



The Manor News

Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

Summer 2009

Mark Your Calendar

Children's Bike Parade
Saturday, July 4

Ronan Park Trail Cleanup
Saturday, July 11

Concerts in the Park
Sunday, June 28 at
Manor Park

Friday, July 11
Saturday, July 18
Friday, July 24 at
Horner Park

Sunday, Aug. 2
Sunday, Aug. 16 and
Sunday Aug. 23 at
Manor Park

4th of July Kid's Bicycle Parade Planned

Calling all Manor kids! The annual RMIA Fourth of July Children's Bicycle Parade will be Saturday, July 4. Grab your bicycles, wagons and scooters and come join the parade.

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 10:30am and head north on Manor Ave. The parade route will then end in front of Merle's Coffee Shoppe. There will be awards for the best decorated bicycles.

Children who would like to participate in the parade are encouraged to begin lining up at Buffalo Park at 10:15am the morning of the festivities.

Additionally, the RMIA needs adults for the parade to help secure the route, block cross-streets and direct traffic. If you are interested in helping, please come to Buffalo Park that morning at about 10:00am. Thank you for any help you can provide in keeping the cyclists safe!

Book Club Now co-sponsored by Merle's

Merle's Coffee Shoppe is now the new home of the Manor Book Club.

The book club meets the second Tuesday of every month, starting at 7:45 pm. We are always looking for new members, so if you would like more information, please contact coordinator Jen Betzen at manorbookclub@ravenswoodmanor.com.

Our reading selections are as follows:

Tuesday, July 14: "The Ten Year Nap" by Meg Wolizer

Tuesday, Aug. 11 "Mokola'i" by Alan Brennert

Tuesday, Sept. 8 "The Last Queen" by C.W. Cortner

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Mark Your Calendar for the Summer Concert Series

The summer concert series is returning to Manor Park and Horner Park this summer. All concerts in June will be at Manor Park. In July, the concerts move to Horner Park. And in August, the concerts move back to Manor Park. All concerts begin at 7 pm, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, June 28	Breakers Broken and The Broaderick	Manor Park
Friday, July 10	Musikano, Mike Mangiano & the Band and Colin Gilmore	Horner Park
Saturday, July 18	Small Town Murder, and Life Like Fire The movie "Ironman" will be shown starting at 9 pm	Horner Park
Friday, July 24	Eric Lambert, Northside Southpaws, and Sabertooth	Horner Park
Sunday, Aug. 2	Common Shinner and Lubriphonics	Manor Park
Sunday, Aug. 16	Stash and 24 16	Manor Park
Sunday, Aug. 23	Rokko and the Hat	Manor Park

New Concert Series

There is a new concert series in the park near Ravenswood Manor. The North River Commission and 33rd Ward Alderman Richard Mell are co-sponsoring a series of concerts for Ronan Park. The concerts will be Thursday, July 23, Thursday, July 30 and Thursday, August 6 at 6:30 each night. Ronan Park is located just north of the Manor, across Lawrence and west of the Chicago River. The concerts are free to all, so mark your calendars.



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Garage Sale Success

The annual Manor garage sale was a big success this year with large crowds and treasures abound.

The RMIA would like to take credit for the great weather, but we even if we didn't do that, there are some people to thank. A special thanks goes to RMIA Vice President Scott Wheeler who set up the RMIA paypal account to allow people to register for the garage sale online and to RMIA Treasurer Charles Renner who manages the hard copy registrations. RMIA President Adam Betzen cannot take credit for the weather that day, but he helped spearhead the rest of the garage sale planning.

And of course the real credit goes to everyone who participated in the garage sale this year, we hope you sold a lot and made a mint. Once again, the Manor claimed the titled for the nicest alleys in the city of Chicago.

Share Your Thoughts about 7-Eleven Liquor License

The RMIA is seeking community input regarding a potential liquor license for the 7-Eleven at the corner of Montrose and Francisco.

The store previously had a liquor license as a White Hen, however, due to a change in management, ordinance requires the store to apply for a new license.

Please let the RMIA know if you support of oppose a liquor license for the 7-Eleven by emailing us at rmiaboard@ravenswoodmanor.com or writing to us at RMIA, P.O. Box 25486, Chicago, IL 60625. Please share your thoughts.

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Volunteers Needed to Help Ronan Park

Volunteers are needed to help maintain the Ronan Park Nature Trail.

Those who can help are asked to volunteer on Saturday, July 11. Volunteers will be planting and weeding from 9 am to noon.

For more information, or to volunteer, please go to www.ronanparktrail.com.

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