

# Bowmanville Bee



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## New BCO President Focuses on Communication and Education

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to 2016! My name is William Ferguson and I am the new president of the Bowmanville Community Organization (BCO). My partner, Kate, is on the BCO board as well. We live on Berwyn, just steps from our gorgeous Green Space.

A short background on me: I have worked as a learning and behavior specialist (LBS) for almost ten years, the last seven of which have been for the Chicago Public Schools (CPS). In addition, I am a licensed school social worker, having earned a bachelor's in education from Illinois State University and a master's in social work from the University of Chicago.

My two focal points for Bowmanville in 2016 will be communication and education. Above all, I will follow the path Alderman O'Connor and Alderman Pawar (47<sup>th</sup>) are currently navigating (e.g., Amundsen's local development funds, GrowCommunity) by doing everything I can to help strengthen all of our schools.

Additionally, I will continue improving the lines of communication throughout our community towards the betterment of Bowmanville. If there is an issue you would like to see addressed, do not hesitate to let me and/or fellow BCO board members know so we can address it together. Please allow the BCO to serve as a vehicle for the positive changes you would like to see.

Feel free to reach out to me at any point with potential concerns, suggestions, ideas, etc. at [president@bcochicago.org](mailto:president@bcochicago.org). I would love to hear from you. I plan to include a message in each of the future Bee newsletters covering your collective thoughts on Bowmanville so we as a community can all be on the same page.



That said, in order to stay up to date on information and events happening in and around Bowmanville, please "Like" the BCO on Facebook, "Follow" us on Twitter and Instagram (@bcochicago), and check out our website, [www.bcochicago.org](http://www.bcochicago.org).

I look forward to seeing all of you around the neighborhood.

All the best,

William Ferguson



## BCO Open Meeting!

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Topics: Spiteful Brewery, Nature Play, Urban Pooch

**MARCH 24 • 7:00 pm • 5400 N. Damen Ave (Urban Pooch)**



### Communications Committee Stay Informed!

### Events Committee

### Gardening Committee

### Membership Makes it Happen!

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



Bowmanville's community newsletter, The Bowmanville Bee, is published quarterly with the goal of sharing the neighborhood buzz and promoting local business. Managing Editor Tim Noworyta, Layout Editor Joey Chiappetta and Ad Manager Ann Scholhamer work closely with BCO members and neighbors to gather and present the local stories that help make Bowmanville the unique and proud community it's become. The Bee urges the submission of relevant content to [news@bcochicago.org](mailto:news@bcochicago.org). **If you are good with layout and would like to get involved, we could use an extra set of hands. Current layout is done using MAC's PAGES software.**

The Communications Committee provides 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 and email eBlasts for timely or urgent announcements. We also manage our BCO hotline (773) 349-2268 and have joined twitter! **We are seeking a new volunteer to act as editor for the email eBlasts and people who can help keep our website current. If you have an interest in writing or editing we'd love the help.** Contact: [comm@bcochicago.org](mailto:comm@bcochicago.org).

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 always looking for new twists for annual events and new event ideas. We also have an ongoing series of informal 'Bee Social' meet-ups taking place around the community to bring neighbors together. **Contact [events@bcochicago.org](mailto:events@bcochicago.org) with an idea for a next Bee Social or to pitch in on any event. We are in need of one or two volunteers to organize this years Summer Social, one of our casual events that bring neighbors together. If you are ready to get involved let us know!**

The BCO Gardening Committee continues to enhance and maintain our community garden spaces. We are thankful for our volunteers and still need the help of the whole community as we endeavor to improve our natural surroundings. We look to the entire community to join our efforts in implementing a sensible and enduring stewardship plan for all of our open spaces. For more details and to pitch in contact the garden committee at [gardening@bcochicago.org](mailto:gardening@bcochicago.org) or on our phone line (773) 349-2268. Please join any workdays when you see volunteers in the gardens. The scheduled work dates are posted online and included in the Bee's calendar (back page).

The Membership Committee focuses on ways to continually engage and support our community and grow our membership base. We reach out to new neighbors and new and renewing members to help match their interests with needs in the community. **Our next Open Meeting will be March 24.** Reach out via email at [membership@bcochicago.org](mailto:membership@bcochicago.org). Get involved, you won't regret it!

Like public radio, all of our neighbors can freely enjoy the benefits of the hard work of the BCO. But in the end, "Membership makes it happen"! Join or renew today, we'd love to have you! Over 200 community members recognize the value of what the BCO does for this community, and know that it doesn't happen without financial and volunteer support. BCO membership fees are low at \$20 annually.

The Planning & Development (P&D) committee gathers periodically to discuss issues of change, development and improvement of our fine community. P&D interacts with local residents, businesses, and the Alderman's office to influence the evolution of our community. The P&D committee meets as issues arise. Reach out to the chair of P&D with ideas and feedback or to join the committee's email list [planning@bcochicago.org](mailto:planning@bcochicago.org).

The BCO GreenSpace Committee will strive to complete development and create a maintenance plan for the green space at 5384 N. Bowmanville. We also continues to look for opportunities to expand the space. We need your help as we continue to move forward with our goal of ensuring Bowmanville is one of the greenest, most livable communities in Chicago. **We need help to get this committee back in action, if you could lead or organize next steps, please contact [greenspace@bcochicago.org](mailto:greenspace@bcochicago.org).**

The Public Art committee was formed in 2010 to explore the idea of a mural in the Berwyn pedestrian tunnel at Ravenswood. That idea became reality very quickly! We are now planning for a restoration of the painted interior in Spring 2016. Contact [publicart@bcochicago.org](mailto:publicart@bcochicago.org) to get involved or with new ideas.

## Fall BCO Open Meeting a Big Success!

Thanks to all who came out to our Open Meeting and Election last October, and congratulations to our new board! (See names on left side of front page.) We had great participation and an excellent dialogue with reps from the [West Ridge Nature Center](#) and the [FAiR Coalition](#), as well as tasty snacks, a fun raffle and a chance to chat with neighbors old and new. Kudos to all who brought food or contributed prizes for the raffle, and special thanks to the Rogers Park Montessori School for hosting the event.

The West Ridge Nature Center at Western and Ardmore offers [educational activities](#) for all ages, programming for groups, and a variety of [volunteer opportunities](#). If you haven't yet seen for yourself what an asset this park is to our neighborhood, be sure to plan a visit, and follow or join the work of the [West Ridge Nature Park Advocacy Committee](#).

When airplane noise gets to you, do more about it than shake an angry fist at a passing plane. Instead, do what the FAiR Coalition recommends: Make use of [FAiR's 1-click airplane noise reporting app](#) to register concerns about airplane noise WHEN IT'S HAPPENING. Also, visit the [FAiR Coalition website](#) and see what you can do and how you can get involved in addressing this issue. BCO volunteer Suzanne Tenney is liaising with FAiR on behalf of our community, so please support her efforts.

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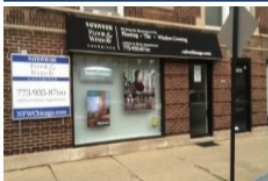
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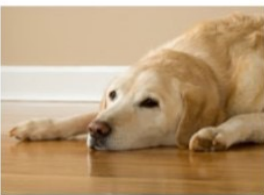
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## Bowmanville Biz Beat

Here's some news about local businesses you might like to know:

- Charles Jones, owner of **Nationwide Floor & Window Coverings** at 5202 N. Damen, has been serving the Chicago Area for nine years. Because our neighborhood is a personal favorite, he recently bought a circa-1900 home here and restored it with loving care. 45
- Is it too cold for your puppy? **Urban Pooch Training and Fitness Center** at 5400 N. Damen now offers **OPEN GYM** — a warm, FUN, indoor dog park event from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The Center also has the largest variety of Training Classes around — many during the day.
- Note that **All Star Carpet Care** at 2727 W. Giddings has a new phone number: 847-420-4111. And don't forget that they also clean rugs and furniture and handle water damage.
- **Galter LifeCenter** at 5157 N. Francisco has been named on Red Tricycle as one of the top 10 Great Gyms with Childcare. If you are trying to balance your workouts and kiddos, check them out!
- **Rogers Park Montessori School** at 1800 W. Balmoral is celebrating 10 years in Bowmanville. Alumni: Keep your eye out for information about reunions. (You can add yourself to the mailing list on the "contact us" page at [www.rpmschool.org](http://www.rpmschool.org).)
- **Scout** at 5221 N. Clark St. has confirmed that they've recently resigned a 10-year lease, so stop in to see the latest in their unique items and displays.
- After 25 years at 2306 W. Foster Ave., the **Claddagh Ring** pub closed on January 16 with an "Irish Funeral" farewell. But it has been reborn as **The Vibe at 2306**, a venue for artists in a variety of mediums, including stand-up, improv, slam poetry, story-telling and music. See more at <https://www.facebook.com/TheVibeChicago/>.

Have business news to share? Contact us at [ads@bcochicago.org](mailto:ads@bcochicago.org)

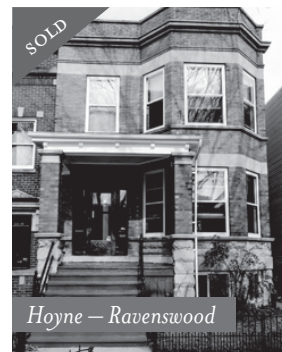
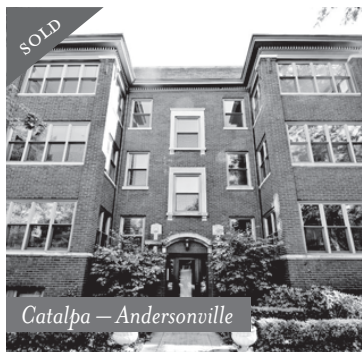
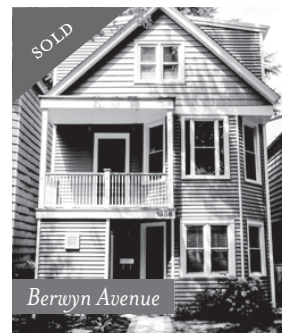


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## Griffin Theatre Sets Up Office Space in Bowmanville



In preparation for renovation of the old 20<sup>th</sup> District police station on Foster Avenue into the Griffin Arts Center, the Griffin Theatre Company is moving its office and rehearsal facilities from Ravenswood to 5301 N. Damen Ave. in Bowmanville. After the moving dust settles, the Griffin invites neighborhood residents to stop in, have a cup of coffee and meet the company.

The Griffin is working hard to raise all necessary funds for the theatre renovation on Foster Avenue and hopes the office move to Bowmanville will raise the profile of the company and generate additional support for the project.

Now in its 28<sup>th</sup> season, the Griffin is dedicated to presenting provocative and transformational theatre to Chicago audiences, as well as to engaging and enlightening youth throughout the United States through its touring theatre. The company won the 2015 "Outstanding Production of a Play" award for its staging of

*Men Should Weep* and received a 2014 Special Jeff Award for artistic excellence. It has also received 95 Joseph Jefferson Award nominations for theater excellence in Chicago.

The Griffin will present the Chicago premiere of the hit Off-Broadway musical, *Bat Boy*, June 4 – July 24, 2016, at The Den Theatre, 1333 North Milwaukee Ave. Visit [GriffinTheatre.com](http://GriffinTheatre.com) for tickets and more information.

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## Are You Dreaming of Summer?

If so, it's time to think about renting a gardening plot at a BCO Garden. There's one west of the Metra tracks on Ravenswood Ave. near Balmoral, and another on Bowmanville Ave. at Bell Ave.

The 2016 Veggie Plot Application is available online at [bcochicago.org](http://bcochicago.org). Just click on the Gardening tab, and then on the tab for Vegetable Gardens. **The application deadline is February 29**, and plot assignment announcements will be made on March 16. Please do not pay garden plot fees until after receiving confirmation of plot assignment.

### For Sale Signs by BCO Gardens

Are you wondering about the "For Sale" sign behind the garden plots at Balmoral and Ravenswood? There is a narrow strip of privately owned land for sale between the garden beds and the Metra wall. But don't worry. The land is zoned single family, so anything other than that will require community consultation and a zoning change. The garden plots themselves are on city parkway property though a right to use agreement with the city.

There's also a "For Sale" sign by the GreenSpace on Bowmanville Ave at Bell Ave. But the small parcel that is our BCO GreenSpace is NOT for sale. What is for sale is a private parcel of land (a large one at 11+ acres) owned by SCI/Rosehill cemetery. This land adjacent to the GreenSpace is constrained by a covenant limiting its development to senior living, school, church, or green space. It is the same land that Intrinsic Charter school had previously considered and then cancelled its plans to purchase. If you'd like to be involved in maintaining or, we hope, expanding our green space along Bowmanville Ave. and elsewhere, contact the BCO GreenSpace Committee, [greenspace@bcochicago.org](mailto:greenspace@bcochicago.org).

### Upcoming Gardening Events

Winter gardening events include a Winter Prune Up starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 27; a Garden Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9; and Gardening Days starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, and Saturday, April 16, at the Bowmanville and BCO GreenSpace Gardens.

For additional events and more information about BCO gardening visit the [gardening page](http://bcochicago.org/gardening) at [bcochicago.org](http://bcochicago.org) or email [gardening@bcochicago.org](mailto:gardening@bcochicago.org).

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## Summer Social Organizers Needed

Speaking of summer, do you have fond memories of Bowmanville's wonderful Summer Social? Think ice cream, green space, music, fun and neighbors. New volunteers are needed to organize this year's event. It can't happen without one or two volunteers to lead the charge. This is pretty straightforward, and Ann Scholhamer, chair from the past several years, can guide you. We hate to skip a year but without new volunteers that is exactly what will happen. We need your help. Please consider lending your energy to this casual and fun event. Contact [events@bcochicago.org](mailto:events@bcochicago.org) for more information on how you can help make it happen this year.

# BCO Gardens Help Feed the Hungry

The gardeners who rent and work the more than 40 BCO garden plots along Ravenswood and Bowmanville Avenues are very good at what they do — so good that they sometimes grow more than they can use. This was the case last fall, when the mild weather kept things growing into November, well past the usual freeze date.

That’s when BCO member Teresa Gale noticed that there was a good deal of unharvested produce in many of the plots. A passionate urban gardener, Teresa teaches gardening at the Rogers Park Montessori School (RPMS) and works a BCO plot along Ravenswood with her students. She knew that a freeze that would ruin it all was coming soon, and she didn’t want the food to go to waste.

That prompted her to contact David Johnston, head of the BCO Gardening Committee, and ask permission to email the other gardeners to see if they would be willing to have the unclaimed produce donated to the food pantry at the Lincoln Square Friendship Center near our neighborhood. Most of the gardeners said yes.

So Teresa and a group of volunteers (including RPMS students) harvested, prepared, and delivered a carload of veggies (see list below) to the Lincoln Square Friendship Center, which serves the needy in the area. They finished harvesting around 4:30 on November 20, just a few hours before the snow and cold hit. Almost all of the harvest surplus and would have otherwise been killed by the first freeze.

29 bunches of Swiss chard	22 bunches of parsley	9 bags of sage	4 pounds of tomatillos
15 bunches of kale	37 bunches of chives	11 bags of oregano	2 pounds of carrots
19 bunches of broccoli greens	19 bags of tarragon	8 bunches of beets	2 pounds of parsnips
7 bunches of kohlrabi greens	13 bags of mint	9 bunches of scallions	
24 bags of mixed baby greens	10 bags of dill	4 pounds of tomatoes	
6 bags of arugula	10 bags of rosemary	5 pounds of peppers	

“I was overwhelmed by the bounty of what we collected,” says Teresa. “The BCO gardeners are a very dedicated and talented group. Their gardens offered my students many learning opportunities throughout the growing season.

“I’m also very thankful to the volunteers who helped with the harvest and the gardeners who gave permission for us to donate it to the food pantry. I hope this can become an annual thing — and something that happens throughout the summer, too, not just at the end of the season. With just a little effort and coordination, we could serve the community on an ongoing basis.”

*Editor’s note: If you are interested in working with Teresa on developing a way for Bowmanville neighbors to more regularly donate their excess produce, email [gardening@bcochicago.org](mailto:gardening@bcochicago.org).*



## West Ridge Nature Preserve Wins Award



**Linda Wilson holds award certificate with Juanita Irizarry**

At a special ceremony on Oct. 18, 2015, The West Ridge Nature Preserve Park Advisory Committee (PAC) received a Volunteer-in-the-Parks (VIP) appreciation award from Friends of the Parks. The PAC was one of 16 groups and individuals recognized for special accomplishments. Linda Alpicella Wilson, PAC vice-president, and Martha Alexakos attended the ceremony.

In presenting the award, Friends of the Parks Executive Director Juanita Irizarry lauded the Committee's advocacy efforts to create the West Ridge Nature Preserve, "working tirelessly with the Chicago Park District, alderman, and community members to make sure that the preserve would be a natural wonder in the community."

"We thank Friends of the Park for honoring the West Ridge Nature Preserve Advisory Council with the 2015 Advocacy Award," says Linda. "We also congratulate the other awardees for their work in volunteering, stewardship and other contributions to expanding and improving our city's parks."



## BCO Community Service

An outreach project is shaping up for this spring when Bowmanville Neighbors and Rogers Park Montessori School will team up to do a bit of a makeover to the outdoor patio space at the Balmoral Nursing Home. Sabine Cummins and Claire Shingler are the BCO Board contacts for this project. If you are interested in helping or can connect us to resources let us know at [comm@bcochicago.org](mailto:comm@bcochicago.org).

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## Co-op Grocery Seeks North Side Home



Since 2014 a group of North Side residents, organized by founder Greg Berlowitz, has been working to create Chicago Market, a full-service food co-op featuring local produce and dairy products, as well as prepared foods, a salad bar, a bakery, and butcher and other services. The group is currently evaluating sites in an area between Edgewater on the north and Roscoe Village on the south, and plans to open the store in early 2017.

Chicago Market is a cooperative business, which means that it's controlled by a group of member-owners, who own the business through their shares and elect a board of directors to manage the store. Each owner gets benefits, including discounts at the store and a yearly portion of the store's profits.



To-date, more than 750 people have become owners. The all-volunteer board consists of lawyers, restaurant owners, journalists, cookbook authors, bankers and co-op professionals, and is supported by a team of more than 70 volunteers.

Even though Chicago Market does not yet have a store, it has appeared — with its signature teal-and-white tote bags — at street festivals like Square Roots or Edgefest, and at farmers' markets like Green City Market.

### Benefits of a Co-op

Why is a co-op grocery store that carries local foods important for the North side? One reason is that while interest in local food has exploded over the last decade, the distribution systems for getting it to consumers haven't. Farmers markets,

while a wonderful place to shop, are only open seasonally and on limited days. Some grocers have brought in local food, but none can match the varieties found at a farmers market.

"More than ever, people want to know where their food comes from," Berlowitz says. "Chicago Market is committed to transparency and food education. We will help local food get to consumers effectively and efficiently by building a community among consumers, farmers and producers. And because we're a cooperative, the capital, ownership, profit and benefits come from and stay in the community."

In addition to being convenient for consumers, Chicago Market will be a boon to farmers and producers, who often express frustration about the time and money necessary to travel to farmers' markets all over the region. Chicago Market will be able to provide a constant market for these farmers in one location.

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## Art Auction to Feature Chappell's Finest

by Peggy Cassidy



As the ongoing budgetary struggles of Chicago Public Schools continue to make headlines and union demands threaten the school year, Bowmanville's local elementary school, Chappell School, maintains a forward-moving agenda that's both engaging and sustainable.

Chappell's principal, Joseph Peila, and his staff are to be commended for their ongoing effort to keep the community looped in when it comes to the students' varied and interesting learning experiences. And the regular newsletters from Chappell — which you can sign up for at [chappellelementaryschool.org](http://chappellelementaryschool.org) — repeatedly indicate that there is never a dull moment at this great neighborhood school.

Currently, Chappell students from K-8 are working on art pieces to be included in the upcoming Art Auction to be held at the Lawrence Avenue Mariano's store on Thursday, February 18, from 6-8 PM. Included in the auction, the second annual event, will be various works from Chappell's young artists.

Among recent projects students have tackled, eighth graders have converted small photographs into large self-portraits using ratio and grids, referencing the artwork of Chuck Close. Then, following a field trip to the Art Institute's Joseph Cornell exhibit, seventh grade students looked to the artist's box pieces for insight in their study of assemblage. Fourth grade art students have recently worked on a self-portrait assignment, using painting tint and shade variations. These and other student works will be available at the auction in Mariano's Vero Cafe on the ground floor.

Peila considered last year's event a great success, despite the fact that CPS had a "snow day" the day of the auction. "Still, the evening event went really well," he said, adding that he anticipates an even better turnout this year.

Funds raised at the auction will be used for art and music

supplies at Chappell, as well as arts field trips to places such as The Art Institute of Chicago, Lyric Opera, and Chicago Cultural Center. The event is free, but registration is requested. To register, go to the Chappell Elementary Art Auction page at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

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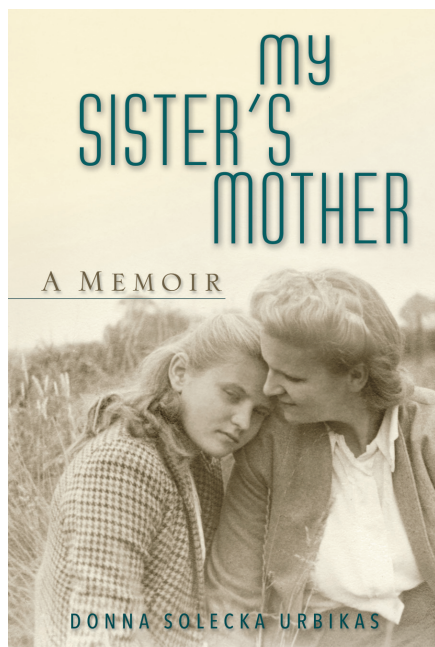
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## Bowmanville: A Writer's Refuge

By Donna Urbikas



For more than 30 years, Bowmanville was my home. There my husband and I raised our children, gave refuge to our elderly parents and participated in many BCO events. And there I wrote *My Sister's Mother: A Memoir of War, Exile, and Stalin's Siberia*, which will be published by the University of Wisconsin Press this April.

When I began writing this personal World War II story, our third floor attic had not yet been renovated into a comfortable office. In the winter, after putting our children to sleep, I sat writing at my desk up there for long hours into the night with only an electric heater to keep me warm. It was in our Bowmanville home where I interviewed my parents, when they stayed with us during visits from their Wisconsin farm, about what had happened to them during the war.

Ours was so different of a life when I was growing up not far from Bowmanville. As a child I had not realized that not everyone's mother had been deported from their homeland (then eastern Poland) to a Soviet labor camp in Siberia, along with my five-year-old half-sister. And not many knew that 22,000 Polish officers like my father (fortunately, he was not one of them) and other Poles had been secretly murdered by the Soviets in 1940 in the remote Russian Katyn Forest. That was a history unique to us Polish political refugees in an America that provided us with a safe haven from Communism and the educational opportunities that allowed my sister and I to finish college, and where Bowmanville became my and my husband's first home.

As I sat writing in the summers from our dining room table to escape the heat of the attic office, I appreciated the tranquility of our Bowmanville neighborhood that permitted my creative energy to flow. Eventually, I finished a draft of the story, and my neighbor and friend, Betty Redmond, with her expert literary skills, was kind enough to edit it. Our discussions about the book and community matters




on long walks with our dogs in the neighborhood is one of the things I'll always remember about my time there.

Now that the book is about to be published, I look back fondly on my experience of writing in Bowmanville and hope that other budding authors may also find it a supportive and inspiring refuge.

*Editor's note: See [www.danutaurbikas.com](http://www.danutaurbikas.com) for more information about the book and how to pre-order it. Also, mark your calendars for May 22, when a major launch event for the book will take place at the Polish Museum of America on Milwaukee Avenue.*

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## A Winter Meal to Warm You, Body and Soul!

Although this winter has been nowhere as cold as the last two, it's had its share of chilly days, and it's far from over. So you might find this delicious hot soup — accompanied by some fresh-baked bread, a few pieces of cheddar or gouda cheese, and a glass of sherry or white wine — just the thing for one of those days when Jack Frost nips your fingers and toes.

### Carrot and Orange Soup



This recipe, which serves four, will take you about 20 minutes to prepare and 35 minutes to cook.

Here's what you'll need:

- 1 pound of carrots
- 1 ounce of butter (or margarine)
- 1/2 cup (4 fluid ounces) of orange juice
- 4 to 5 cups of vegetable stock
- 1 small onion, roughly chopped
- 3 to 4 table spoons of chopped fresh thyme, or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Sour cream and nutmeg, for serving

And here's what you'll need to do:

1. Peel and slice the carrots. Place carrots and butter in a large heavy-based pan and cook over medium heat for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Add the orange juice, stock and onion. Bring the mix to a boil and then add the thyme, salt and pepper.
3. Process the mixture in batches, in a food processor or blender, until smooth. Return the mixture to the pan and reheat. Serve in individual bowls, and top each with a dollop of sour cream sprinkled with nutmeg. Garnish with a small sprig of thyme, if desired.

In addition to being delicious, this vegetarian dish has an appealing deep orange color and only about 180 calories per serving. So whether you serve it as the principle dish or only an appetizer, you'll be very glad you did!

This is only one of the many delicious recipes for soup and other dishes in *The Essential Vegetarian Cookbook*, Murdoch Books, 1996; republished by WhiteCap Books, 1999.

*Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your Bowmanville neighbors? If so, please submit it to [news@bcochicago.org](mailto:news@bcochicago.org).*

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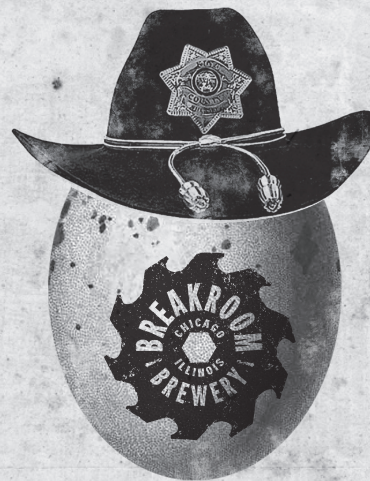


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## Co-op Grocery

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### Part of a Trend

Chicago is experiencing a co-op boom. Sugar Beet Co-Op in Oak Park opened in July, and the Dill Pickle Co-Op in Logan Square recently announced that they were expanding to a new 10,000 square foot location. When it opens, Chicago Market will be the third cooperative grocery store in Chicagoland, and the only one on the north side.

Chicago Market has caught the eye of co-op organizers around the country. For example, Jacqueline Hannah, an organizer with the Food Co-Op Initiative, a nonprofit that helps co-ops develop, is very impressed with Chicago Market's progress.

"Chicago Market is very unusual because we don't have a lot of start-ups in urban areas," says Hannah.

"Chicago Market is the first one that's going to scale to the size of its market...with a large and amazing store. Also, Chicago Market has a phenomenally experienced, professional Board organizing team."

### How You Can Get Involved

Chicago Market would welcome your involvement as an owner or volunteer. Ownerships, which start at \$250, cover your whole household and last a lifetime. You can sell your share back to the market if you move away, and there's a payment plan option, if you need to break it down into smaller payments. Owners will get discounts in the store, as well as a portion of the store's profits.

At base, Chicago Market's vision is to create "An Honest Food Community" on the north side. "Chicago Market is going to change the grocery landscape in Chicago," says Berlowitz. "And we want you to be a part of it."

To learn more, or to become a part of the market, visit [www.chicagomarket.coop](http://www.chicagomarket.coop). If you have questions, email [engage@chicagomarket.coop](mailto:engage@chicagomarket.coop).

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## BCO Calendar of Events

(Committee contacts listed on page 1; check website for schedule updates)

Feb 10	Beat 2012 CAPS Meeting	<a href="https://portal.chicagopolice.org/">https://portal.chicagopolice.org/</a>
Feb 18	BCO Board Meeting -- Annual Budget Review	
Feb 27	Winter Prune Up Day (Gateway, then Bowmanville)	9:30am meet at Gateway
Mar 1	Veggie Garden Plot Applications Due	
Mar 6	CCCA 3rd Annual Gathering	<a href="http://chicagocommunitygardens.org">chicagocommunitygardens.org</a>
Mar 10	Garden Committee Planning Meeting	6:30pm, Leadway on Damen
Mar 15	Veggie Garden Plot Assignments	
Mar 24	BCO Spring Open Mtg at Urban Pooch	7pm--9pm (5400 N Damen Ave.)
Mar 26	Westgate Garden Cleanup Day	9:30--3:30pm
Apr 6	Beat 2012 CAPS Meeting	<a href="https://portal.chicagopolice.org/">https://portal.chicagopolice.org/</a>
Apr 10	Spring Bee Deadline	
Apr 10	Bowmanville Cleanup Day	Bowmanville Gardens
Apr 16	Veggie Gardener Orientation	Location TBD
May 6	Gardening Evening	6:30pm until dusk
May 16	Gardening Day	9:30--3:30pm
Jun 4	Bowmanville Street Sale	
Jun 8	Gardening Evening	6:30pm until dusk
Jun 25	Gardening Day	9:30--3:30pm
Jul 6	Gardening Evening	6:30pm until dusk
Jul 3	Summer Bee Deadline	
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