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Lazy Days of Summer Abuzz In B-Ville

Reports From A Neighborhood In Action

By Peggy Cassidy

Even as temperatures topped 90 on multiple days in June and July, "lazy" is hardly the word to describe the vibe in Bowmanville this summer. In fact, the neighborhood is hopping!

Between block parties (page 9) and gardening sessions (page 15), the Street Sale (page 4) and the Garden Walk (page 13/14), it's hard to imagine how the GreenSpace Committee found the time and energy to secure a sweet property deal that promises to bring more unique open space and gathering opportunities to the area. But seal the deal, they did, and it's likely the biggest story you'll find within these pages.

The Greenspace Initiative is well on its way, and an upcoming charette, Aug. 21, will offer an opportunity to share your thoughts on this project. The green space will surely be a topic of conversation at the Annual Ice Cream Social (page 19), as well. All are welcome at each of these events.



With news of a significant land acquisition by the Bowmanville Community Organization, the GreenSpace Committee launches a campaign to raise \$50,000. Learn more inside.

More welcoming news comes with word from Griffin Theatre (page 16) that they are "this close" to securing a space in Bowmanville. Our own neighborhood theater would bring huge benefits, not just to theater-goers, but to area businesses, too.

There's more opportunity to get involved as area artists look for help formulating a plan for the Berwyn Avenue foot tunnel (page 17), and the Board of Directors is looking to fill a few key spots, both on the board (see below) and among the various committees. And even if you don't want to be *that* active, The Bowmanville Bee is happy to keep you plugged in to your community and welcomes your input. Write news@bcochicago.org

Become Part Of The Solution –

Would you or someone you know consider joining the BCO Board of Directors? The next board – made up of 16 members of our community – will serve from October 2010 to October 2011.

It's a great way to meet people, effect change in your community and help the BCO tap into the many resources Chicago and our residents have to offer. Interested?

Inquire to membership@bcochicago.org.

This is an exciting time to be part of the BCO! Board membership makes it happen.

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Bee Managing Editor Peggy Cassidy continues to explore and engage with the Bowmanville community in an effort to bring the area's most interesting, informative and compelling content to The Bee. On this, her second issue, Peggy again worked with Adrian Ruddock and Sharon McGill on content, layout and advertising. Their support is invaluable. Contributions from community members have given the Summer 2010 issue a nice variety of subject matter, insight and information. Many thanks to all who've stepped up to make The Bee a solid community publication. If you'd like to join The Bee Team (report, write, edit, provide desktop publishing skills) please email: news@bcochicago.org.

Communications Committee

Stay Informed!

The **Communications Committee** meets the first Wednesday of each month. We provide many ways for the BCO to connect to the community and for the community to make its voice heard through the BCO. These include our website, Facebook page, quarterly newsletter (the Bowmanville Bee), online e-Bee, and e-Blasts via e-mail for timely or urgent announcements. We also manage our toll free BCO hotline 1-866-837-1006. We're a great team with a myriad of skills, but we are looking for a chairperson to lead the group. If you have project management skills, and love to work with creative people, contact: comm@bcochicago.org.

Events Committee

The **Events Committee** is one of the best ways to meet neighbors throughout the community, and have a lot of fun while you're at it! We are gearing up for two fun events the Ice Cream Social and the Fall Harvest Festival/Halloween Event. We need volunteers on this committee to make these events happen. Each event has its own "co-chair" person, and a list of things you can easily help with (either behind the scenes or day of). We also are always looking for new twists for the events and new event ideas. If you can help out please contact us at events@bcochicago.org. Next BCO events: Ice Cream Social — Sunday August 15th and the BCO Fall Harvest Festival/Halloween Event—Saturday October 16, 2010. Volunteer now for one or both events! The BCO needs your help.

Gardening Committee

The **Garden Committee** is lead by co-chairs, Anne Boyle and Betty Redmond. Each garden site has its own hardworking management team including B. A. Church and Bill Kuczek at Westgate (2334 W. Berwyn), Ellen Jurczak and Tom Kennedy at Bowmanville (5400 N. Bowmanville), and Dave Johnston and Anthony O'Reilly at Gateway (5331 N. Ravenswood – West). Their tireless efforts and endless good humor make the work lighter, and the friendships stronger. Contact us at gardening@bcochicago.org. Garden workdays are the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6 pm until dusk, and the 4th Saturday of each month, 9:30 am until 1:30 pm.

Membership Makes it Happen!

The **Membership Committee** meets the second Monday of each month. One of the 2010 membership initiatives is the new 'Know Your Neighbors' BCO Block Club program which is connecting neighbors for increased information sharing, security, and socializing. Do you know who your block captain is? If you don't, then we probably need a volunteer for your block. It is easy – check our website or contact membership@bcochicago.org to find out more.

BCO paid membership is at an all time high! Like public radio, all of our neighbors can freely enjoy the benefits of what the BCO has to offer, but "Membership makes it happen"! Over 200 community members recognize the value of what the BCO does, and know that it doesn't happen without financial support. Holding at \$12, BCO membership is still a bargain!

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The **Planning and Development Committee** meets the last Monday of each month. Committee chairperson, Jeff Graves, and his team continue their Project Damen efforts to re-vitalize commercial corridors of Bowmanville, monitor property development in the community, and interact with Alderman O'Connor's office to maintain safe sidewalks and streets. Please send an email to planning@bcochicago.org if you have questions or if you are interested in joining; we can provide you with meeting times and locations.



The BCO **GreenSpace Committee** is dedicated to preserving and securing permanent open space within the Bowmanville community to ensure that it remains an urban, family-friendly, environmentally and socially responsible community in the 21st century. We believe it is critical to maintain greenspace wherever possible within the city to balance other urban elements, help abate stormwater and heat island effects, and sustain bird, butterfly and plant life. We need your help as we continue to move forward with our goal of making Bowmanville one of the greenest, most livable communities in Chicago. Please join us in this effort! For further information, please contact greenspace@bcochicago.org or call toll-free (866) 837-1006

Fate Of Vacant Lumbering Lot Uncertain

By Halley Aldeen, Peggy Cassidy
& Elizabeth Hannon



Edward Hines Lumber Co., a longtime fixture at Wolcott and Balmoral, closed up shop after a reported 112 years this spring, leaving many area residents wondering, "What happened?"

In short, the company got gobbled up, bought by the rapidly growing US LBM Holdings Co. The deal was sealed in mid-March.

"The decision to sell was a result of the collapse of

housing market, although we had faced competition from the bigger box stores (previously)," Gerry Wille, Pres. of Hines Building Supply, told The Bee.

The Wolcott parcel went on the market for \$3.5M shortly after the LBM Holdings deal was finalized. It sold to a private investor just months later for \$2.5M.

Realtor Dale Strauss, with whom the property is listed, spoke candidly about future plans for the building.

"I don't know what he (the investor) intends to do with it," he said, adding that the new owner's current goal is to rent the space — "Put some tenants in there and wait out this market."

Strauss, of Strauss Realty, said he doubts the buyer is looking to develop the property.


"(The investor) must not be counting on a residential play being the end game, because that's not likely to happen," Strauss said.

Hines Lumber "started out as a local business," Wille said.

Edward Hines opened his first lumber yard in Chicago in 1892. The city by the lake had emerged after the Civil War as a major wholesale lumber market.

By the 1900s, Hines was a driving force among a new generation of lumbermen. By 1930, he operated 27 lumber outlets in the Chicago area, and the company flourished for decades.



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By Barbara Wolke



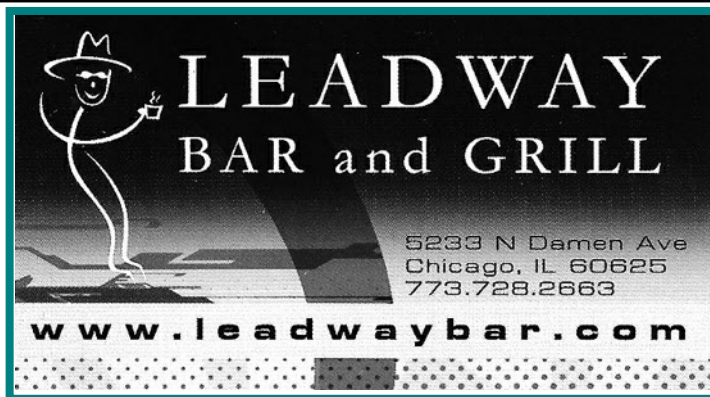
The 14th Annual Bowmanville Street Sale went off with barely a hitch and only an occasional down-pour. Hopefully, residents now have cleaner basements, attics, garages and/or wherever "stuff" is stored in various households.

Despite the rain, reports of sales were good. Some sellers, in fact, said business was better during the rain, with the serious shoppers going straight to work, undaunted by the soggy tarps and makeshift tents protecting the merchandise from "a little precipitation."

This year's top sellers? Bikes were very popular, and parents who were out looking for children's clothes had ample sizes, styles and designer labels to choose from. The 2300 block of Farragut can look toward next winter with slightly less anxiety, knowing that one of their neighbors picked up a nice snow blower. Toys, small appliances, books, videos, DVDs and select furniture all found new homes and sellers were able to turn their spring cleaning efforts into a few extra dollars.

With 72 households setting up shop this year, the event saw a slight decline from last year's "all time high" number of 106. Still, there were plenty of amazing bargains to be had.

Bowmanville streets may have been a little harder to navigate than usual during the sale, but the street/foot traffic was just another indication of this vibrant community at its best. Apologies to any inconvenienced neighbors and thanks to all those who shared in this event.



The **After Street Sale Party** at Leadway was a terrific success. Proprietor Frank, who - always the generous host - once again, supplied ample tasty food, while also celebrating his birthday. With food and spirits flowing and Street Sale participants feeling flush with success, it was a great way to end a great day.

So, some participants may have made a significant contribution to their household budgets with the sale, while others merely succeeded in ridding their homes of unwanted stuff. Either way, the Street Sale is a win-win ... and it's not too soon to start scrounging around for next year.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

We are grateful for In Kind donations received from Leadway Café and the Villadiego family. And many thanks to volunteers who made the event happen: Barbara Wolke, Leavett Wofford, Craig Hanenburg, Michelle Madda, Halley Aldeen, Adina Villadiego, Jeff Graves and Claire Shingler.



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Grocery Stores Poppin' Up All Over

By Halley T. Aldeen/ Peggy Cassidy

Bowmanville residents can look forward to shopping at a brand new Dominick's store by early fall. The store located at Lincoln and Berwyn is on target to open in late August or early September, and will offer 35,000 sq. ft. of sales space.

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The grocery store, which originally opened in 1975, has been closed since the fall of 2009. Demolition began in October 2009.

Styled as a Dominick's Lifestyle flagship store, the new facility will offer a Starbucks Cafe with indoor and outdoor seating, free WiFi, a larger selection of produce, meat and beverages, a fresh bakery with an open hearth oven, and a full service bank.

The old store had to go.

"We couldn't add on to it and get all the services we needed," Dominick's President Don Keppta said. The new store will boast 49,000 square feet of shopping space.

"This is a wonderful area and a wonderful store to anchor the corner here," Keppta said.



Crain's published this rendering of the Lawrence Ave. project, set to open in 2012.

Dropping anchor not far from Bowmanville will be a Mariano's Fresh Market, a high-end version of Wisconsin's Roundy's grocers. Plans for a development on the 6.5-acre Lawrence Avenue site, currently home to a Sears tire shop, have passed through "the community process," according to Robert Rawls, of the 47th Ward Office.

Zoning changes have been approved and plans are in the works for the almost \$50-million development to include the 150,000 sq. ft. grocery and "a health club, a (new) Sears auto center and a four level parking garage for shoppers and commuters" from the nearby Metra station. The target date for opening the store is Spring 2012.

Metra Project Targets Viaducts, Commuter Station

Work on a new station at Metra's Ravenswood stop may impact Roundy's work in the area. A \$185M project is set to begin in August, with Metra planning to replace 11 railroad bridges between Grace and Balmoral (including Balmoral). Look for some traffic disruption in months to come. Additionally, the Chicago Department of Transportation is about to "convert Lawrence Avenue between Ashland and Western from a four-lane street to a street with one lane in each direction, one continuous left-turn lane down the center, and bike lanes," as the Sun-Times reported. The idea is to make Lawrence more pedestrian-friendly.

"It'll make it a place where you want to stroll and stop at a sidewalk cafe, and right now it's not," the Sun-Times quoted Luann Hamilton, deputy commissioner of CDOT, as saying.

The community wants "to change the character of the street and make it a neighbor/pedestrian meeting place," she added.



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BCO Successfully Acquires Site For Greening

Next: Space Design and Fundraising

By Cindy Burgin

There's big, green news in the neighborhood!

The BCO is proud to announce the successful acquisition of the property at 5384 N. Bowmanville Avenue, a purchase that moves us closer to reaching our goal in **Phase I** of the **Greenspace Initiative**.

The property, currently a single-family home (below), sold by the Rocks family, residents of Bowmanville for generations, has been secured as part of a multi-phase initiative led by the GreenSpace Committee to acquire permanent greenspace for our community.



The location is a strategic one — it abuts our award-winning Bowmanville Garden and is adjacent to the open space that the community currently uses for special events, with the permission of Rosehill Cemetery. We believe that, the purchase of this property will enable the community to positively affect future, potential development along Bowmanville Avenue.

Funding for the purchase of the property is made possible through the generous support of Mayor Daley and the City of Chicago, and Corlands, a division of Openlands, a Chicago-based organization founded in 1963 and dedicated to protecting the natural and open spaces of northeastern Illinois and the surrounding region. Corlands works to ensure cleaner air and water, protect natural habitats and wildlife, and help balance and enrich our lives.

Over the next few months, thriving plants and shrubs on-site will be preserved and transplanted by community volunteers, as a redevelopment plan for the site is created.

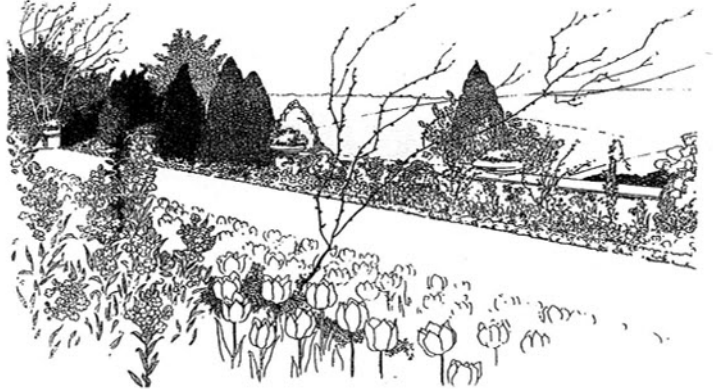
The existing house will be demolished, new fencing will be installed, and the site will be re-graded.

How Will Our Greenspace Look? How Will It Be Used?

This acquisition is the result of a community effort to create a community space.

Interested residents have been brainstorming uses for open space since the Greenspace Committee formed in 2008. A community survey was conducted in Winter 2009 and a charrette, or brainstorming session, was held on March 6, 2010. Both exercises have helped guide the committee's vision for the space.

But the ultimate design of the space will stem from the next **charrette**, or brainstorming session, on **Saturday, Aug. 21 at 1 PM** — location TBA.



Help Us Make Bowmanville More Green

Do you have ideas you would like to share to help us reach our goals, or do you have an expertise you would like to donate for a good cause?

Join the Bowmanville Green Team TODAY!

*For further information, please contact
greenspace@bcochicago.org or call (866) 837-1006.*

A Greener Sustainable Bowmanville

Pitching In To Make It Happen

We need your help to transform our property into greenspace that will serve our community for generations to come. Development and maintenance of the site will be made possible through cash donations and volunteer contributions from our Bowmanville neighbors.

Fundraising has already begun. The BCO funded the initial efforts required to get this initiative off the ground.

Individuals in our community who are volunteering on the BCO Board and GreenSpace Committee have contributed leadership gifts to the BCO GreenSpace campaign to keep the ball rolling as the project has gained momentum. Approximately 1,000 hours of service by these teams have also been contributed.

Our goal now is to raise \$50,000 and 5,000 community service hours, by August 2012, to enable us to design, develop and maintain the land we have acquired. We've partnered with Friends of the Parks to act as our fiscal agent so that all contributions to the GreenSpace campaign are tax-deductible.

Please join us at the BCO Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 15th as we kick-off the Development Campaign and see the unveiling of the 'Giving Tree,' which will be posted on the property to track progress toward reaching our financial and volunteer goals.

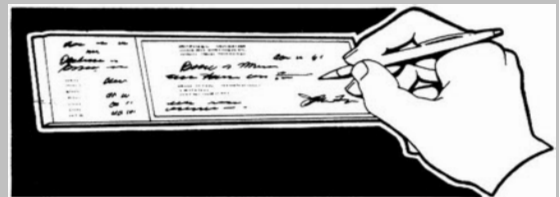


Bowmanville Kids Lemonade Stand at the Garden Walk raised more than \$300 for BCO GreenSpace. Helena and Cate Shingler and Paige Simon were 3 of 12 local kids making it happen.

***Others have already stepped up to contribute.
We look forward to adding your name to the list!***

Financial contributors thus far (In alphabetical order)

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Bowmanville Kids



Kids' Eye View

Middle School Visits Local Electric Company

By the 7th and 8th graders at Rogers Park Montessori School

As part of our study of electricity and simple machines, we were lucky enough to take a field trip to the S&C Electric Company in Rogers Park. Our trip to the electric company started out by giving us a chance to operate models of electrical power switches. It was fun to try this out and see how the machinery worked.

After this demonstration, we got a private tour of the factory where they manufactured different pieces of machinery and had them sent out across the country. It was great to see a factory in action, especially since we were also studying simple machines at this time. It fit really well with the cycle. We were impressed by how fast the turnaround was on some of their equipment, being completed and sent out for delivery in a very short amount of time.

When the tour was finished, we were provided with lunch. They set up an excellent buffet lunch for us. We would like to thank Maureen Dondlinger [RPMS Director of Development] for setting up the field trip. In addition, we want to thank all of the people at S&C who took the time to speak with us and show us around.

Happy Hood

By Sarah Palmentera Reid (age 7, Resident)

This is a friendly and beautiful neighborhood with all the plants, friendly neighbors and with all my friends I can play with.

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'Tis The Season of The Block Party

By Meghan & Andy Gibbons and Claire Shingler

Summer's here and the time is right for dancin' in the streets, and Bowmanville has been teaming with block parties to present that very opportunity.

The 1900 block of Berwyn came alive with its fete on June 19. About 20-25 families turned out to share that day together, proving, once again, that when it comes to partying, there's no place like home. Like the other such events across the ward, sure the adults enjoyed the sunshine, food, drink and good company, but it was really the kids' day.

Mayor Daley's Jumping Jack, a non-emergency visit from the fire department, colorful face painting and music from the Old Town School of Folk Music made for plenty of great entertainment for the Berwyn neighbors. Bikes and pools were plentiful, as they were on Farragut Ave. on July 17, when block parties covered the 2100, 2200, and 2300 blocks. Custom T-shirts commemorate the fun on Berwyn in 2010, while the Farragut crowd opted for hats.

"Our neighbors are awesome," said Berwyn resident Meghan Gibbons.

The Berwyn party's success is attributed to a combined neighborhood effort – lunch and dinner were potluck, prepared by the group's culinary forces, and setup and cleanup duties were shared by others. Committees were named beforehand to assure a smooth operation and the block has its own Google Listserve to facilitate planning and communication. Now, that's community.

Block parties are a great way for neighbors to connect with each other, as is the BCO block captain program. To build local networks and connect with neighboring blocks across the area, get your block plugged in to the Block Captain network, contact membership@bcochicago.org today.

Still to come this season ...

- 2100 Summerdale Block Party – 8/28
- Berwyn/Bell Block Party – 8/28
- Bowmanville Ave Potluck Supper – 9/11



Duncan Holmes knows a good time when he sees one ... But the block party on West Berwyn Avenue gave him pause. "What do you mean, ice cream?"



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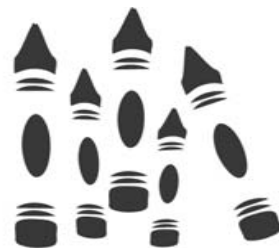
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New Bowmanvill-Ager

Nora Louise Herbert was born on March 31, 2010. She is welcomed by her parents, Paul and Karen Herbert, and her dog Evie.

Nora has a great sense of humor and loves to smile and laugh. She can often be seen around Bowmanville taking naps while her mom wears her in her baby carrier.



Winnemac Park Home To Summer Soccer Camp



As World Cup heated up across the globe, local kids had a chance to get into the game this summer with a mini soccer camp at nearby Winnemac Park.

learned winning soccer techniques from Bowmanville resident Coach Rob Etheridge and his assistant, Kelly Brait.

Rob, coach and partner of the local travel club EURO SOCCER, and head soccer coach at Loyola Academy, offered the mini-camp to area kids, ages 4-11, in response to requests from several friends and neighbors.

Families camped under the shade trees while kids

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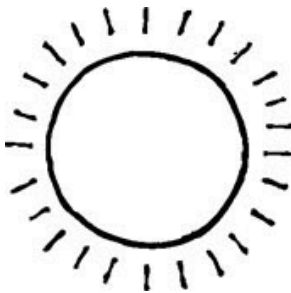
  

Health & Safety

Facing The Dilemma Of Sun Exposure

By Russ Klettke

Ok, so the Bowmanville Bee is a neighborhood newsletter. But let's think a little bigger – as in *big as the sun* and how it affects us.



The sun is the most efficient means by which our bodies obtain Vitamin D and it can add a healthy glow to one's appearance. But it can also accelerate skin aging and lead to skin cancer.

Getting the right amount of sun is tricky business. With so many important and fun things to do outside, we try to balance sun exposure by various means. Sunscreen seems like the perfect solution; alas, it is only partially effective (even at ultra-high SPF levels).

The conspicuous solution is to limit exposure. Even limited time outdoors with no protection should be avoided if at all possible, but don't eliminate your outside time. The body stores Vitamin D from summertime sunshine into the winter and, particularly as we age, D matters.

The secret is to navigate with common sense and incorporate these common methods for reducing harmful exposure:

Sunscreens: Most products block UVB rays, preventing sunburn. But UVA rays are what causes skin cancer and skin aging. Look on labels for ingredients that help block UVAs: Helioplex, avobenzone, Mexoryl, zinc oxide, micronized zinc oxide, titanium or titanium oxide. Applying and reapplying blocker is recommended.

Hats and long sleeves: The more opaque the fabric, the better the protection.

Hang in the shade: For obvious reasons.

Shift your time outdoors to before 10 a.m. and after 2 p.m. or later: The sun's rays are strongest at midday. Avoid the sun during these hours, and you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy summer fun.

A recent survey of readers on WebMD found that 66 percent of respondents think a little sun on the skin "looks nice." A bolder 25 percent said, "suntans are sexy." When you look good, you feel good – just try to extend that benefit many years into the future.

Russ Klettke is a Bowmanville resident, business and fitness writer and triathlete. He trains and gardens at ridiculously early morning hours, mostly because the midday sun induces in him a profound sense of laziness.

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Health & Safety

Area Non-Profit Helps Teen Moms Find Their Way

By Barbara Nordlund/Peggy Cassidy

While abortion rights remains a hot spot in political, religious and culture discourse across the country, it's important to know that young women facing that decision in our own community have a place to turn when they've opted to keep their babies.

Parenting ProGRESS, a program operating as part of Ravenswood Covenant Church at Damen and Ainsle, "promotes growth, responsibility, education and spiritual support to teen parents in the community," said Executive Director Barbara Nordlund. It is currently working with about a dozen teens, three of whom graduated from high school in June.

Born of a conversation between administrators at Amundsen High School, Ravenswood Covenant Church and Ravenswood Hospital in 2002, the program aims to assist pregnant teens who were encouraged to keep their children, but did not have significant supports in place to allow them to continue their education.

In response to that need, Ravenswood Community Child Care Center (RC4) opened its doors in 2002 to provide child care to parents in the area. Through government subsidies, 1/3 of the center is dedicated to the children of teen parents, at a minimal cost to the teens.

Partnering with Parenting ProGRESS, RC4 walks alongside the young clients as they grow as both teens and as parents.

"We have stood in court rooms, met with school counselors, assisted in referrals for counseling, reviewed college essays and more," Nordlund said.

The program is always accepting donations of gently-used children's clothing, formula, diapers and so on, and is looking for volunteers to mentor and/or assist in facilitating life skills classes.

To volunteer your time or get more information, contact Barbara Nordlund at 773.784.7091, or by emailing parentingprogress@gmail.com.



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Gardening

Patience, Hard Work and Green Thumbs Celebrated At ...



By Craig Hanenburg/Peggy Cassidy

Bowmanville loves its gardens, as clearly displayed at The 2010 Bowmanville Garden Walk, held July 10 and featuring 18 residential gardens and three community gardens.

Master Gardeners Pierre Poinsett, Bobbie Seltze and Gigi Leonard took on the job – for the third year – of reviewing the gardens on various criteria including design, neighborhood enhancement and creative use of plants. Following a point system, they then chose the award-winners.



After a clearly pleased Garden Walk Chairman Craig Hanenburg (left) – welcomed participants, volunteers and new BCO members to the Garden Awards party, the ribbons were distributed to the many worthy gardeners.



Additional honors were awarded as follows:

BLUE RIBBON: Jeff Graves & Jack Beaupied, Craig Hanenburg & Billy Kuczek, Tom Kennedy & Leavett Wofford, and Maria R. Velasquez

RED RIBBON: Vickie Barson, Eliza Fournier, Scott & Ernestine Galassini, Russ Klettke and Maria Elena Velasquez

WHITE RIBBON: B.A. Church, Ann Fiegen, James Hannon, Lori Stein

GREEN RIBBON:
Vuthik Chhay & Dennis Vickers

Congratulations to all those who seeded, weeded and planted, and special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the Garden Walk a success.



Tom Kennedy and Leavett Wofford (right) took "Best of Show" with their stunningly landscaped garden (upper right)

Jeff Graves and Jack Beaupied won for "Most Improved Garden" (2nd down on the right).



Gardening

Winning Garden Photos Capture Local Color, Texture, Tone

One of the highlights of the Annual Garden Walk has become the Garden Photography Contest, now in its fourth year.

While The Bee, regrettably, comes in black & white, the gardens of Bowmanville come in splendid colors; vibrant greens, rich reds and pure, sweet whites. Local photographers did an amazing job of capturing the beauty found just outside the back door, or around the corner, making judging of the contest especially difficult.

Still, visitors to the Garden Walk voted on the 16 entries and chose the winner – “Lazy Dayz” by Eamon McCaffery (right)!



With the recognizable wall of the Rosehill Cemetery as a backdrop, Craig Hanenburg's photograph, "Loving The Breeze," captured the smiling, happy faces of tulips in the Spring, along with the honor of First Runner Up.



Imagine a deep, rich lavender surrounding an orange, yellow filament in a bed of warm green leaves, and you'll have a notion of why Sue Sell's "Delicate Peony" was chosen as the Second Runner Up. You can smell it with your eyes.



Eamon McCaffery's "Lazy Dayz" was the winning photo. It will be used in next year's Garden Walk publicity and enjoyed long after this frog croaks.

Volunteers At Root Of Event's Success

It takes more than a green thumb to put the annual Garden Walk together. While the gardens are the stars of the show and those that tend them deserve much praise, the event would not happen without the many volunteers who step up to help. Visit www.bcochicago.org for a full, grateful list!

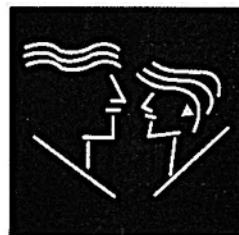
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Gardening

The Sleeping, Creeping, Leaping Garden

... and other news from BCO Greenthumbs
by Betty Redmond

When you plant a garden, so the common adage goes, the first year it sleeps (only on top of the soil...the plant is really hard at work, sending its roots deep to firmly establish itself), the second year it creeps (the plant slowly builds stems and foliage above ground, to provide more sustenance for those busy roots), and the third year the garden leaps (the foliage and flowers transform into a gorgeous, growing, mature plant).

Thanks to a bountiful rainy season, the **Gateway Garden** is on the fast track to becoming a blooming success!



Though many of the shrubs and perennials were just planted at Gateway last October during the City of Chicago Greencorps' installation, they are full and healthy this year. The monarda (aka Bee Balm) has produced a luscious red flower, and is attracting many new varieties of butterflies this season. St. John's Wort, Serviceberry shrub, grapevines, asparagus, rhubarb and a multitude of berries are among the many plants now flourishing. Milkweed seeds, dispersed from their pods by fledgling gardeners **Cate and Helena Shingler** and yours truly, have sprouted into 6-foot plants, and are already hosting and feeding monarchs and their larvae. After nurturing larvae in the classroom, **Brianne Pitt's second graders at Passages Charter School** released a bevy of painted lady butterflies, which we still see fluttering by.

Vegetable gardeners awaiting an on-site water system – soon to be installed by NeighborSpace – will find watering easier and safer. Veggie growers were encouraged to experiment this year with 'vertical gardening' in their plots. It's added a 'whole new dimension' to Gateway Garden. Come for a stroll and see the hanging strawberries, squash, beans, tomatoes and more!



Thanks to **Anthony O'Reilly**, BCO gardeners can easily avail themselves of community garden tools now stored in the tool bench he built for the site.

Many thanks, also, to **Ron Messier and his crew from Pauline's Restaurant**, who installed new boxes, shrubs and perennials in the parkway at Balmoral and Ravenswood. The planters are another wonderful addition to the garden adjoining West Andersonville and Bowmanville.

Veteran gardeners and newcomers have been hard at work mulching the planted berms and beds, reclaiming the pathway from the weeds and spreading wood chips in their stead. A truckload of chips were delivered to Bowmanville free of charge, thanks to **Rosehill Cemetery's** maintenance crew. Also, when neighbors on Balmoral had several trees removed from their property, the Gateway Garden benefited from a gratis delivery from Gray Tree Service.

Despite a car crashing into the brickwork at the **Westgate Garden**, volunteer **B. A. Church** won't be deterred in her efforts to provide an inviting entryway to our community at Western, Berwyn and Bowmanville. New annuals such as coleus and marigolds (from the City of Chicago Greencorps' free distribution) have been added to enhance the color, and provide contrast to the cooling greens planted in the parkways and bump-outs.

The **Bowmanville Garden**, now in its 15th year, has matured as a cornerstone of our community. Our garden volunteers are looking forward to the **new green space** in Bowmanville, and excited about new opportunities that site may provide! Join us in the community gardens' expanding green ventures.



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Arts & Culture

What Light Through Yonder Cell Bars Breaks?

'Tis Griffin, Perhaps

By Claire Shingler

It seems the Griffin Theatre is now on track to receive title to the vacated former police station at 1940 W. Foster Avenue.

This will bring to fruition the Griffin's long standing negotiation with the city to make this happen.

When the deal appeared stalled earlier this year, the BCO wrote a letter to Mayor Daley asking for support to make it happen. Following that, Tribune theatre critic Chris Jones wrote an excellent piece (6/11/10) updating Chicagoans on the Griffin's plight and its need for support from the city.

Jones quoted frustrated Griffin Theatre managing director Bill Massolia as saying, "We'd really like someone to make a decision!"

Apparently, someone did just that.



Thanks to support from Mayor Richard M. Daley and Alderman Patrick O'Connor, the project was introduced to City Council on June 30 and a vote is targeted for July 28.

Stay tuned for Griffin to unveil their exciting plans as the project moves forward following the formal vote.

As outlined to the Mayor in the BCO letter, there are a lot of vacant storefronts on Damen, north of Foster, as well as on Foster Avenue itself. Bringing a theater into the neighborhood can only be good. It would help promote local businesses, stimulate revitalization, and be a great addition to Bowmanville.



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Arts & Culture

Artists Hope To Transform Local Foot Tunnel

by Sarah Laing



It's a bit of a neighborhood secret, the foot tunnel that sits between the lovely gardens and nature path on either side of the Metra tracks at Berwyn. To many it's a treasure, and treasured enough by two Bowmanville artists that they've been inspired to recreate the tunnel, and they're asking for community input.

Bowmanville neighbors Sarah Laing and Amy Zoeller have been meeting and discussing ideas with Chicago professional mural artist Sonata Kazimieraitiene (at Lill Street Arts Center). Sonata is an working artist with the Chicago Public Art Group, where Sarah serves as a board member.

Inspired by the beautiful bricolage murals on the underpasses at Bryn Mawr (pictured) and Foster and Lake Shore Drive, Sarah submitted a proposal for a city Community Artist Assistance Grant, hoping to produce a professional "design concept" for a large scale public art project locally.

The three artists are imagining a design that will bring focus to a mural in the "secret" passage at Berwyn & Ravenswood. The larger design will also include the Metra underpass at Balmoral Ave. and sculptures throughout the gardens along Ravenswood.

The "design concept" marks the beginning of an exciting project and will include an architectural rendering of the site, a format for a budget and effective fundraising strategies, and the execution of the plan.

Blending their visual sensibility with issues of concern to the neighborhood, the artists' goal for this phase is to present a professional-quality public art "design concept" that the BCO can use to bring the project to fruition.

Towards that goal, the women hope to share the process with neighborhood businesses and residents. In addition to feedback and support, they are looking for material donations such as exterior tiles, rocks, mirror, glass and ivy. Beyond that, they need hands-on help from painters, gardeners, artists, lighting designers and anyone skilled with a power washer/sandblaster.



If you would like to get involved in this exciting project or share your ideas, please contact Sarah or Amy at publicart@bcochicago.org or join the artists for ... **Tunnel Talk** at the passageway on **Saturday, Aug. 28, at 1 PM**, for a community interest meeting.



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Local Crime Fighter Takes On Dick Tracy

By Peggy Cassidy

On any given day, when most of your neighbors are going about their daily lives, at least one Bowmanville resident is wrapped deeply in mystery, murder and crime stopping, both on and off the job.

Jim Doherty is a policeman, who credits time spent reading a comic strip about a certain square-jawed detective for many of his life choices to this point. But real life crime-stopping isn't all that occupies Jim's time and energy. He's also an award-winning mystery writer whose work is currently featured on the PLAINCLOTHES web site.



The site, devoted to Dick Tracy, arguably one of the most famous detectives in fiction, and to Tracy's creator, Chester Gould, can be found at www.plainclothescomics.com.

Jim contributed a story called "Murder Is My Hobby," which pits the stalwart detective against a crafty serial killer.

"I was very happy to be involved in the **Plainclothes** project," Doherty said. "Before I ever picked up my first Hardy Boys book, before I ever learned to read, back when my dad used to read the Sunday comics section to me, *Dick Tracy* was my 'gateway drug' into crime fiction. I think there's very little doubt *Tracy* had something to do with my decision to become a policeman, too. It was great to be given a chance to write about the character who had such a major influence on my life and career. Both of my careers."

Jim shares his passion for crime fiction as an instructor in the Oakton Community College continuing education program. Next term he'll be teaching, "Writing the Mystery/Crime Short Story - From Idea to Production," which starts Sept. 21, at Evanston Township High School. For more information and registration instructions visit www.oakton.edu and click "Continuing Education," or call (847) 635-1600.

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The movie, an adaptation of the popular children's book by Maurice Sendrak, directed by Spike Jonze follows the imaginary adventures of Max, a young boy who gets sent to his room without dinner. Frustrated, Max begins to imagine a wild forest ... teeming with scary looking creatures," according to film critic Dylan Duarte.



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Communication Committee Meetings - First Wednesday of each month

Planning and Development Committee Meetings - Last Monday of each month

Membership Committee - Second Monday of each month at 7pm

Events Committee - BCO Ice Cream Social, Sunday August 15th, 2pm-4pm
BCO Fall Harvest Festival/Halloween Event, Saturday October 16th

Greenspace Committee - Next meeting, Thursday August 5th, 7pm Tempel Steel Training Room
Brainstorming Charrette, Saturday August 21st, 1pm Tempel Steel Training Room

Garden Work Days - Bowmanville, Gateway, and Westgate Gardens:
4th Saturday of each month, 9:30am until 1:30pm
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