.

Children who would like to participate in the pa-

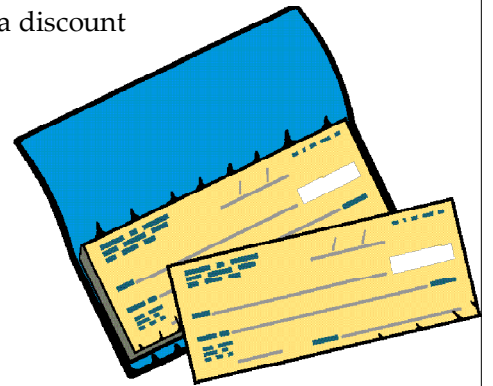
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## Historic District Fundraising

The RMIA is initiating a fundraising campaign in support of its efforts to get Ravenswood Manor listed as a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. If the Manor is designated as a Historic District, certain homeowners who invest in certain remodeling may be eligible for a discount on their property taxes.

The National Register of Historic Places is the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. Properties listed in the Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. Listing in the National Register honors a historic place by recognizing its importance to its community, State or the Nation.



Owners of private property in a Historic District listed in the National Register are free to maintain, manage, or dispose of their property as they choose. Owners have no obligation to open their properties to the public, to restore them, or even to maintain them, if they choose not to do so. However, once the district is listed in the National Register, all owners of contributing single family homes may be eligible for a property tax freeze if they spend more than 25% of the property's assessed fair-market value, as determined by the Cook County Assessor, on rehabilitation of the property. Additionally, a listing on the National Register will help preserve the character of the Manor by inspiring interest in the unique historic architecture of

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# Keeping the Manor Safe

Residents of the Manor who are concerned about crime and safety are encouraged to attend the local CAPS meetings. CAPS meetings provide an opportunity for neighbors to inform the Police Department about the concerns of the neighborhood. By working together with the Police Department, neighbors can help make the Manor as safe as possible.

The Manor falls under the jurisdiction of the 17<sup>th</sup> District of the

Chicago Police Department and there are two beats within the Manor. North of Wilson Avenue is Beat 1713 and south of Wilson Avenue is Beat 1724. The phone number for the 17<sup>th</sup> District station is (312) 742-4410.

If you see a crime in progress, please don't hesitate to call 911. The police cannot fight crimes they don't know about. If you have graffiti, please call that city at 311 and call Alderman Mell's office at (773) 418-8040.

## CAPS Meetings

Beat 1713  
Fourth Thursday of the month  
7:00 pm  
North Park University  
Magnuson Campus Center  
5000 N. Spaulding Avenue

Beat 1724  
Third Tuesday of the month  
7:00 pm  
Horner Park Field House  
2741 W. Montrose

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the neighborhood.

Based on a submission prepared by RMIA volunteers, the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) has determined Ravenswood Manor is a good candidate for designation as an Historic District on the National Register. IHPA believes that the Manor is historically significant for its preservation of the original development plan for the neighborhood and for the variety of architectural styles represented in the Manor.

The support of IHPA is only the start of the application process for listing on the National Register. The next step is to be officially nominated. Nominations are submitted to a review

board, which makes a recommendation as to whether the proposed historic district meets the National Register criteria.

RMIA is undertaking a fundraising campaign in order to support the cost of a paid professional who is best suited to prepare the nominating application. We have solicited proposals from multiple historical consultants and identified Granacki Historical Consultants as the best and most reasonably priced. Granacki has agreed to complete a nominating application for Ravenswood Manor for \$10,000.00.

RMIA has committed \$3,000.00 toward this project. We are soliciting donations from local resi-

dents to cover the remaining cost of \$7,000.00. We hope to have the funds raised by August 31, 2007. We hope that the nominating application will be submitted by the end of 2007 and that a determination will be made on our application in early 2008.

Funds pledged by residents in support of this initiative should be mailed to RMIA at P.O. Box 25486, Chicago, Illinois 60625. Checks should be made payable to the RMIA.

We look forward to your support for this effort and the realization of our goal to have the Manor listed on the National Register.

*The Manor News* is published by Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association (RMIA) as a service to our members. It contains news, information and other items of interest to those living and working in Ravenswood Manor. Please make submissions or comments to Editor at PO Box 25486, Chicago, IL 60625 or call RMIA Hotline at 312.409.3213. [www.ravenswoodmanor.com](http://www.ravenswoodmanor.com)

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## RAVENSWOOD MANOR IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION



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# RMIA HISTORIC DISTRICT Fundraising Initiative

*We Need Your Help!*

The RMIA is initiating a fundraising campaign in support of its efforts to get Ravenswood Manor listed as an Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. A listing in the National Register will give the Manor its due recognition as a historic neighborhood and will help preserve the character of the Manor by inspiring interest in the unique historic architecture.

RMIA is undertaking a fundraising campaign in order to support the cost of a paid professional who is best suited to prepare the nominating application. The RMIA cannot act without the support of the community – we need your help. Now is your chance to help preserve the neighborhood. Please return the bottom portion of this page with your donation today.

**YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS A REALITY!**

**YES! I want to help my neighborhood attain a historic designation!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation:  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$500  Other

Please send your donations to: RMIA; P.O. Box 25486, Chicago, IL 60625

If you would like more information,  
call 773 409-3213 or email [rmiaboard@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:rmiaboard@ravenswoodmanor.com).



# Manor Concert Series



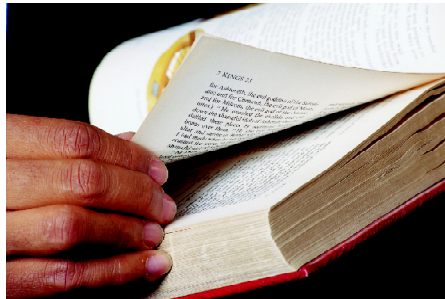
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July 8	Cooper Nelson and Early Curtis and Loretta	Folk Folk	7:00pm 8:00pm
2 DAYS LIVE AT HORNER PARK			
July 21	School of Rock Happy Feet	Movie Movie	7:00pm 8:00pm
July 22	Jim Green The Wandering Indorphine 56 Hope Road	Folk Jam	7:00pm 8:00pm
July 29	Hard Scrabble Lawrence Peters Outfit	Folk Folk	7:00pm 8:00pm
August 5	MANORBASH Taming of the Shru Red Peace (Teen Show) Super Stolie (Kids Show) TBA Mayflies Bumpus	Play Rock Folk  Bluegrass Jam/Fusion	11:00am 12:30pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm
August 6	Elvis Presley 2, Movie Night at Horner		Dusk
August 12	Small Potatoes Swing Boulevard	Folk Swing	7:00pm 8:00pm
August 19	Ariane Lydon The Sass! Trio	Folk Folk	7:00pm 8:00pm
August 26	Talent Show Neighbors TBA		7:00pm 8:00pm



## RMIA Book Club Update

If you are looking for good books for the summer months and want to meet some of your neighbors who also love to read, then consider joining the Manor Book Club.

The club meets once a month on the second Tuesday from 7:45 to 8:45pm. The meetings are usually held at Horner Park Fieldhouse, unless a member generously offers her home for the meeting. The books are selected through a vote of club members. So far, the group has read and discussed six books since its founding in January.



The Manor Book Club is always looking for new members, so if you are interested please e-mail Jen Betzen at [manorbookclub@ravensoodmanor.com](mailto:manorbookclub@ravensoodmanor.com). She can give you more information, and if you wish, add you to the e-mail list, where you can be kept up-to-date on club news and book selections.

The club has selected books for the upcoming meetings:

- **Tuesday, July 10:** "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver
- **Tuesday, August 14:** "A Handbook to Luck" by Cristina Garcia
- **Tuesday, September 11:** "One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd: A Novel" by Jim Fergus

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rade are encouraged to begin lining up at Buffalo Park at 10:45am on the morning of the festivities.

Additionally, the RMIA needs adults for the parade to help secure the route, block cross-streets and direct traffic. Anyone interested in helping with the parade is encouraged to meet with Parade Chairwoman Eileen Rochford at Buffalo Park at 10:30am.



## Useful Local Numbers

Police Emergency .....	911
City Services .....	311
Police Non Emergency .....	311
Chicago Police 17 <sup>th</sup> District Station .....	312-742-4410
Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) .....	312-744-3774
Alderman Richard Mell .....	773-418-8040
RMIA Voice Mail .....	312-409-3213
Recycling Resource Center .....	773-821-1351
Graffiti Removal .....	312-744-5000 or 311



**RMIA seeks** curious volunteer for friendship; possible LTR. Must enjoy short walks, reading and community activism. Want to live your paperboy fantasies? Call (312) 409-3213 or email [volunteer@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:volunteer@ravenswoodmanor.com)

# RMIA Volunteers Needed

The RMIA is seeking volunteers to distribute *The Manor News*

The newsletter you are currently enjoying is written, edited and distributed by volunteers in the neighborhood – people not unlike yourself who are helping out. The newsletter comes out four times a year. Distribution volunteers get the most fun part, but they need a few extra volunteers to distribute the newsletter.

If you are interested: Email [volunteers@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:volunteers@ravenswoodmanor.com)  
Call 312 490-3212

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## Annual Independence Day Children's Bicycle Parade

Tuesday, July 3 at 11:00 am  
Bicycle Lineup at Buffalo Park at 10:45 am  
Route goes north on Manor Ave. to  
Merle's Coffee Shoppe

Calling all kids: Decorate your bike to show your patriotic spirit and join the parade. Merle's Coffee Shoppe will provide snacks and prizes for the best decorated bike.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Help make the bicycle parade safe and fun. The parade organizers need adults to help direct traffic and keep the cyclists safe. If you can help, meet the parade chairwoman Eileen Rochford at Buffalo Park at 10:30 am on July 3.*

Sponsored by the RMIA and Merle's Coffee Shoppe.