



MANOR NEWS

SUMMER

2021

Summer and Spring Events

After a long year-and-then-some, we are thrilled for opportunities to gather with neighbors again. Please check for event updates on the RMIA website and Facebook page.

Horner Park Concert Series

The Horner Park Advisory Council's free concert series kicks off at the end of July. Please note that, this summer, all concerts will take place in Horner Park, on the north side of the field house. All concerts will run from 7–9 P.M.

- **July 23:** Great Moments in Vinyl plays Elvis Costello
- **July 30:** ~Nois
- **Aug. 6:** Resounding Wayves and Sophie Richter
- **Aug. 13:** Hot Rocks plays The Rolling Stones
- **Aug. 20:** Le Ballet Petit Recital
- **Aug. 27:** Lisa DeRosia & Lush Budgett
- **Sept. 3:** Local Talent Show
- **Sept. 10:** The Knolls

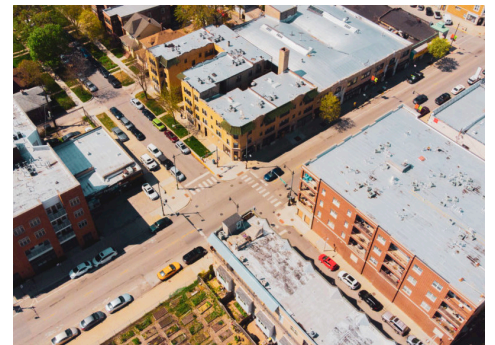
Thank you to Jay Lyon and the rest of the HPAC concert committee for arranging this roster.

Garage Sale

The rumors are true! The 2021 Garage Sale will take place on **Sunday, September 12!**

The annual Ravenswood Manor Neighborhood Garage Sale is one of the oldest and most popular neighborhood-wide events in the City of Chicago and a fun and fruitful way for residents to do some spring cleaning. People come from far and wide to

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Clockwise from left: Artist Shenchen Xu created the bronze artwork "Happy Family" for the Ronan Park Multicultural Sculpture Park and Healing Garden in 2015; mural at the Cambodian Association of Illinois on Lawrence Avenue; intersection of Lawrence and Sacramento avenues.

North River Commission at Semi-Annual Meeting

The 2021 Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association Semi-Annual neighborhood meeting was held online on April 6, 2021. The North River Commission appeared as a guest, with community organizer Carson Poole presenting information about Confluence, a planning project to envision improvements at Ronan Park and the adjacent gardens along Lawrence Avenue and the Chicago River.

Poole shared the initiative's goals, including establishing a stronger neighborhood gateway for Albany Park, creating a platform for lively economic activity and authentic cultural expression. These improvements would hopefully spur investment on Lawrence Avenue corridor, making it a riverfront destination.

Funded through grants from the Chicago Community Trust and working in partnership with

local businesses, Confluence is focusing on physical improvements, programming, and amenities for residents. Sculptures will also be installed at the Ronan Park Multicultural Sculpture Park and Healing Garden, hosted by the Cambodian Association of Illinois. A team of architects, landscape architects, green infrastructure experts, and urban designers from the firms of Perkins and Will and Omni Ecosystems have provided their pro-bono services to the project.

You can read more about Confluence at www.northrivercommission.org/programs/confluence. Upcoming informational events include a community open house on October 17th from 10am–12pm at Ronan Park, where the NRC will be available to answer questions about the project.

About RMIA

Manor News is published twice a year 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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Members of the Horner Park Jazz Band perform at a past concert in the park.

Summer and Spring Events, continued

shop the goods assembled by more than a hundred households in Ravenswood Manor.

After an extra year of collecting, dust off those old treasures hidden away in your basement or attic and haul 'em out for some sunshine!

1) Complete the RMIA registration form at ravenswoodmanor.com/garagesalesignup, no later than Monday, September 1st. RMIA uses this information for the bulk sale permit issued through the 33rd Ward office, for the online map on the event page, and to communicate event updates as we get close to the Garage Sale.

2) Make a donation to RMIA to defray the cost of advertising and other event costs. RMIA advertises and promotes the Garage Sale online, in newspapers, and through neighboring organizations.

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Bargain hunters will soon be pounding the pavement in the Manor again, looking for deals at the Ravenswood Manor Garage Sale.

3) Bulk permit process: RMIA will submit all registrations together to the 33rd Ward office for a bulk permit. Therefore, you must register by the Wednesday, September 1 deadline. Copies of the bulk permit will be emailed to each participant, and you should display it on the day of the garage sale.

4) Tell your friends and spread the word!

Ways to Pay

- a) Use the PayPal button at the [ravenswoodmanor.com/garage-salesignup](https://www.ravenswoodmanor.com/garage-salesignup) and make a secure payment with any credit card.
- b) Use your Chase Bank or QuickPay account and reference the email: treasurer@ravenswoodmanor.com
- c) Mail a check payable to "Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association" to our PO Box:

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Ravenswood Manor Garden Walk

Thank you to event chairs Shelly Staat and Jeff Sell for organizing the 65th anniversary of the Manor Garden Walk, sponsored by the Manor Garden Club and the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association. This year's free event took place on Sunday, July 25.

The garden walk is uniquely "by neighbors and for neighbors", featuring a wide variety of gardens throughout historic Ravenswood Manor. It's always a treat to see the personal green spaces and exclusive gardens created by our neighbors who generously open their yards during this annual event. Last year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, many neighbors participated in a virtual garden walk, with pictures posted on Facebook. The pictures were gorgeous, but nothing beats seeing the beauty of gardens in person!



A young gardening enthusiast investigates foliage for creepy-crawlies during the 2019 Manor Garden Walk.



North Park Church Cooperative Preschool is a play-based preschool that offers authentic experiences for children to learn about themselves, their peers and their world! NPCCP programming runs September-May and offers three classes:

- **Young 3's Class-** Tuesday/Thursday 9:00am-11:15am
Students must turn 3-years-old between September 2nd and December 31st
- **Preschool 3's Class-** Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00am-11:15am
Students must be 3-years-old by September 1st
- **Preschool 4's Class-** Monday-Thursday 12:30pm-3:15pm
Students must be 4-years-old by September 1st

For more information, please email the Preschool Director and visit our Preschool Webpage:

Email: preschool@npcovenant.org

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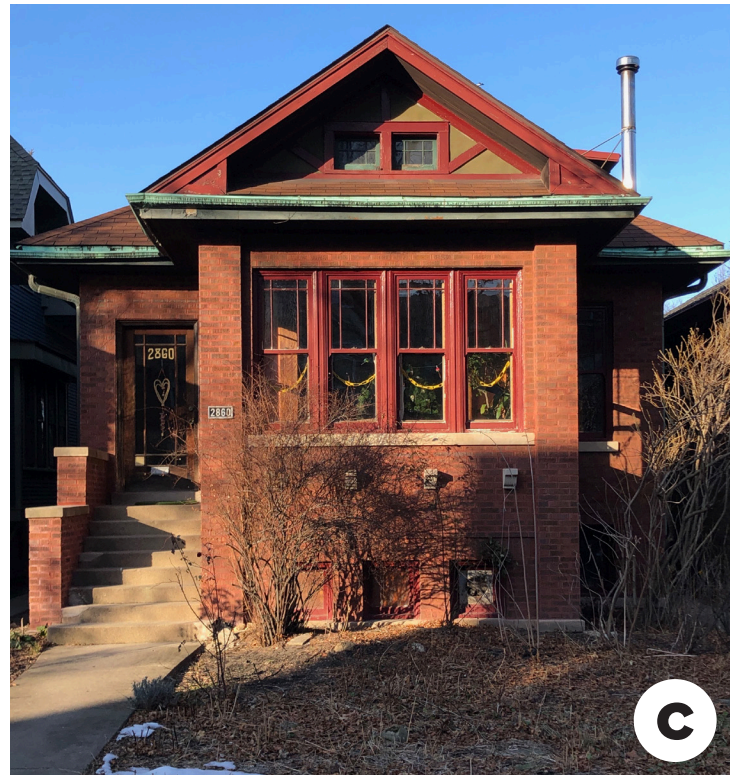
Bungalows of the Manor

“One of the property type mainstays of the Ravenswood Manor Historic District are bungalows—both Craftsman and Chicago,” noted architectural historian Terry Tatum in a 2018 research report on the neighborhood, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2008.

Bungalows tend to be one or one and a half stories in height. They usually are constructed of brick, frame, or stucco—and they were built in the 1910s and early 1920s (although there are a few post-World War II examples in the Manor).

To test your bungalow knowledge, see if you can match the photos with the styles. Note: There are several examples of some of the styles.

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| 1. Chicago | 3. Frame | 6. Ranch |
| 2. Craftsman | 4. Italian Renaissance | 7. Tudoresque |
| | 5. Prairie | |

**A****C****D****E****B****F**



ANSWERS: A-2, B-3, C-1, D-1, E-4, F-1, G-1, H-2, I-6, J-7, K-5, L-2



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LaPointe Park's improved landscaping has beautified the neighborhood, and its benches are a nice perch during strolls.

LaPointe Park Update

The native plants on the perimeter are filling in nicely, and the large grassy area has been a hub of activity this spring/summer. And, four beautiful benches have been installed at the park!

We continue to accept donations through the Gofundme campaign (bit.ly/lapointepark) for the renovation of the park and continued maintenance.

We have one bench still open for adopting and your nameplate inscription placed on the bench. The donation is \$500 for the bench, if interested, send an email to lapointepark@ravenswoodmanor.com.

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Bags of wildflower seeds are up for grabs for Manor residents, available through an online form or at various popups. Planting instructions are included.

Free Wildflower Seed Giveaway

To kick off the **#BeautifyTheManor Initiative**, the RMIA has been providing neighbors with free wildflower seeds at various neighborhood “pop-up” stations and by registration using the form located at bit.ly/RMIASeeds.

The wildflower mixes include many pollinators for bees and butterflies that the RMIA hopes homeowners will add to their corners, alleys, yards, and forgotten areas like dead-ends to both **#BeautifyTheManor** and to help create a “pollinator pathway” connecting the Horner Park wetland area to the LaPointe Park native garden and the new pollinator areas along River Park to the north.

Finally, the RMIA is also encouraging residents to **submit their** “before” and (hopefully much more flowery) “after” photos, and we will feature your shots on a future RMIA post (and we might even send you some free neighborhood “flair”). Email photos to flowers@ravenswoodmanor.com or tag your social media posts with **#BeautifyTheManor** so we can all benefit from your hard work!

To register for your own wildflower seeds, complete the form at bit.ly/RMIASeeds, visit our website at www.ravenswoodmanor.com, or check out our social media posts for locations and times for pop-up stations.

2021 Parkway Tree Planting Project with Openlands

By Deborah Robinett

We need trees! Throughout our neighborhood’s parkways, many trees are being lost to wind and weather, sewer, water and gas repairs, Emerald Ash borer, as well as old age, and we must replace them. Thankfully our neighborhood is up to the challenge of planting new trees.

Individual homeowners can request a tree for their parkway from the City of Chicago, but the wait is often years, not months. To fill this gap, we are taking collective action with our multi-year Tree Planting Project, by joining forces with Openlands.

We have the opportunity to once again spruce up our tree canopy as we partner with the Openlands Tree Grant Program. We hope to replace some of the older trees that have been lost to storms, age, or insect damage, and also add trees to open parkways. Through this program, we have planted more than 100 trees since 2013. The planting will take place on a Saturday in late September, October or early November. Once our project is approved by Openlands, we will receive our planting date. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for the program!

Thank you to everyone who has helped replace our lost trees and beautify our community.

The Tree Planting Project succeeds through the efforts of so many, including:

- Partners with Openlands and Tree Keepers volunteers
- Anne Rozmin, Lorin Liberson, Linda Kagan and Deb Robinett – past project leads
- Ravenswood Manor homeowners who pay for and care for trees on their parkways
- Residents who volunteer their time to dig, plant and mulch the new trees
- Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association, Manor Garden Club, Horner Park Advisory Council, and
- 33rd Ward Alderman Rodriquez and City of Chicago Bureau of Forestry



Openlands, a regional environmental conservation group, is partnering with the RMIA for a tree-planting initiative.

The RMIA Parks & Parkways Committee at Work

By Mina Marien & Matt McClintock

Since its foundation in 1914, the RMIA has been committed to improving Ravenswood Manor. This core concept guides all of the RMIA's committees and is apparent throughout the neighborhood in projects ranging from safety to transportation and neighborhood events to beautification. As stewards for Ravenswood Manor's green spaces, the Parks and Parkways Committee supports the RMIA's mission to improve our neighborhood by focusing on its overall look and feel. Our most recent projects—redesigning LaPointe Park, planting trees through Openlands, and saving our ash trees—have been an important part in making our already beautiful neighborhood even more enjoyable for all.

In the spirit of continuous improvement, the Parks and Parkways Committee is pleased to announce its new **#BeautifyTheManor Initiative**, which is kicking off this spring. The goal of this initiative is to support various projects for beautification, including the enhancement of green spaces, public art installations, and improved signage. The scope of each project is unique; however, they share a common goal: to make the Manor—already one of Chicago's most beautiful and verdant neighborhoods—even more unique and incredible through the collaborative work of its residents.

In addition to the Free Wildflower Seed Giveaway (please see accompanying article), the initiative includes the following projects, all of which residents will likely hear more about in future posts and articles:

- **Manor Corners** — let's get every street corner in the neighborhood planted and maintained. The RMIA will be looking for neighborhood volunteers and will be supporting neighborhood corner gardeners with additional starter packets and other resources.
- **Manor Alleys** — alleys are one of the Manor's most verdant and overlooked treasures and largest public greenspaces. If your

stretch of alley can be brightened, consider using the wildflower seeds to enhance it. If we all improve our small stretches of alley (beyond the seeds, consider public art, planters, disguising trash cans, and simply regular clean-up), we can together create and maintain an incredible network of neighborhood paths.

- **Manor Dead-Ends** and other forgotten places — the river-front dead-ends (both streets and alleys) are a unique feature of the neighborhood. Think of other forgotten places where wildflowers and plants can help **#BeautifyTheManor** for everyone.

To stay in the loop about the various projects the Parks and Parkways Committee is planning as part of this new initiative, make sure to follow the RMIA on social media and/or check our website. We plan to provide ample opportunities for neighbors to collaborate, share, and enjoy the beauty of our neighborhood together. We invite you to use the hashtag **#BeautifyTheManor** to share beautiful spaces you've created around the Manor on social media so we can all benefit from the fruits of each other's labor, even when distant. Instagram posts with this hashtag might be "regrammed" to our account.



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