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Ravenswood Manor Community Newsletter

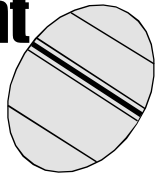


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Easter Egg Hunt



**April 8;
9:30am**

RMIA will host its 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30am, Saturday, April 8 at the back patio of Merle's. Children 10 and younger are welcome to hunt for eggs filled with fun surprises. Sign-up at the Winter Social on March 4th or at Merle's.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR RMIA'S SOCIAL EVENTS

March 4
Winter Social at Horner Park

April 8
Easter Egg Hunt at Merle's

May 21
Neighborhood Garage Sale

RMIA Winter Social

**March 4;
5:30-7:30pm**

The RMIA Annual Winter Social will be held 5:30-7:30pm, Saturday, March 4 at the Horner Park fieldhouse, 2741 W. Montrose Ave. RMIA will provide the pasta and salad catered by Merle's. Guests are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. The festivities include RMIA's annual cakewalk for the kids. Cake and cupcake dona-

tions are needed. Toys, balls and babysitters will keep the children happy while parents relax during this end-of-winter community celebration. Lots of great prizes will be raffled off, too.

For residents interested in the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and Neighborhood Garage Sale, there will be sign-up sheets posted.

New Initiatives at Waters Elementary School

Waters Elementary School is a Fine and Performing Arts Magnet Cluster School and is the neighborhood school for Ravenswood Manor, Ravenswood Gardens, and Lincoln Square. Specifics about the school include:

- School Hours: 9am - 2:45pm
- Full day Kindergarten
- State PreK, with Fall 2006 plans for a Tuition-based PreK
- Top-Notch Fine Arts Program

- Music and Drama Programs
- Unique field-based Ecology Program
- Computer Lab
- Audio/Video Media Lab
- 2005-06 8th Grade Class Project: replacing asphalt with a grassy field

Waters School emphasizes Experiential Learning, where children learn through hands-on activities
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Garden Club

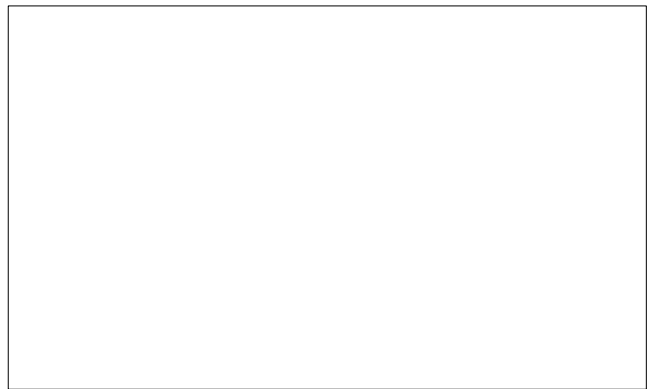
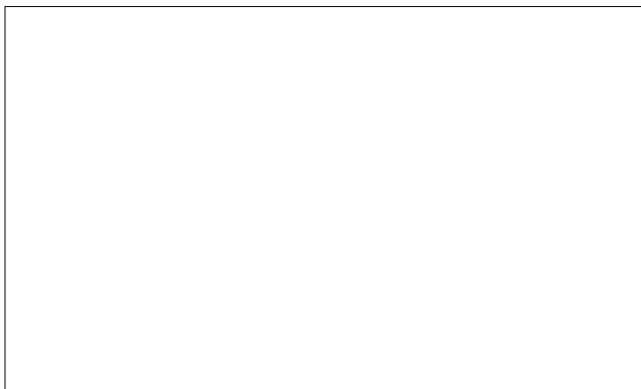
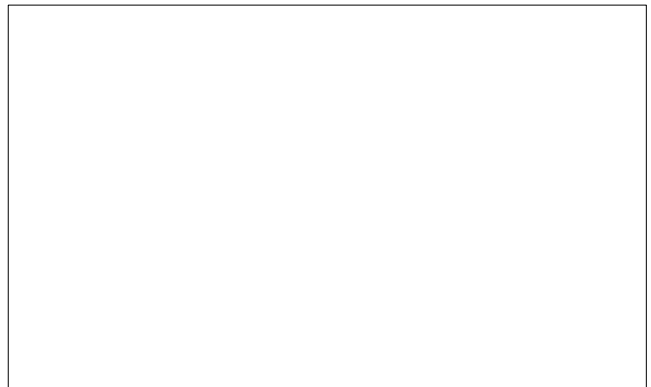
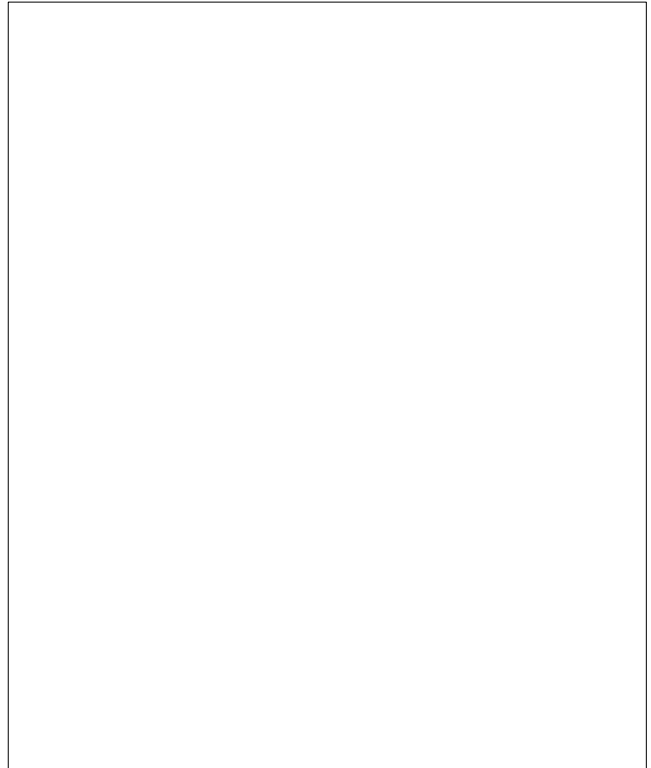
Manor Garden Club serves the Ravenswood Manor area by encouraging beautification, civic activity, and education. "We meet the third Monday of most months at 7:30pm at the Horner Park field house," said President Susan O'Connell. "Meetings are open to everyone, and we're always looking for new members. You don't need to know a lot about plants and gardening because we have educational speakers every month."

The club annually conducts its plant sale in May. Discussion is under way to revive the Garden Walk, which was discontinued last year. Other activities have been donations of gardening books to Sulzer Regional Library, and donation of plants for use in neighborhood parks.

"Meeting always include refreshments and a raffle of gardening books or related items," O'Connell said. We're not stuffy, and we do a lot to help the Manor. I hope that the club can keep growing, and our plants can keep growing."

RMIA Member Welcome Packet

The neighborhood welcome packet is now available online at www.ravenswoodmanor.com. This document is a handy reference for all who live in the Manor.





CAPS

(Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy)

Meet the officers who patrol your beat. Work with your beat officers and your neighbors to determine the priority crime problems in our neighborhood.

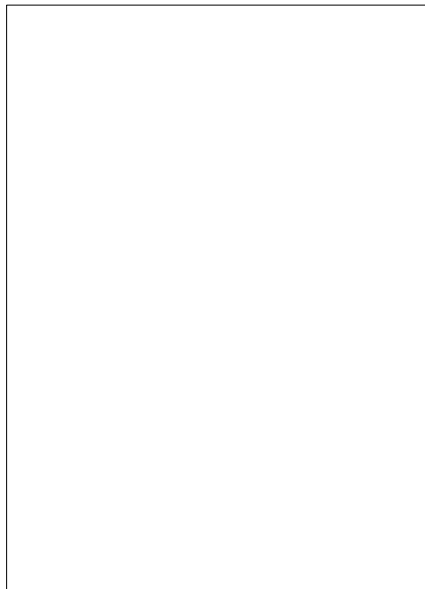
RMIA needs volunteers to attend the CAPS meetings. The volunteer(s) would need to attend their beat meeting and provide a brief summary to the board via email or voicemail.

Meeting for Beat 1713

Covering residences north of Wilson Ave.
4th Thursday of every month at 7:00pm
North Park University
Magnuson Campus Center
East entrance
5000 N. Spaulding

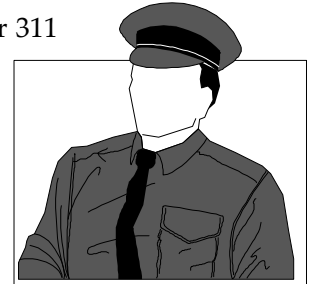
Meeting for Beat 1724

Covering residences south of Wilson Ave.
3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm
Horner Park Fieldhouse
2741 W. Montrose



Useful Local Numbers

- Police Emergency 911
- City Services 311
- Police Non Emergency 311
- Chicago Police 17th District Station 312-744-8346
- Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) 312-744-3774
- Alderman Richard Mell 773-478-8040
- RMIA Voice Mail 312-409-3213
- Recycling Resource Center 773-821-1351
- Graffiti Removal 312-744-5000 or 311



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and interaction. The school's Integrated Curriculum artistically weaves concepts and themes across subjects for more engaging and holistic instruction.

WatersToday Overview

WatersToday is a new group comprised of parents, neighbors, and community members dedicated to the continuing betterment of Waters Elementary School. The group is working with a dedicated principal and teachers who welcome neighborhood involvement and are eager to continue pushing the school to new heights.

Community participation and commitment can benefit the current and future students and staff of Waters as well as the surrounding neighborhoods. Your involvement in the project will make Waters a better place to learn and work. It will be a community project everyone can be proud of.

Please visit www.waters.today.org to learn more and join the effort to enrich this neighborhood school. On the website, you will find detailed information regarding the following: how to join the group; how to donate time or money to the efforts; upcoming events, etc.

Current initiatives of the group include an Open House and Children's Art Event Saturday, December 10 from 10am - 12pm at the school. An additional focus is the implementation of a tuition-based preschool for Fall 2006. Please contact the school directly to register your 3 or 4-year-old child.

Brand New! Parent and Tot Story Time starting January 13th and running for nine Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30am in the Waters Field House. Preschool and younger and their parents are invited. Feel free to come to all sessions or any one session. Questions? Email: storytime@waterstoday.org