



# MANOR NEWS

FALL

2015

## The Big Dig, Part 3



Would you like to learn how to correctly plant a tree and, in the process, help to further green our neighborhood? Volunteers of all ages—and abilities—are invited to assist with this fall's Centennial Trees Project event, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please meet at the pergola in Manor Park (Eastwood and Francisco) and bring your work gloves. No experience is necessary.

This is the third phase of a special program that is being cosponsored by the Manor Garden Club, Openlands, and the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association. As part of last year's Centennial celebrations, the RMIA Board voted to match the

homeowner's cost of new parkway trees—in order to help replace neighborhood trees that have been lost to old age, storm damage, or the Emerald Ash Borer.

This fall's tree plantings will focus on public parkways located north of Wilson Avenue (last fall's event took place south of Wilson). Approximately 20 trees will be planted, based on requests received in response to solicitations in *Manor News* earlier this year. Homeowners who didn't respond, but who would still like to request a tree, should contact the City's Bureau of Forestry by phoning 311.

Homeowners are expected to help plant the trees on the parkways in front of their property, but volunteer tree stewards from Openlands TreeKeepers program will be sharing a wealth of information about how to plant and maintain trees, as well as providing the necessary tools. If you have any additional questions, please contact Anne Rozmin, coordinator of the Centennial Trees Project at: [manorgarden\\_trees@comcast.net](mailto:manorgarden_trees@comcast.net).



## Walk the Manor

*As the leaves begin to change colors this fall, you might want to consider joining your neighbors on a weekly stroll through the streets—and alleys—of the Manor: every Wednesday, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Consider it an opportunity to meet new neighbors, get a little exercise, and help build a stronger community. Thanks to RMIA board member Suzy Thomas for her promotional efforts at reviving this longtime tradition.*

### Fall Event Calendar

**RMIA Septemberfest:** Sat., Sept. 19th, 2 – 5 p.m., BreakRoom Brewery, 2925 W. Montrose.

**Saturday Farmers Market Closes:** Sat., Oct. 3rd, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Horner Park, California and Montrose.

**Horner Park Advisory Council Meetings:** Mon., Oct. 2nd, Nov. 2nd, Dec. 7th, Horner Park Field House.

**RMIA Board Meetings:** Mon., Oct. 12th, Nov. 9th, Dec. 14th, 7 p.m., Horner Park Field House.

**RMIA Semi-Annual Open House:** Wed., Oct. 21st, 7:30 p.m., Horner Park Field House.

**CAPS-Beat 1724 (south of Wilson) Meetings:** Wed., Oct. 21st, Nov. 18th, Dec. 16th, 6:30 p.m., 4650 N. Pulaski Rd.

**CAPS-Beat 1713 (north of Wilson) Meetings:** Wed., Oct. 28th, Nov. 25th, Dec. 23rd, 6:30 p.m., Mayfair Church, 5020 N. Pulaski Rd.



Photos: Jim Peters

## A Peek Behind the Fences

Neighborhood residents toured the ongoing \$6.2 million Riverfront Restoration Project on June 20th, as part of a day-long celebration in Horner Park sponsored by the Horner Park Advisory Council (HPAC).

The tours were led by representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is managing the project with the Chicago Park District. Attendees viewed recent construction efforts, between Montrose and Irving Park, including new wetlands and thousands of native prairie plantings, which are expected to be mature by 2017, when the riverfront is scheduled to open to the public.

Other tours are scheduled to take place in late-2015 and 2016. Please check the HPAC's web site ([bornerpark.org](http://bornerpark.org)) for further details.

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## Summer in the City

*Clockwise, from top left: the Manor Garage Sale in May attracted more than a thousand visitors and featured 100-plus garages; one of the Friday Summer Concerts in Manor Park; the opening of a revamped Manor Park playground in August; and the Independence Bike Parade in Buffalo Park in June.*



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## I Am Curious (Manor)

By Jim Peters



**Q: What's the purpose of those small concrete posts that can be found along the Chicago River (see above)?**

**A:** According to Dick Lanyon, a former Manor resident and the retired executive director of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District: "These property boundary monuments were installed (in 2000-02) as a result of a long-simmering dispute between the MWRD and the adjoining property owners over decks, docks, and patios along both sides of the river channel."

The markers identify the boundaries of the property owned by MWRD along the channel edge. Lanyon notes that the dispute was finally resolved by two court decisions: in 2006 and 2012.

**Next issue's question:** We know the oldest houses in Ravenswood Manor date to 1909 but, since automobiles were not very common at the time, are there any garages that also date to that period?

## Do-It-Yourself Walking Tours

Don't forget that last year's walking tours are now available on the RMA web site, along with a walking map.

**Tours currently on the web site:**

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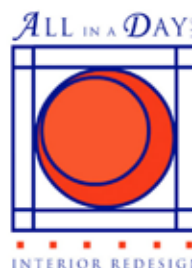
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*Manor News* is published quarterly by the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association.

Established in 1914, the RMIA is a neighborhood association run entirely by volunteers. We hold monthly board of directors meetings, stage various social events and special projects, and maintain communication channels through our web site, e-mail alerts, and newsletter. Your annual RMIA membership helps to support all of this work.

The RMIA Mission Statement is: "To promote the welfare of the community in respect to the maintenance and improvement of the physical appearance of the private and public property; the compliance with the laws as applicable to private and public property; the maintenance of facilities with respect to the safety, health, and welfare of its residents."

Please contact the RMIA board if you have any questions or suggestions:

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## Community Justice Center in Avondale?

By Kathy Monk

Alderman Mell has requested that a Community Justice Center (CJC) be opened in the Avondale community. The CJC, which would be operated by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, would serve the Albany Park, Irving Park, and Logan Square neighborhoods.

The concept of a CJC is to work with local police and community partners toward reducing crime and providing a better quality of life for residents. CJCs contrast with more traditional approaches in that they seek to involve neighborhood residents in identifying local public safety priorities and in developing and implementing strategies to address them. CJC also emphasizes efforts to prevent crime rather than relying exclusively on punishment.

CJCs also provide such services as: workshops on current crime and safety issues, crime prevention programs in local schools, and participation in community meetings

According to a recent story on National Public Radio, "a University of Chicago law professor says his research shows community prosecution has had an immediate and measurable impact on violent crime." Dana Fritz, Alderman Mell's chief of staff concurs, noting that "I have seen the CJCs effectiveness first hand in the 19th and 20th Districts, when I worked on the lakefront." Fritz encourages residents to check out the CJC link on the ward's website, <http://www.33rdward.org/>.

"State's Attorney Alvarez has said she believes our area should have a CJC and has requested one in next year's budget," Fritz adds. Alderman Mell is now working on getting the support of the Cook County Budget Director and the Board of Commissioners for this CJC.

## Manor Details



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