



# MANOR NEWS

SUMMER

2019

## Event Calendar

### Manor Bash

Fri. and Sat., June 21-22,  
Ravenswood Manor Park

### Independence Bike Parade

Sat., June 29, 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.,  
Buffalo Park, 4500 N. Manor Ave.

### CAPS—17th District, Police Beat 1724 (south of Wilson) & Police Beat 1713 (north of Wilson)

Tues., July 16, 7 p.m., 2nd Floor,  
Horner Park Field House  
(please confirm schedules at [www.chicagopolice.org/caps/district17](http://www.chicagopolice.org/caps/district17))

### Horner Park BrewFest

Fri., July 19, 6 – 10 p.m.  
Horner Park (\$40 admission)

### Hornerfest

Sat., July 20, 3 – 9 p.m.  
Horner Park

### Manor Garden Walk

Sun., July 28, 1 – 4 p.m.,  
Ravenswood Manor Park

### Weekly and Monthly Events

#### RMIA Board

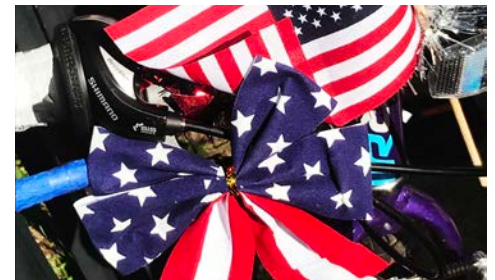
2nd Monday of the month, 7 p.m.  
(no meetings in July and August)  
Horner Park Field House,  
2741 W. Montrose

#### Horner Park Advisory Council

1st Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m.  
(no meeting in August), Horner Park  
Field House

#### Horner Park Farmer's Market

Saturdays (starting June 8),  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Horner Park,  
California and Montrose



Summer Concert Night sign, Manor Garden Walk 2018 map, and decorations for Independence Bike Parade 2018.

## Hot Time, Summer in the City

Thanks to our neighborhood volunteers and organizers, there is a wide assortment of free events on tap for the next few months in Ravenswood Manor. They include:

### Summer Concerts

This 25th annual series of concerts (and theater), which is organized by the Horner Park Advisory Council, kicks off on **Friday, June 7th, at 7 p.m.** The concerts, which are held every other Friday night, run through August and take place in three different parks: Ravenswood Manor, Sunken Gardens and Horner Park. Visit [hornerpark.org](http://hornerpark.org) for more information.

### Manor Bash

The Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association will celebrate its 105th anniversary with a series of free events in Manor Park. On **Friday, June 21st, at 7 p.m.**, Hōkūle'a Academy of Polynesian Arts will present Polynesian dancing, including the spectacular Fire Dance. Activities on **Saturday, June 22nd**, begin at 1 p.m. with a youth-focused circus workshop presented by Circ Esteem. Live reggae music (Akasha) will start at 3 p.m., followed by the Wayback Bank at 5 p.m., and ending with Ring Shout at 7 p.m.

### Independence Bike Parade

This neighborhood tradition features children riding their decorated bicycles, trikes, and other vehicles (wagons etc.) along a three-block section of (temporarily) closed-off Manor Avenue, from Buffalo to Manor parks. The parade is often led by a Chicago Fire Department engine, with refreshments served at the conclusion. Children and their parents should meet at Buffalo Park (Manor and Sunnyside) at 9:45 a.m., on **Saturday, June 29th**. Many thanks to our volunteers Lisa and Cheryl. If you are interested in helping out with traffic control, please contact Cheryl at [cherylmcnally@gmail.com](mailto:cherylmcnally@gmail.com).

### Manor Garden Walk

A tour of neighborhood gardens will take place on **Sunday, July 28th**. Visitors can pick up a list of participating gardens under the pergola in Ravenswood Manor Park. This year marks the 62nd anniversary of the first garden walk in 1957, which was started as a way to view the prize winners of the Manor Lawn and Garden Club Contest. If you are interested in having your garden (front and/or rear) featured in this year's Garden Walk, please email Jeff Sell, the event's volunteer coordinator at: [jeffreysell@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreysell@gmail.com).

## 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."

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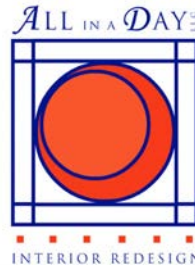
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## Self-Defense Class

A self-defense class will be available on Saturday, July 13th, through One Light Self Defense in Niles. The three-hour workshop will focus on simple techniques to release and run from attacks. Participants will learn avoidance tactics, self-defense misconceptions, and offensive/defensive techniques.

The workshop will take place on Saturday, July 13, from 12:30-3:30 p.m., at the Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Dr., Niles. The workshop is free of charge, but donations are accepted.

Go to the One Light website ([www.onelightselfdefense.com](http://www.onelightselfdefense.com)) to learn more about the class or contact Kathy Monk, via email, at [kathymonkbnp@gmail.com](mailto:kathymonkbnp@gmail.com).



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Volunteers plant a parkway tree, September 2017.

## Tree Requests Due July 15<sup>th</sup>

The tree canopy in Ravenswood Manor is an important part of the neighborhood’s character. In fact, the RMIA’s logo features a tree sapling. Unfortunately, numerous parkway trees in the Manor have been lost recently due to storms, age, or insect damage.

If the parkway in front of your residence is missing a tree—and you are interested in helping to replace it—please contact the RMIA Parks and Parkways Committee at [trees@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:trees@ravenswoodmanor.com). The discounted cost of a tree to the property owner is \$100, with additional discounts available for senior citizens.

Trees will be planted this Fall, provided RMIA receives at least 20 requests for new trees.

## Park, Trees, District

Three topics were on the agenda for RMIA’s Semiannual Meeting, which was held on April 9th in the meeting room of the Horner Park Field House. An estimated 40 residents were in attendance.

- **LaPointe Park Redesign.** Mina Marien said the re-grading of the triangular park at Giddings and Manor is expected to be completed by June. The new landscaping plan for the park is expected to reduce flooding, while providing native plantings surrounding an open lawn area. After the plantings are completed, volunteers will be needed for regular watering. Marien also urged residents to contribute to the park’s fundraising campaign at [bit.ly/lapointepark](http://bit.ly/lapointepark).
- **Parkway Tree Plantings.** Deb Robinett, chair of RMIA’s Parks and Parkway Committee, urged residents who would like to have a tree planted in the parkway in front of their residence to contact the committee at [trees@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:trees@ravenswoodmanor.com). The cost of the tree is \$100; with an RMIA discount for senior citizens. Trees will be planted this coming Fall, in association with Openlands’ TreeKeepers program.



- **Landmark District Investigation.** Gary Smith, chair of RMIA’s Zoning Committee, provided an overview of the local landmark designation process to date. He noted that no official actions have been taken. In the meantime, the committee is investigating potential design guidelines. Doug Farr provided a brief history of the importance of

Ravenswood Manor as the first “Suburb Beautiful” to be developed following the 1909 Plan of Chicago.



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## Manor Garage Sale

More than 150 sellers participated in the annual community-wide garage sale on Sunday, May 19th, which attracted thousands of bargain shoppers. Thanks to all of the participating households as well as our volunteers. (Photos by Brinda Gupta, Michael Leff, and Jim Peters.)



## Easter Egg Hunt

More than 100 children participated in this year's "Run for the Eggs" on Saturday, April 20th, including this lucky finder (bottom) of the Golden Egg. Thanks to the volunteers who helped stage this annual event at Manor Park. (Photos by Athene Carras and Thomas Applegate.)



## Music and Theater in the Parks

The 25th season of the Summer Concert Series begins Friday, June 7, and concludes Saturday, August 31.

The series is organized by the Horner Park Advisory Council, with the support of several sponsors, including the RMIA.

Please mark your calendar with the following:

Fri., June 7, 7 p.m., Manor Park – Mike Drassler Trio

Fri., June 21, 7 p.m., Manor Park – Hokulea Polynesian Dancers

Sat., June 22, 1–9 p.m., Manor Park – Manor Bash: CircEsteem, Akasha, Wayback Band & Ring Shout

Fri., July 12, 7 p.m., Manor Park – Dal Niente

Sat., July 20, 3–10 p.m., Horner Park – Horner Fest

Fri., July 20, 7 p.m., Manor Park – Generation

Fri., July 26, 7 p.m., Manor Park – Bill Grady Band

Fri., Aug. 9, 7 p.m., Manor Park – Arlingtones/Chicago Gay Men's Chorus

Fri., Aug. 23, 7 p.m., Manor Park – Slate

Sat., Aug. 24, 7 p.m., Sunken Gardens Park – Will Barnard Trio

Sat., Aug. 31, 7 p.m., Manor Park – Rokko Jans/Talent Show



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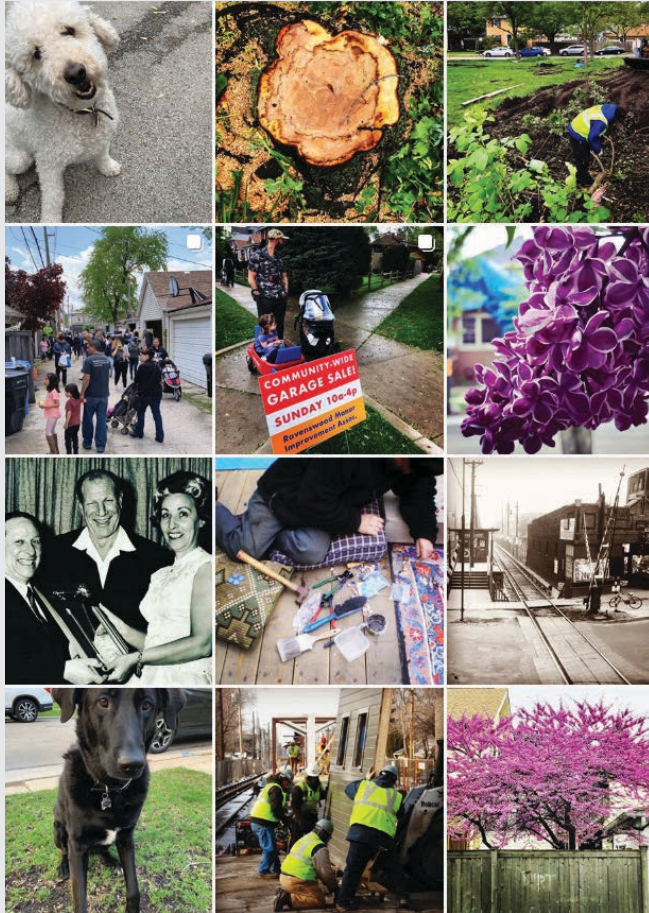
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## Follow us on Instagram

Earlier this year, RMIA launched a new social media site featuring current and historical photographs of Ravenswood Manor. After signing in to Instagram, the feed can be followed at Ravenswood Manor Chicago (or “ravenswoodmanorchi”).

In addition to photos of current events (e.g., Easter Egg Hunt, Garage Sale, LaPointe Park Redesign), the feed has several regular features, including “Dogs of the Manor” and “Throwback Thursday,” where historic photographs are displayed.

If you would like to contribute a photo to the feed or be a regular contributor, please contact us at [editor@ravenswoodmanor.com](mailto:editor@ravenswoodmanor.com).



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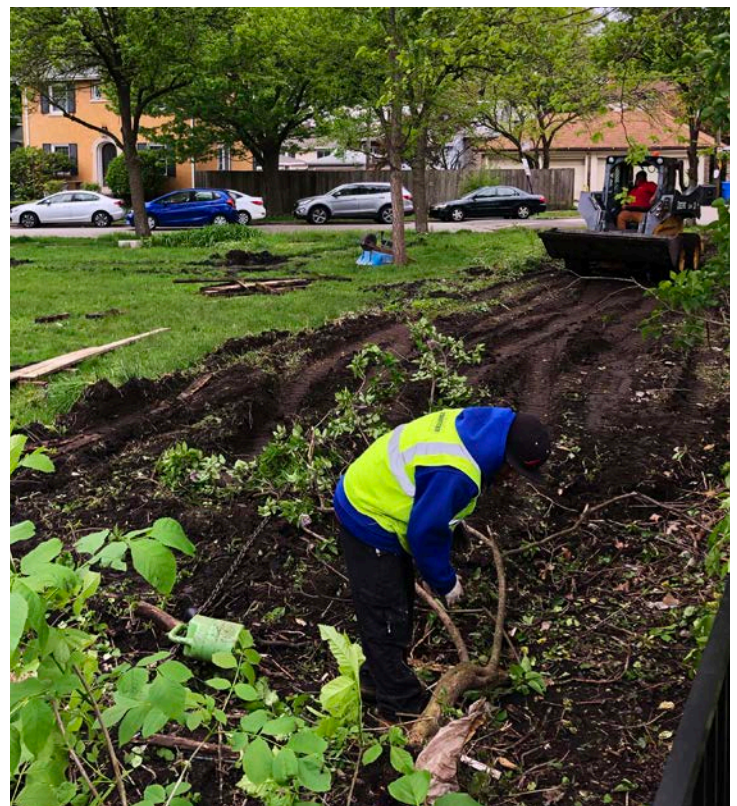
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## LaPointe Park Needs Your Help

The triangular open space at the corner of Giddings and Manor avenues, known as Arthur LaPointe Park, is undergoing a makeover this spring. However, RMIA funds are only available to cover the first phase of the project, which includes re-grading, an open grass lawn, and native plantings.

Additional funds are needed for anchor plantings, including substantial bushes and ornamental shrubs at the north and south ends of the park. We also would like to install new benches in the park.

Please donate at [bit.ly/lapointepark](http://bit.ly/lapointepark). Thank you.



Construction started in mid-May on a new landscape design for LaPointe Park that will feature “pollinator-friendly native plants” and a lawn play area.

## I Am Curious (Manor)



This 1911 photograph of Ravenswood Manor looks north from Montrose Avenue.

**Q:** A historic photograph recently was posted on RMIA's Instagram feed ([ravenswoodmanorchi](#)), showing what the neighborhood looked like in 1911. Can you provide any further information on this photograph?

**A:** RMIA's Research Committee discovered the fuzzy photograph on the web site of the Emil Bach House, 7415 N. Sheridan Road, a Chicago Landmark that was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

The historic photo, which looks north along Manor Avenue, shows Ravenswood Manor during its early development, following subdivision platting by Wm. E. Harmon & Co. in 1909, but prior to the construction of alleyways and the planting of trees.

Visible in the black-and-white photograph are three early bridges across the Chicago River (Lawrence Avenue, the Ravenswood 'L,' and Wilson Avenue). Also evident are several early residential buildings, including two in the 4400-block of California Avenue

(south of Buffalo Park), several in the 2700- and 2800-blocks of Wilson Avenue, and one in the 2700-blocks of Sunnyside and Windsor avenues.

The photo appears to have been taken from a location south of Montrose Avenue (in what is now Horner Park), possibly from a hot-air balloon. The Bach & Sons Brick Co. operated on this site, just west of the Chicago River, from 1883 through the 1920s. After the brickyard closed, its clay pits were used as a landfill. Horner Park was constructed on the site in the 1950s.

The photographer is unknown, although it apparently was someone connected to the brickyard. William F. Bach, one of five brothers who co-owned the brickyard in 1911, lived with his family at 2810 W. Wilson Ave. In 1914, Bach's brother Emil hired Wright to design the residence on Sheridan Road. Somehow, the photo ended up in the house archives ([www.emilbachhouse.com](#)).



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