



The Manor News

Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

Summer 2008

mark your calendar

Saturday, June 28

Ronan Park Nature Trail
Community Day
Concert: Beckon Q and
Michael McDermott
Movie: "The Wizard of Oz"

Thursday, July 3

Children's Bike Parade

Tuesday, July 8

Manor Book Club meeting

Friday, July 11

Movie: "School of Rock"
Concert: Northside
Southpaws and
Mike and Amy Finders Band

Friday, July 18

Concert: David Munelly Band
and Back Yard Tire Fire

Friday, July 25

Concert: The Javelines, Dive Bar,
and Sunday Runners

Sunday, August 17

Concert: Captain Blood Band,
Snatch, Inc. and 24*13

Sunday, August 24

Concert: Rokko Jans and NED

Free Concerts in the Parks

THE HORNER PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL, in partnership with the Chicago Park District, presents the 14th Season of the Concerts in the Parks Free Summer Concert Series.

This year will see another expansion of free concerts in Ravenswood Manor Park and Horner Park, supported by local residents and businesses. **Frank Catalano** and his hot Jazz ensemble kicked off the series on June 8 in Ravenswood Manor Park. Two weeks later brought the 4th season of Shakespeare in Ravenswood Manor Park with **GroundUp Theatre**.

Returning by popular demand to our free series is Chicago's rising star **Michael McDermott** at Horner Park on Saturday, June 28. Opening the show at 7pm will be folk-rock artists **Beckon Q**, followed by Michael McDermott at 8pm. After Michael McDermott will be a free movie at Horner, the classic: "**The Wizard of Oz**."

Free Horner shows will continue through July on Friday nights: July 11 will be "**School of Rock**" starting at 7pm, with additional acts that night the **Northside Southpaws** and **Mike and Amy Finders Band**.

Friday, July 18, at 7pm has the Irish-influenced sounds of the **David Munelly Band**, followed rock act **Back Yard Tire Fire**. The Horner Series ends Friday, July 25, at 7pm with **The Javelines**, **Dive Bar**, and **Sunday Runners**, all performing Alternative Rock.

The Series returns to Sunday nights at 7pm in Ravenswood Manor Park through August with the Manor's own **Captain Blood Band** and **Snatch, Inc.**, August 17 with **24*13**, and closing the series on Sunday, August 24 is Ravenswood's own **Rokko Jans** and his longstanding group **NED**, classic/folk rock.

Come out this summer for 10 exciting evenings of free entertainment under the stars at our own parks! More information can be found at www.hornerpark.org, or calling (773) 463-8166.

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RMIA News Brief

CAPS Meeting Details

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.

The Manor falls under the jurisdiction of the 17th 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 17th District station is (312) 742-4410.

If you see a crime in progress, please don't hesitate to call 911. If you have graffiti, please call the city at 311, and call Alderman Mell's office at (773) 418-8040.

CAPS meetings are as follows:

Beat 1713

Fourth Tuesday of the month

7 p.m.

North Park University

Magnuson Campus Center

5000 N. Spaulding Ave.

Beat 1724

Third Tuesday of the month

7 p.m.

Horner Park Fieldhouse

2741 W. Montrose Ave.

July 3rd Bicycle Parade

HHEY KIDS! GET OUT YOUR RED, white and blue streamers to decorate your bike, and then join in the fun during the annual RMIA Fourth of July Children's Bicycle Parade on Thursday, July 3.

The parade route will take patriotic cyclists along Manor Avenue for everyone in the Manor to admire. Children in the neighborhood are encouraged to decorate their bikes in festive patriotic colors and join in the parade.

The parade will begin at Buffalo Park at 11am and head north on Manor. The parade route will then end in front of Merle's Coffee Shoppe for some refreshments. Kids will be awarded prizes for the best decorated bicycles.

Children who would like to participate in the parade are encouraged to begin lining up at Buffalo Park at 10:45am on July 3.

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 can meet Parade Chairwoman Eileen Rochford at Buffalo Park at 10:30am the morning of the parade.

Hope to see you there!

Manor Book Club Update

MANOR BOOK CLUB IS NOW in its second year, and is always looking for new people to join in the fun.

The club meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 7:45 to 8:45pm at Horner Park.

For the club's next meeting on Tuesday, July 8, we will be discussing "Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman.

The schedule for the next few months will be made soon. If you would like more information about the club, including our upcoming book list, or want to be added to the club's e-mail list, please contact Jen at manorbookclub@ravenswoodmanor.com or call 588-8213.

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. www.ravenswoodmanor.com

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Ronan Park Nature Trail looking for volunteers

REMEMBER RONAN PARK? A BACKYARD of sorts to Ravenswood Manor, it lies at the southern tip of a miles-long greenway that connects us by river, canal and bike trail to the Lake, Wilmette, and other points north. And nestled along the River there, from Lawrence north to Argyle, is Ronan Park Nature Trail. Wooded and shady, green and flowering, you might know it as the “scenic route” to River Park or the warm-up/cool-down section of your running workout.

Along the Trail, you’ll find native species that have been planted and tended over the last seven or eight years, columbine, sedge grasses, alexander, goldenrod, wild geraniums, and a variety of other spring wildflowers. It also has hazelnuts – I’d be curious if anybody’s ever harvested their fruit. Look for geese and other birds. Watch out for the moms with babies! You’ll also find non-native plants like garlic mustard, burdock, buckthorn thistle and a bunch of other invasive species that are trying (through no fault of their own!) to overrun the place.

One way to learn what’s out there in our backyard is to come help take care of it. This summer we’re inviting friends and admirers of the Trail to get together, walk the trail, learn what’s there, cut back invasives, maintain the pathway, pick-up trash, meet others who enjoy being outside in our little patch of woods, and generally keep a bunch of caring eyes on the place.

Michael Herman is the new Volunteer Steward for the Ronan Park Nature Trail. The first community trail day is Saturday, June 28th. A new website is being created at www.RonanParkTrail.com. Watch for news there about the Trail and what’s happening this summer (and winter) or call Michael at (312) 280-7838. And then please join us on the Trail – for a walk or a run or a workday!

The Manor One Step Closer to Historic Status

THE RMIA IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE that the Illinois Historic Preservation Board has approved the neighborhood’s application for historic designation. The state board has recommended the Manor’s application to the National Historic Register. The National committee will likely act on our application by the end of August. With the Illinois board’s recommendation, the RMIA is confident that the National Historic Register will approve our application.

Thank you to all the donors to the RMIA historic fundraising campaign who have made this application process possible.

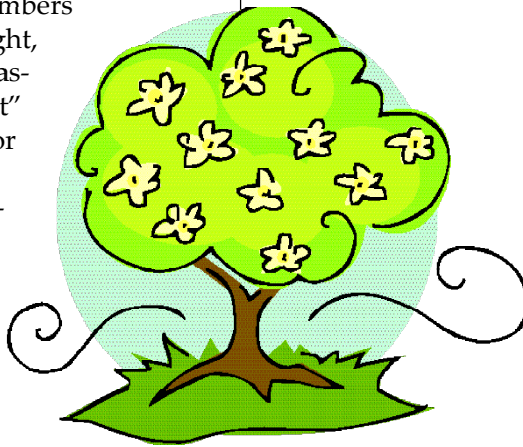


Garden Drawings on Display

THE RENDERINGS OF THE PROPOSED new gardens for Manor and Francisco are now on display in the window of Go Get Your Smock! at 4636 N. Francisco. Any resident interested in making a donation to this initiative can download a pledge from the RMIA website at ravenswoodmanor.com.

The master plan describes nine new parkway gardens, bordered by landscape timbers and filled with plants of varied height, density and seasonal display. The master plan also includes "notched out" areas along the adjacent sidewalk for future park benches.

Questions regarding the proposed gardens can be addressed to the Business District Committee at businessdistrict@ravenswoodmanor.com or care of the RMIA, PO Box 25486, Chicago, IL 60625.



Buffalo Park Update

PLAN S ARE MOVING FORWARD to complete the new seating area at Buffalo Park during 2008. According to the Horner Park Advisory Council's John O'Connell, who chaired the fundraising committee for the new "council ring," the plans have been approved by the Chicago Park District and are currently being sent out for contractor bids. Local sources have contributed \$40,000 to this project, including \$20,000 from Alderman Richard Mell, and \$20,000 from citizens and businesses in the neighborhood. The remaining funds are being contributed by the Chicago Park District. Copies of the construction drawings are available for viewing at the Ravenswood Manor Park bulletin board, and will soon be posted on the HPAC website, hornerpark.org.

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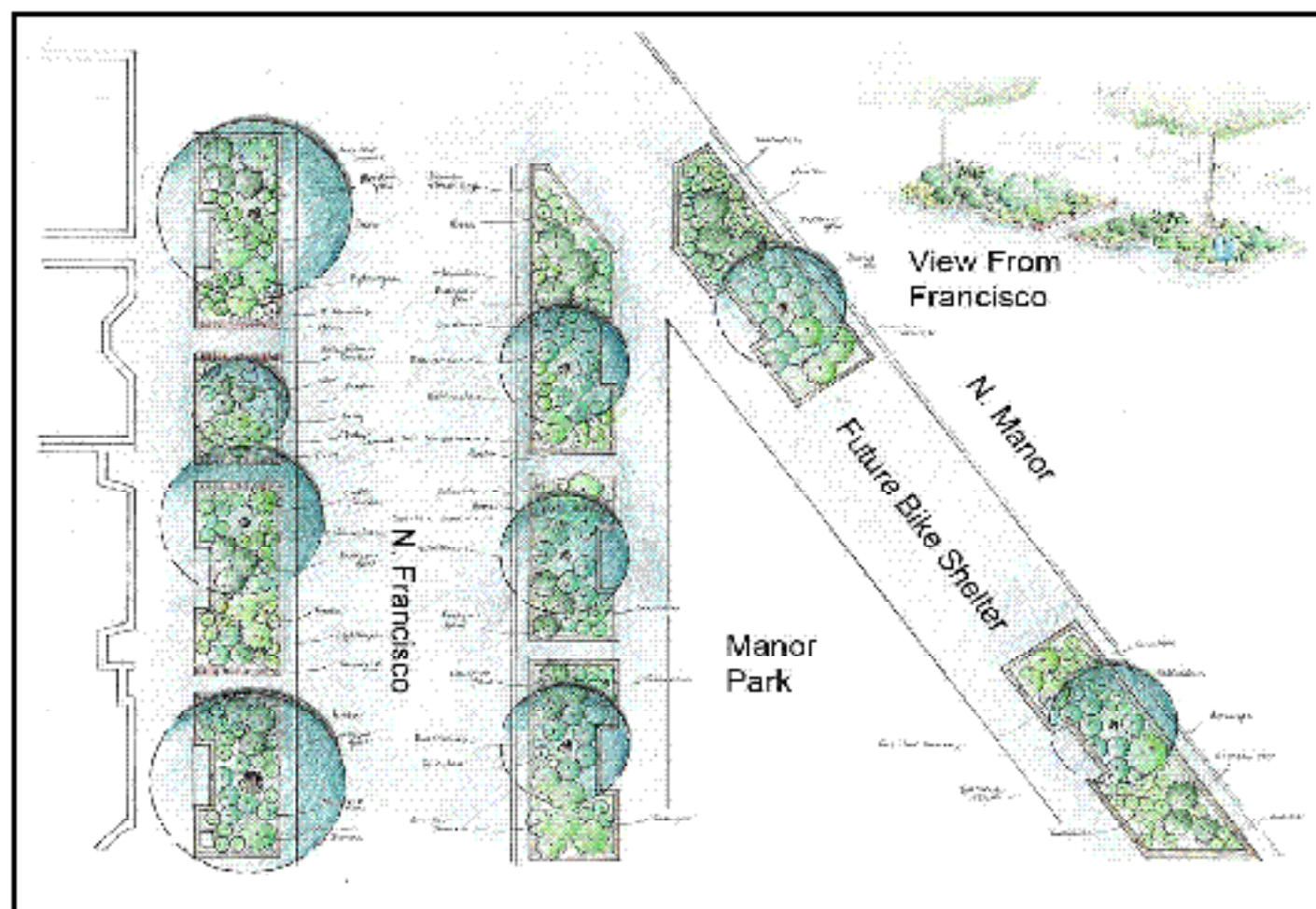
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Beautifying the Heart of the Manor

The Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association is launching an initiative to beautify the heart of our neighborhood. The landscape master plan creates nine gardens with raised borders. The total installed cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$20,000. The installation would be approached in three phases described below. The RMI A is now fundraising for Phase 1.

Phase 1: Foundations (Budget \$7,500)

Landscape timbers, stone borders, news soil, grading

Phase 2: Establishment (Budget \$7,500)

Mature plantings to establish outer edges of each garden

Phase 3: Enhancements (Budget \$5,000)

Infill planting to create varied height, color & seasonal interest



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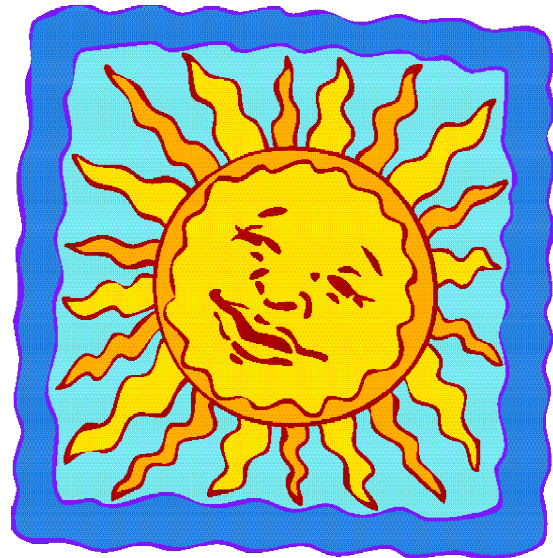
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Buffalo Park
11am

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