



MANOR NEWS

SUMMER

2015



Divvy Bike Share Arrives \$10 Discount for RMIA Members

A new “Divvy” bike-share station was installed in early May on Manor Avenue, just north of the “L” tracks. This is part of a citywide expansion of the two-year-old transportation system, which includes new Divvy stations near Brown Line “L” stations, along Irving Park Road and Montrose Avenue, and near Harvest Time (Lawrence and Talman). Previously, Divvy stations had not existed west of Western Avenue.

Because of this expansion to our neighborhood, the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association (RMIA) has joined Divvy as a corporate member. This enables RMIA members to receive a \$10 discount on the annual \$75 Divvy membership—a discount that can be used by each resident of your household. Full Divvy discount information here: ravenswoodmanor.com/divvydiscount.

To receive your \$65 discounted Divvy membership, please email Thomas Applegate at thomasapplegate@yahoo.com. He will send you a single-use discount code for signing up at DivvyBikes.com. Divvy will then send you a key in the mail that can be used at any Divvy station across the city. If you are not currently a member of RMIA, please go to the membership page on our web site and join at: ravenswoodmanor.com/membership.

For more information on the locations of the bike-share system’s 475 stations, go to DivvyBikes.com/stations.

Walk the Manor

This Spring the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association (RMIA) is reviving an old tradition. We are calling this program “Walk the Manor.” Starting in May, on every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m., we encourage all Manor residents to take a walk through the neighborhood. Visit with neighbors you know, meet new neighbors, get a little exercise, and help build a strong community.

The Chicago Police Department recommends building strong block clubs in order to keep crime at bay in your neighborhood. Walk the Manor is one means by which we can show we care about our community and are not going to allow criminal activity to take hold here.



Join your neighbors, Wednesdays, 6:30–9 p.m.

Event Calendar

Farmer's Market Opens: Sat., June 6th, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Horner Park, California and Montrose.

Summer Concert Series Opens: Fri., June 12th, 7 p.m., Manor Park, Eastwood and Manor. (For other concert dates, see article on page 6.)

CAPS-Beat 1724 (south of Wilson) Meetings: Wed. June 17th, July 15th, Aug. 19th, 6:30 p.m., 4650 N. Pulaski Rd.

CAPS-Beat 1713 (north of Wilson) Meetings: Wed., June 24th, July 22nd, Aug. 26th, 6:30 p.m., Mayfair Church, 5020 N. Pulaski Rd.

Independence Bike Parade: Sat., June 27th, 10 a.m., meet in Buffalo Park, California, Manor, and Sunnyside.

Mini-Manor Bash: Sat., June 27th, 5–9 p.m., Manor Park, Eastwood and Manor.

Narloch Piano Studio Recital: Sun., June 28th, 3 p.m., Manor Park, Eastwood and Manor.

Manor Garden Walk: Sun., July 26th, 1–4 p.m. (To register, go to ravenswoodmanor.com/gardenwalk-registration/.)

Summer Concert Series Concludes: Sat., Aug. 22nd, 7 p.m., Sunken Gardens Park, Sunnyside and Virginia.

Oktoberfest: Sat., Sept. 19th, TBA

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

How Is “Manor News” Delivered?

In order to keep down the costs of our neighborhood newsletter, RMIA uses volunteers to help distribute each quarterly issue of *Manor News*. Our thanks to those residents who currently help distribute the newsletter to the buildings on your block.

Manor News distribution is a relatively simple volunteer activity, which only takes a half an hour every three months. However, we are in need of additional volunteers for the following blocks/locations:

- 4400 block of California
- 4500 block of California
- 4600 block of Francisco
- 4600 block of Manor
- 2800 block of Montrose
- 4700 block of Sacramento
- 2700 block of Sunnyside
- 2700 block of Windsor

If you live on one of these blocks and would like to help out, please contact the newsletter editor, Jim Peters, at peters.e.james@gmail.com. And, again, thanks to the residents who already are delivering *Manor News*.

Manor News Ads

Bringing in advertisers to support the newsletter is a big priority. We would appreciate any leads that you have for businesses that serve our residents, especially where you have a personal contact we can follow up with. Send contact information to Thomas Applegate at: thomasapplegate@yahoo.com.

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Parkway Tree Restoration



Ash tree stumps on Leland Avenue.

Trees have been an integral part of our neighborhood since the developer's original (1909) parkway plantings of silver maples, elms, and flowering shrubs. In the 1960s and '70s, our elm tree canopies were lost due to Dutch elm disease. Currently, the Emerald Ash borer is claiming dozens of the ash trees that replaced the elms and many of our century-old silver maples are being lost due to age or storm damage.

Fortunately, there are active programs to help replace these lost parkway trees, thanks to the City of Chicago, the Manor Garden Club, and Openlands. At RMIA's semi-annual meeting on April 22nd, a representative of the Chicago Bureau of Forestry reported that the ash trees being cut down in the public right-of-way are either being done at the owners request or are those found to be diseased by the City. The parkway trees that already have been inoculated are marked by a metal tag.

Here's an update of what you can do if you'd like to replace your lost parkway tree:

1. Register for a replacement tree by calling 311 or registering online at cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/streets/provdrs/forestry/svcs/tree_planting.html.
2. If you're located north of Wilson, request a Fall 2015 tree planting, through Openlands' TreeKeepers program, by contacting Anne Rozmin at manorgarden_trees@comcast.net. These trees cost \$100 and must be maintained by the homeowner. The tree planting date for this program has been set for Sat., October 10th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
3. Learn more about these tree planting programs under the "Events" or "Community" sections at www.ravenswoodmanor.com.
4. FYI: Removal of stumps will be done throughout the year.

Walk, Bike, Ride

"Go Albany Park" is a City of Chicago program that offers free resources, events, and support to area residents in order to encourage more walking, biking, and use of public transit. This campaign, which will launch in June and run for four months, is one of five similar programs being implemented in Chicago neighborhoods between 2013 and 2016.

The goals of the Go Albany Park program are to: reduce drive-alone trips in Albany Park, increase the amount of trips made by foot, bicycle, transit, and carpooling, increase the use of bike sharing, particularly at Divvy stations within Albany Park, foster a sense of community around walking and bicycling activities, and support local businesses and existing community efforts.

You can check out the program at: www.facebook.com/GoAlbanyPark

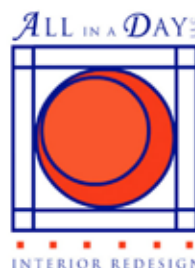


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About RMIA

“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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North River Commission Update

By Thomas Applegate

The North River Commission, which was founded in 1962, is the local community and economic development nonprofit corporation serving the northwest side of Chicago. Here is some information on a couple current projects.

- The two-year-old Albany Park & Irving Park Special Service Area (SSA) is delivering services to the business districts along Montrose, Irving Park, Lawrence and Kedzie, including daily litter clean up, power washing, and—new this summer—security patrols by Reliance Security. In addition, 14 commercial façade improvement projects will be funded this year with a combination of SSA funds and private investment.
- Elevate Energy is reaching out to area homeowners for both Energy Impact “house parties” and individual energy assessments. If you host a party of friends to learn about energy savings, then you can receive the \$99 assessment for free. Home energy efficiency improvements can cut energy bills by an average of \$400 per year and Elevate Energy connects homeowners with utility rebates and a network of qualified contractors. For more information, check out: www.elevateenergy.org/home-savings/energy-impact-illinois/ or contact Elizabeth Corrado at elizabeth.corrado@elevateenergy.org or 773.671.0596.

Thomas Applegate is the executive director of the North River Commission.

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Concerts and Plays in the Parks

The 21st season of the Horner Park Advisory Council's (HPAC) Summer Concert Series kicks off in Ravenswood Manor Park on Friday, June 12th. Seven other concerts—and two theatrical plays—will follow throughout the summer at three different neighborhood venues.

Five of the shows will be held on Fridays in Manor Park, starting at 7 p.m. The dates are: June 12th and 26th (featuring bands "Ring Shout" and "Big Sadie," respectively), July 10th and 24th ("Matt Campbell and Friends" and "Generation"), and August 7th and 21st ("Ryan Packard and Quince" and "Rokko and the Hat Band"). A sixth Manor Park event will be a two-part show—as part of the neighborhood's Mini-Manor Bash—on Saturday, June 27th, at 5 and 7 p.m. ("Cannonball" and "Gizzae").

The concert on Saturday, June 20th, will be held on the hill in Horner Park and will feature the "Salsa Chicago All Star Mambo All Stars Orchestra," followed by an outdoor movie, "When the Game Stands Tall." On Saturday, August 22nd, the concert venue will be Sunken Gardens Park (on the east bank of the Chicago River at Sunnyside and Virginia), where the "Will Barnard Jazz Quartet" will perform.

In addition, Theatre Hikes, a nonprofit group, will present two plays in Horner Park. "Man in the Iron Mask" will be performed at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 27th and 28th. "Complete Shakespeare" will be staged at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, August 7th and 8th. The walking performances begin on the Montrose Avenue side of the Horner Park Field House.

This annual concert (and theater) series is organized by HPAC with financial support from area residents and businesses. Other HPAC projects include: the Horner Park Farmers Market, the Riverbank Restoration, the dog-friendly area in Horner Park, and the expansion of Jacob Park at 4674 N. Virginia. Residents are invited to attend HPAC's monthly meetings, which are held on the first Monday of the month (except August) at 7 p.m. in the Horner Park Field House.

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