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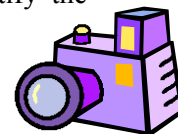
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11th Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk Sat. July 11, 2009 11am—4:30pm

The Bowmanville Garden Walk is open to all kinds of garden enthusiasts. If you are a beginner, interested in landscaping, flowers, local prairie plants, growing vegetables or have lots of experience, we hope you will participate. The Garden Walk features Bowmanville residential gardens and the three community gardens including our Bowmanville Community Garden, 1st place winner in 2006 in Mayor Daley's Community Landscape Award program (Region 2). Bowmanville residents welcome their neighbors by opening their yards to display their gardens and this creates a friendly venue of hospitality and shared learning about gardening. Garden exhibitors also have the choice to be reviewed by Master Gardeners on various criteria including design, creative use of plants, and neighborhood enhancement. All the participants and volunteers end the day at a Garden Party where awards are presented and pictures of all the gardens taken by our BCO volunteer photographers are projected on a screen. The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program will be hosting an information table at the BCO welcome table location on Bowmanville Avenue, will have handouts and will be available to answer questions. BCO welcome tables with program maps will be located at the community green space at Bowmanville and Bell and at the Gateway Garden at 1801 W. Balmoral. The BCO accepts contributions, and all funds received during the Garden Walk are used to improve the Community Gardens and beautify the neighborhood.

Enter the Amateur Photography Contest!



At the Garden Walk our 3rd Amateur Photography Contest will feature local garden and landscape photographs by community members. Garden Walk visitors vote for their favorite photo. The winning photographer is awarded a prize and the photo is recognized in next year's Garden Walk promotional materials. Go to the BCO website to download an entry form - www.bcochicago.org

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Vegetable Farming Returns to Bowmanville!

By Betty Redmond

It's true what they say that "history repeats itself", and this time, in Bowmanville, it repeats a very fine tradition! This April and May, BCO volunteers, together with neighbors from Bowmanville, Andersonville, and Lincoln Bend, along with families from Rogers Park Montessori School (RPMS) and students from Von Steuben H.S. have installed eighteen vegetable plots, each measuring 10' X 10', in the Gateway Garden expansion area. These raised beds will provide food for over 29 households, and enable the students from Passages Charter School, and RPMS to have an outdoor, 'edible' classroom!

Years ago, the Bowmanville area was the site of vegetable farms (also known as truck farms) and greenhouses that supplied fresh vegetables to city markets, and victory gardens during World War II that kept families fed despite food shortages. The city grew and expanded. Over time, homes replaced farms. While there is not much open space left in the city, here in Bowmanville we've made a great effort to preserve what we do have. The garden that currently sits on Bowmanville Avenue was originally planned for where the Gateway Garden is now planted. Uncertainty over property ownership, made it necessary to change plans and move the garden from Ravenswood to Bowmanville Avenue, back in 1996. Once the site of an unsightly construction storage area, the Gateway Garden is now becoming a mixed-use community garden, including the raised beds, berms for indigenous perennials and grasses, a path for dogwalkers, and a common area in the middle of the parcel for community activities. We have written grants and are continuing to raise funds to add these final touches.



Many heartfelt thanks go out to all of those who helped in ways large and small to make this garden a reality.

- Thank you Alderman Patrick O'Connor for including the BCO in the Edgewater Community Council Garden Grant, and Bob Newton and other 40th Ward Office staff for support throughout the project.
- Notably, Andy Gibbons, a neighbor and gardener, was able to secure a contribution from Ragnar Benson Construction Company, of 152 timbers for the beds.
- Thanks to Rommel Taylor, Assistant Branch Manager at Hines Lumber, and all the yard crew, for ordering timbers, keeping them in stock and for all the special deliveries we received as we worked on beds over a three week period.
- Thank you to the Target Corporation, and Peterson Avenue Store Manager, Darius Pfeifer for their generous gift of garden goods.
- **For a most Herculean effort, of clearing mulch, hauling, placing and securing timbers, we have Jon Bjork and Dave Johnston to thank,** along with Ray Wolke, Rob Swislow, and Craig Hanenburg. Thanks to Dave Johnston and Randy Rogers for contributing the rebar to secure the timbers. Many others assisted in this task, including Susan Yessne, Giedre Trahan, Sarah Laing and family, Alice Cooperman, Amy Gawura, Andy and Meghan Gibbons, Pete Jozwiak and his friends Jay and Chanel, Sue and Sydney Foley, Amy and Vivien Whalen, and Ellen Jurczak.
- Without the help, support, tools, water, and electricity (throughout the years) from neighbors Rob Swislow, Becky Meyers, and Sam Swislow, we'd still be working 'primitive style', carrying buckets and hammering nails!
- Special thanks to Oscar Anderson, Mary Jude Ramirez, Anne Boyle and others who deserve credit for our signs and flyers (among many other tasks)!
- Billy Kuczek and Craig Hanenburg were instrumental in drafting our applications and guidelines.
- Many thanks to local landscaper Thom Kenly, Rosehill Cemetery's crew (including Lenny Hayes), and Patch Landscapers for soil deliveries.
- Lori Bravi and Billy Kuczek attended the Greencorps' vegetable distribution event and received six, free flats of vegetables for our gardens.
- Ms. Annette Gonzalez, counselor at Von Steuben High School, deserves special thanks for promoting community service, and always delivers some student volunteers. This year Ben Ramos (Sophomore) and Tony Scharneck (Senior) pitched in, literally, filling raised beds with soil!
- Plant contributions came from the gardens of Margaret Cavanaugh, B.A. Church, and Dolorita Koertgen.
- As they do each year, with good food, good drinks, and good cheer, Anne Boyle and Joe Charles hosted our potluck dinner at the end of a hard day, and at the end of a hard month of work. Thank you.
- Thanks to the Shingler Family for housing our water hoses, and to Eamon McCaffrey for building a lock box to store them on-site.
- Thank you, each and every neighbor who stopped by with encouraging words, and for every one of the volunteers and plot renters for your dynamic enthusiasm and for helping in the many ways you have launched this project!
- Thank you to Oscar Anderson and Tom Kennedy for a photographic chronicle of our progress.



What was once a lonely, desolate area of Bowmanville has now come alive with activity, and Gateway Garden is now a destination for neighbors to gather and get to know one another. We look forward to seeing you out there, too!

Gateway Garden has 'certified' status with both NeighborSpace and the City of Chicago Greencorps. As such, we are eligible for plant and hardscape materials from Greencorps, and soil testing and plumbing from NeighborSpace. We hope to have plumbing installed next season, but currently hold permits to use the fire hydrants to water the garden. The vegetable plots are open for rental each year, for a small fee. (All of the plots have been allocated for this summer) In addition, renters are required to contribute at least eight hours per season to the common area garden improvements.

A great big **THANK YOU** to **Betty Redmond** for all of her outstanding efforts in making the Gateway Garden expansion a community garden space for all to enjoy.



Bowmanville Community Organization Survey - Spring 2009 Results

Results of the Bowmanville Community Survey can be found below. The BCO would like to thank all of the community members who participated in this survey. The Holiday 2008 edition of the Bowmanville Bee included hard copies of the survey and was delivered to over 1500 households in the neighborhood. In addition to this, electronic versions of the survey were emailed to all BCO members who have included their email addresses in their membership applications, and were part of the BCO membership database.

Your participation in this survey has provided the BCO with essential information with which to better serve the community. We value your input.

	Most Important	Next Most Important
Most important issues facing Bowmanville today?		
Sustaining open space and parks	56.8%	39.7%
Retail Development	26.0%	39.7%
Residential Development	24.3%	23.0%
Satisfaction with following?		
Retail Development	8.5%	38.6%
Residential Development	25.0%	33.3%
Most important community events?		
Yard Sale	36.5%	27.0%
Garden Walk	36.5%	27.0%
Food, Clothing & Toy Drives	23.6%	22.2%
Ice Cream Social	17.1%	22.4%
Halloween Party	17.6%	18.9%
Community Dinner	19.4%	8.3%
How would you like to see open space used in Bowmanville?		
Passive space park	45.2%	19.2%
Outdoor area for community events	41.3%	26.7%
Community Garden	31.0%	23.9%
Play-lot	26.4%	22.2%
Dog Park	23.0%	14.0%

Activities for which you would volunteer?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Maybe</u>
Development of park space	36.1%	34.4%
Neighborhood Events	33.9%	48.4%
Community Planning	26.8%	48.2%
Community Garden	25.8%	45.2%

Are you a BCO member? 92.1% Yes
7.9% No

Percent responding that own? 93.2%
Percent responding that rent? 6.8%



Comments regarding the need for open space included:

1. An area for community and household picnics
2. The desire for the open space south of Rosehill Cemetery to be used for community park land
3. A place for concerts or street fair area
4. A place for children to play all year round
5. Maintain open space south of Rosehill Cemetery and have a nature preserve within the cemetery

BCO 13th Annual Street Sale bigger than ever!

On June 6th the BCO held its thirteenth annual Street Sale and 105 locations participated. Barbara Wolke planned the event and worked with the BCO Events Committee to make the day a great success. The day was very cool for June, but this did not keep away buyers. The day ended a bit early because of showers, but then it was clear for the post sale party held at the Leadway Bar, Café and Gallery. Neighbors gathered and enjoyed the BBQ delights prepared by Frank Ciurur. The Street Sale was advertised in local news sources, on the web and on radio. The BCO registered all the participants with the required city permit.

News from Care for Real

The new Care for Real (CFR) Clothes Closet at Epworth Methodist Church, 5253 N. Kenmore, is open for business! Each day new and existing CFR clients, are discovering an enhanced “shopping” experience. The new space is well-organized, clothes are displayed better, and the whole experience is more pleasant and inviting. The Clothes Closet is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

CFR separated its food and clothing distribution to create additional space at the Food Pantry, 6044 N. Broadway. Donations of food and clothing are accepted only at this location.



Can you help with the Care for Real Wish List?

CFR is looking for equipment that will help improve their operation, and make them more productive. Please call Tom Robb (773-769-6182), if you can help. CFR can arrange for pick up of these items.

- Office furniture, including folding chairs
- Modular conference table (smaller matching tables that can be placed together)
- Modular wall(s) or office partitions
- Several large folding tables
- Refrigerator and/or freezer

Metra Project Scheduled

The bridges over Montrose, Sunnyside, Wilson, Leland, Lawrence, Winnemac, Foster and Balmoral will be replaced this year. Retaining walls will be built on both sides of the tracks between Berteau and Balmoral. Track and signal work will be done between Lawrence and Balmoral. The project also includes a modern new Ravenswood Station across from the current station at Lawrence.

Congressman Mike Quigley meets with BCO Leaders

On Saturday May 30th Congressman Mike Quigley met with the BCO and toured the neighborhood by bicycle. A BCO ad hoc committee, led by board member B.A. Church, met with the Congressman at his office on May 26th and discussed our community interest in having a park or permanent open space. At this meeting, BCO history, our community gardens, and the potential nature preserve in Rosehill Cemetery were discussed.



May 30, 2009 at the Bowmanville Gateway Garden

Bill Kuczek, Garden Committee Chairman, Betty Redmond, Anne Boyle, Cindy Burgin, Ad-hoc Committee members, Craig Hanenburg, BCO President, and Congressman Mike Quigley.

Congressman Quigley was very interested in our recent garden improvements to the neighborhood, which the BCO has created. The group rode bicycles and toured the three Bowmanville community gardens and Rosehill Cemetery where the Nature Preserve project has been proposed. The Rosehill Nature Preserve project has federal funding that our former Congressman Rahm Emanuel acquired to support the city's bid to acquire the property. Alderman Patrick O'Connor is working continuously with the city to close a deal. Congressman Quigley welcomed BCO input about preserving open space in our community and expressed his commitment to work with us. He is very supportive of our wish to designate a permanent open space or park area in the neighborhood. Congressman Quigley has been a long time advocate for environmental protection and improvements, and “Green” issues. Earlier this year, as Cook County Commissioner Quigley, he supported the BCO's “Going Green” community meeting held at North Community Bank. He has been a frequent visitor to BCO events and has held a membership in the BCO for many years.

SBA Releases ARC Loan Guidelines to Banks & Borrowers



On Monday, June 8, the U.S. Small Business Administration released details about the **America's Recovery Capital (ARC) Loan Program**, which is designed to give "viable" small businesses suffering "immediate financial hardship" some temporary financial relief so they can keep their doors open and get their cash flow back on track. ARC loans will be available, and the SBA will begin accepting applications from lenders on June 15. The loans will be available through SBA-approved lenders as long as funding is available or through September 30, 2010, whichever comes first. And, according to *Reuter's* SBA expects 10,000 ARC loans to be handed out over the next 15 months with a loan cap of 50 per week to each SBA-approved lending institution, and a maximum of 1,000 loans per lender.

A new, temporary program authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, ARC loans offer a deferred-payment of up to \$35,000 to be used for principal and interest payments on existing, qualifying debt/loans. The loans are 100 percent guaranteed by SBA and have no SBA or lender fees associated with them. There is a disbursement period of up to six months followed by 12 months with no repayment of ARC loan principal. After the 12-month deferral period, the borrower pays back only the ARC loan principal over a period of five years.

If you have questions regarding the loan process contact a local SCORE counselor. SCORE, an SBA resource partner, offers counseling to small business owners and is free to join. At SCORE's homepage, www.score.org/index, simply type in "SBA loan," choose 'IL' from a drop-down menu, and you will be provided with a list of SCORE mentors who will help guide them through the loan process.

To learn more about the U.S. Small Business Administration's America's Recovery Capital Loan Program visit: www.sba.gov/recovery/arcloanprogram/index.html. Business Information Assistants are available to speak directly with you between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM (eastern time) by calling the Answer Desk at 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722).



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News from the BCO Planning and Development Committee

Damen-Foster Development Project Meeting

Fifteen people were in attendance at the April 30th meeting, including neighbors and representatives from two local businesses.

Jeff Graves, committee chair, began the evening with a discussion about the BCO Planning and Development Committee, the goal of the Damen-Foster initiative, and some of the concerns and constraints that exist on Damen and Foster. Of primary concern is the number of vacancies in the retail and commercial areas along Damen Avenue and Foster Avenue. People are also concerned about the upkeep and care of the commercial properties.

Chris Jang of the City of Chicago Department of Community Development then spoke about the opportunities that do and do not exist for the Damen-Foster Development Project. First, Chris noted that the two most common ways the City supports local commercial districts are through TIF (Tax Increment Financing) and SBIF (Small Business Improvement Funds) designations.

Unfortunately, Damen-Foster does not have a TIF designation. Though we cannot take advantage of TIF incentives and resources for Damen-Foster, Chris Jang did have other suggestions that can be explored, such as:

- 1) Partner with a nearby Chamber of Commerce.
- 2) Retail Chicago. This is a City program that tries to match businesses with vacant properties.
- 3) Local businesses, in business for ten years or more, are eligible for '6B' tax incentives, to reduce tax rate to 10%.

Neighbor Feedback

- Neighbors noted that they preferred 'mom and pop' or 'boutique retail' rather than fast food or chain stores.

A request was made to address the lack of curb cuts from the pedestrian/cycle tunnel at Berwyn, through the cul-de-sac to the street on the 1800 block of Berwyn. This has caused a dangerous bicycle/pedestrian situation on the sidewalk on the north side of Berwyn. The committee noted that this item would be added to the BCO's Safe Sidewalk Project.

For more information about the BCO Planning and Development Committee, contact planning@bcochicago.org or call our toll free number 1-866-837-1006.

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Lessons from a High Flying Team

In the fall when you see Geese heading south for the winter flying in the "V" formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way.



It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. Quite similar to people that are part of a team and share a common direction, they get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the trust of one another and lift each other up along the way.

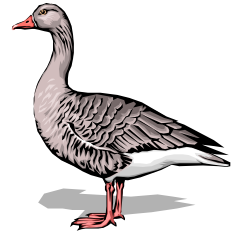
Whenever a Goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the draft and resistance of trying to go through it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the power of the flock. If we have as much sense as a Goose, we will stay in formation and share information with those who are headed the same way that we are going.

When the lead Goose gets tired, he rotates back into the wing and another Goose takes over. It pays to share leadership and take turns doing hard jobs. The Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep their speed. Words of support and inspiration help energize those on the front line, helping them keep pace in spite of the day-to-day pressures and fatigue. It is important that our honking be encouraging.

Finally, when a Goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot and falls out, two Geese fall out of formation and follow the injured one down to help and protect him. They stay with

him until he is either able to fly or until their demise, and then they launch out with another formation to catch up with their group. When one of us is down, it's up to the others to stand by us in our time of trouble. If we have the sense of a Goose, we will stand by one another when things get rough. We will stay in formation with those headed where we want to go.

The next time you see a formation of Geese, remember their message "IT IS INDEED A REWARD, A CHALLENGE AND A PRIVILEGE TO BE A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF A TEAM."



I have shared this story with you to remind you that our community organization is a unit, a team, working together to make our community a great place to live. When you are called upon to volunteer your time for your community by working in the garden, cleaning up your area of the community, or serving on the Board, I hope that you will become a "Honker" in that you will be encouraged and willing to volunteer and share your time and talents ensuring the continued success of the Bowmanville Community Organization.

- Contributed by - Eloise Reimer

Register Your Dog Online City Launches New Feature

Owners of the more than 100,000 dogs in Chicago now have the convenience of registering their dog online, thanks to the City's ongoing office modernization initiative. The innovative peel and stick license stands up to weather conditions and is simply applied to the back of your dog's rabies tag. The sticker includes your dog's registration number and a number someone can call to report your dog found should you become separated.

Reuniting you with your lost pet is just one of the many benefits of registering your dog. In addition, a city dog registration also is required when taking your dog to an animal care facility that boards or provides dog day care services and is used to obtain the required permit and tag to access Chicago Park District dog friendly areas. A dog license tag is \$5 for neutered dogs or \$50 for unneutered.

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2009: Your Summer for Walking

By Russ Klettke

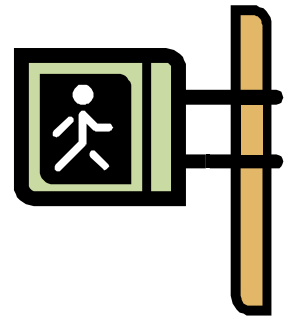
If you've not yet been to Winnemac Park this spring, you've not seen the extensive new plantings of trees and bushes. Beyond landscaping, what's so amazing is how diverse and popular the park is at all hours, a tableau of people and activities that make this an exceptionally vibrant neighborhood, and a great place to exercise. For anyone who strives to walk or run for health, here are some numbers to consider:

- The park's circumference – on Foster, Damen, Argyle and Leavitt – measures 1000 feet on each side. If you walk around it 1.5 times, that's more than a mile's distance.
- The circumference of the walking path inside the park is 734 steps, give or take, not counting the access paths. About three loops would equal a mile (there are approximately 2000 steps per mile).
- Jorndt Field's running track is a quarter mile, and open to the public for extended hours all summer long.

Wellness enthusiasts encourage everyone to walk 10,000 steps per day, a portion of which we all do in our workaday lives. But adding a walking program to your schedule is recommended for almost everyone. If you get on a regular schedule, you will probably notice how the prairie areas change by the day – those plants grow like, well, weeds.

Don't let the good weather pass you by – a brisk walk can do wonders for your head as well as your waistline.

*Russ Klettke, a Bowmanville resident, is a business writer and nutrition author. His regular features on health and fitness can be found online at **HairLoss.com**, a website for the hair loss community that is launching in June.*



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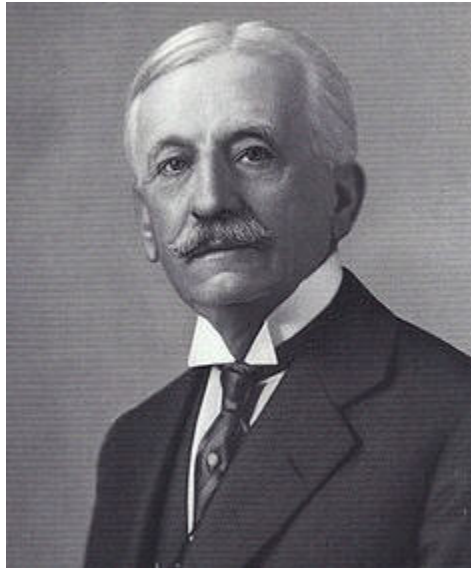
Who's Who in Rosehill Cemetery

John Graves Shedd

(July 20, 1850 - October 22, 1926)
was the second president and chairman
of the board of Marshall Field &
Company.

Born on a New Hampshire farm, Shedd
arrived in Chicago, Illinois in 1871 and
began working as a stock clerk for
Marshall Field. By 1901, he had
worked his way up to a vice-
presidency and took over as president
upon Field's death in 1906. Field
himself described Shedd as "the
greatest merchant in the United States,"
and, indeed, under Shedd's presidency
Marshall Field & Company became the
largest store in Chicago and the largest
wholesale and dry goods company in the world.

Shedd was a civic leader and founding member of the



Commercial Club of Chicago who
played an active role in the city's
turn-of-the-century efforts to become
a world class metropolis. One of
Chicago's major philanthropists, he
contributed extensively to Chicago
charities, universities and museums,
and in the early 1920's he provided \$3
million to build Chicago's Shedd
Aquarium, as a complement to the
Field Museum (founded in 1892 as a
part of the World's Columbian
Exposition and renamed in honor of
Marshall Field in 1905), and the Art
Institute of Chicago (whose current
building was also a product of the
1892 World's Columbian Exposition).

Completed in 1930, the Shedd Aquarium
remained the world's largest aquarium for most
of the century.

How Sweet it is...

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Sunday, August 16, 2009

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

At Green Space on Bowmanville



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Seniors Ride Free Program

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is reminding eligible seniors that have not changed their senior reduced fare cards to the Senior Ride Free Smart Card Permit to do so, if they want to continue enjoying free rides. After April 1, 2009, seniors who use their reduced fare cards on Metra, CTA rail and bus, and PACE bus will be charged the standard reduced rate.

The RTA sent notifications to seniors who reside in the RTA's six county service region (Cook, Dupage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties), and who hold a Senior Reduced fare Permit, advising that the RTA is transitioning card holders to the new Senior Ride Free Smart Card Permit.

For more information, contact Customer Service at 312-913-3110.

Looking for Senior Housing?

The Schneider Senior Building at 1750 W. Peterson and the Carolyn Hedger Senior Building at 6400 N. Sheridan have changed their intake procedures so that applicants no longer have to wait 3-10 years for admission. Call Alderman O'Connor's office at 773-769-1140 for more information. Seniors must be 62 years of age or older to be eligible.



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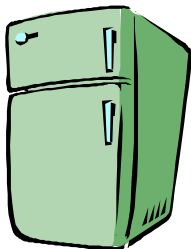
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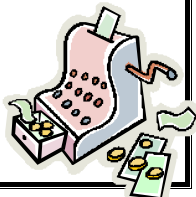
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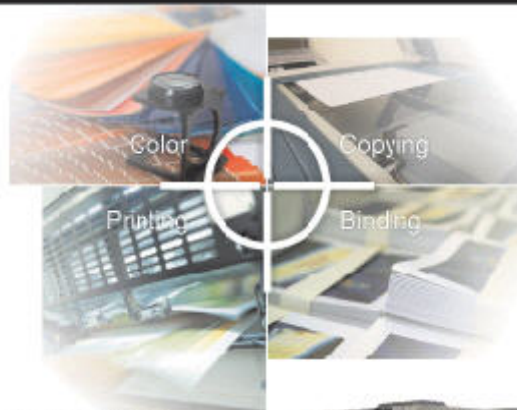


July 13, 2009 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For the 2009-2010 vehicle sticker year, there will no longer be a separate annual residential permit parking sticker. If you purchase an annual residential parking permit, your new vehicle sticker will now include your residential parking permit zone number (as depicted). The permit parking zone number is printed right on the vehicle sticker. In addition, residential parking daily passes have been redesigned into an easy-to-use, label-type format.

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BCO Calendar of Events

BCO Board Meetings, Third Thursday each month, 7:15 PM at Tempel Steel Training Room, 5448 N. Wolcott.

Communication Committee Meetings, first Thursday of each month.

Planning and Development Committee Meetings, last Monday of each month.

Membership Committee, second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Garden Work Days - Bowmanville & Gateway Gardens, 4th Saturday of each month (beginning April 25th), and 2nd Saturday of June & August, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BCO Garden Walk - Saturday, July 11th, 11:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

BCO Ice Cream Social - Sunday, August 16th, 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

BCO Halloween Party - Saturday, October 24th, more details to be announced

For up to the minute details on BCO Meeting/Event locations, dates and times, be sure to check www.bcochicago.org, or call 1-866-837-1006.

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2. Do you rent or own your home? _____

3. How many people are in your household? _____

4. What are their ages? _____

5. What are your hobbies and interests? _____

