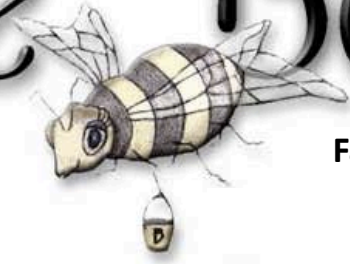


Bowmanville Bee

The Bowmanville neighborhood is bordered by Foster, Rosehill Cemetery, Ravenswood and Western. Visit our website at www.bcochicago.org.



Fall 2013

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2013-2014 Slate Announcement:

BCO Board of Directors and Nominating Committee

In accordance with our by-laws, we are pleased to present the following slate of candidates for election on October 24. Election will take place at the BCO Open Meeting.

If you missed a chance to join the board but still want to get involved, please get in touch at membership@bcochicago.org. There are many ways to keep Bowmanville moving forward – and enjoy your community at the same time.

A big **THANK YOU** to those who have graciously volunteered their time and leadership for the coming year.

2013-2014 Board of Directors

1. Kate Ferguson
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2014 Nominating Committee

Board reps: John Paraoan, Kathleen Moran, Barbara Wolke, alternate Paula Palmentera
Member reps: Noelle Braun-Etheridge, Laura Sabransky, Maria Gullo, Menghua Sun, alternate Jim Nagle

BCO Open Meeting and Annual Election OCT 24, 7pm at North Community Bank (5241 Western Avenue)

This meeting is open to all residents and friends of Bowmanville. Please join us Oct 24 to catch up on all things Bowmanville, visit with neighbors, and to formally vote for the new board and welcome them. All active members of the BCO are eligible to vote. Memberships can be renewed at the beginning of the meeting or online.

If you are not sure of your membership status please email treasurer@bcochicago.org.

Refreshments will be potluck style please bring something to share if you can.



Bowmanville's community newsletter, The Bowmanville Bee, is published quarterly with the goal of sharing the neighborhood buzz and promoting local business. Managing Editor Peggy Cassidy, Layout Editor Joey Chiappetta and Ad Manager Paula Palmentera 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.



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 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 are seeking a new volunteer to act as editor for the online newsletters and e-blasts 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.



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. Next up, we will be planning our strategy for 2014 events. Contact events@bcochicago.org to get involved in the planning.



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 or on our toll free line 1-866-837-1006. Please join any workdays when you see volunteers in the gardens. The scheduled work dates are included in this edition of the Bee's calendar.



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. This is definitely an area where you can see new ideas take flight. Our next meet up is the **BCO Open Meeting and election on October 24, 7PM at NCB**. We also have an ongoing series of informal 'Bee Social' meet-ups taking place around the community to bring neighbors together. Contact membership@bcochicago.org to help or with an idea for a next Bee Social. We'd love to hear from you.

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 advantageously grow 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: planning@bcochicago.org.



The BCO GreenSpace Committee continues its focus on fundraising and site planning for the newly acquired green space at 5384 N. Bowmanville. This committee is also working hard to expand the space. 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! To get involved, please contact greenspace@bcochicago.org.



The Public Art committee was formed in 2010 to explore the idea of a mural in the Berwyn pedestrian tunnel. That idea became reality very quickly! Do you have a good idea for additional public art in Bowmanville? Put it out there. Contact publicart@bcochicago.org for more information.

Part 2: Bowmanville Rich with Historic Roots

It's expected that Balmoral Ave. got its name from a famous castle in Scotland, the homeland of an early developer in the Bowmanville area, John Lewis Cochran. The last issue of The Bee outlined a number of other derivations of nearby east-west streets. This time around, Jim Nagle takes us on a brief tour of north-south streets and the significant historic places and people for whom they may have been named.

Because Bowmanville's north-south streets run the length of the city, the names are older and more connected with the history of Chicago than the more localized byways.

Western, for example, is the longest street in Chicago (23.5 miles long) and was once the western boundary of the city.

Charles Oakley and David Leavitt were trustees of the Michigan and Illinois Canal construction (1836-48), one of the early water transportation projects that made Chicago a key Midwestern hub even before the railroads.

Alexander Wolcott, a doctor, married Ellen Marion Kinzie, daughter of one of Chicago's founders, John Kinzie. Their wedding is said to have been the first recorded in the young city.

Hoyne Ave. is likely named for Thomas Hoyne, a lawyer who became U.S. Attorney and claimed the distinction of winning a prosecution while up against defense counsel Abraham Lincoln.

Father Arnold Damen was a Dutch Jesuit assigned to establish a parish on Chicago's near west side. The result, Holy Family Catholic Church, survived the Chicago Fire of 1871. Damen founded a school, and then expanded it into what is today St. Ignatius High School. This busy cleric also helped to establish Loyola University and Loyola Academy in the Rogers Park neighborhood.

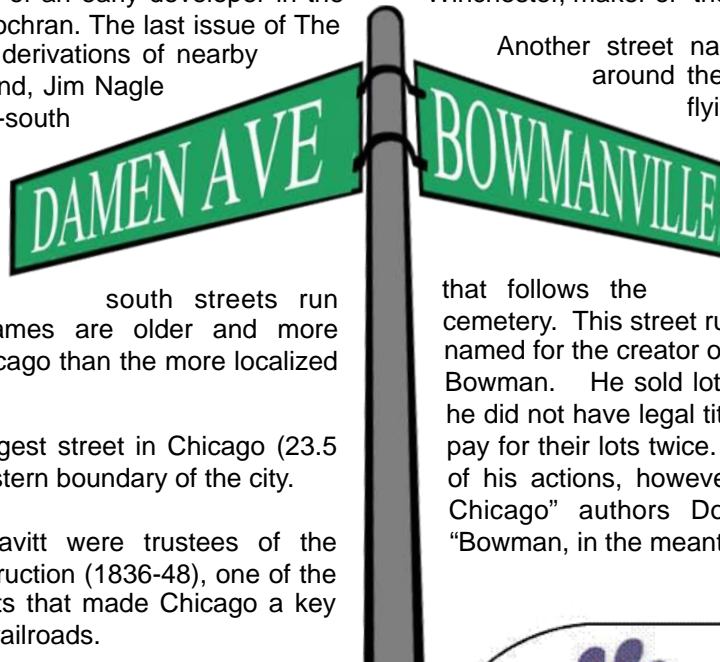
Another Chicago real estate developer, Henry Hamilton Honore, was honored for assisting in the development of Chicago's parks. His daughter, Bertha, married Potter Palmer and became one of Chicago's leading women in the late 1800s.

According to one source, Winchester is named after a region in England. Another source suggests that Winchester was a town near the site of one of General Sheridan's Civil War victories.

Others wonder if the name could have come from Oliver Winchester, maker of "the gun that won the West."

Another street naming involves developers looking around the neighborhood and seeing ravens flying from the trees: Ravenswood was the name they chose, or so the story goes.

Of course, our community shares its name with the street that follows the southern border of Rosehill cemetery. This street runs in this neighborhood only and is named for the creator of the term "Bowmanville," Jessie B. Bowman. He sold lots in the area, but it turned out that he did not have legal title to the land, so the buyers had to pay for their lots twice. Jessie avoided the consequences of his actions, however, for in the words of "Streetwise Chicago" authors Don Hayner and Tom McNamee, "Bowman, in the meantime, had skipped town."



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The Metra/UP North construction project continues – as if you didn't know.

The area along the Metra tracks on Ravenswood continues to look a bit like Kabul, as the track work progresses on the eastern edge of the Bowmanville community. All along Ravenswood as far south as

To recap, Metra plans to replace bridges over 22 streets along the line and is building a completely new Ravenswood

Station that many neighborhood residents will utilize. Additionally, a new station is set to be built north of Rosehill Cemetery, at Peterson and Ridge.

Construction includes replacing all 11 bridges over Balmoral, Foster, Winnemac, Lawrence, Leland, Wilson, Sunnyside, Montrose, Berteau, Irving Park and Grace.

The Balmoral and Foster Avenues bridges are at the northern extent of the first phase of this project. To meet commuter service needs, the Metra design allows for two tracks to remain open during construction. A new track along the western edge of the elevated right of way required the construction of retaining walls along that edge. That work is underway, with the retaining wall between Balmoral and Foster nearly complete. Fence posts atop the wall have been installed and curbs for the condominium parking area on Ravenswood have been replaced. Landscape restoration is expected to begin in 2014, and the third track is expected to be operational by the summer of 2014.

The area adjacent to the Gateway Gardens continues to be utilized for construction materials staging and may be required for future construction work, as well. Projected to start in late 2014, the 'center' section of the old bridges will be removed and new bridges for a second track will be built.

Elsewhere in the dusty haze, the resurfacing project on Foster Avenue -- from east of Harlem Avenue to Ashland Avenue -- is expected to be completed by October 31, 2013. In the meantime, drivers are urged to pay close attention to the signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, watch for workers and expect continued delays.

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Well done, Bowmanville!

What a fun night we had at the September 28 Pub Crawl and Poker Run -- a great chance to get our neighbors out to the local pubs for a good cause. The event took in nearly \$1,000 to help support Bowmanville's green spaces. Fifty-five players participated, with many others joining in for the liquid pleasures.

Congratulations to Pete Brooks for winning the 1st Place prize for the best hand (4 eights, Ace high). Cynthia Brown came in 2nd and Heather Cox grabbed 3rd Place. To prove that it's not all in the winning, Ryan Coon was all smiles with his prize for the worst hand! Raffle winners took home some great prizes too.

Big thanks to the volunteers who organized, acted as 'dealers' or did scorecard sales for the event.

Finally, a huge thank you goes to each of the five pubs: Claddagh Ring, Bobbie's Runaway Tavern, Leadway Cafe, Big Joe's, and K's Dugout. Stop in often to let them know we appreciate their contribution to the neighborhood!



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3rd prize winner Heather Cox, accepting her prize from BCO Board member Jeff Graves



2nd place winner Cynthia Brown



Worst hand 'winner' Ryan Coon, accepting condolences



Strikers Locked Out At Drake & Son

Last we checked some 59 funeral directors, embalmers and drivers around the Chicago area continue to be locked out of their respective businesses. The strike, which includes employees of local Drake and Son Funeral Home, turned into a lockout August 19, when SCI Illinois Services, Inc. declined an offer made by Teamsters Local 727 for union members to return to work without an agreed-upon contract.

The local strikers have setup their outpost in front of Drake and Son Funeral Home at the corner of Berwyn Avenue and Western Avenue and have been there since mid-July. Their setup has occasionally included the giant inflatable rat, known to turn up at various union rallies around Chicago.

SCI, the owner of Rosehill Cemetery and Drake and Son Funeral Home maintains that it had made a "very generous contract proposal, including 9% in wage

increases over the next two years, yet there is still a substantial difference between the bargaining positions of the company and the union," according to an SCI news release.

Balmoral Nursing Home Outreach Planned

The BCO is in the process of gathering a small group of people to do some outreach to the Balmoral Nursing home, hoping to build a mutually supportive neighbor relationship. Please share with us any specific issues you'd like to see addressed, keeping in mind that it takes volunteers to tackle issues. If you are concerned and want to see change, please consider getting involved. If you are willing to join in this effort or have feedback, please contact planning@bcochicago.org.



5K Run/Walk for Goldie's Place OCT 20

Race Start Time - 8AM

Pre-Race Registration - 7AM

5K Run/Walk registration: signmeup.com

Alderman O'Connor is hosting the 2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk for Goldie's Place on Sunday, October 20, 2013. The race begins and ends at the intersection of Bryn Mawr and Kedzie Avenues and follows a route that winds throughout the scenic riverside neighborhoods and Legion Park. Race proceeds support the work of a 40th Ward based service organization, Goldie's Place (goldiesplace.org), an amazing support center for people who are homeless.

Neighborhood Bank Robbed

The FBI continues its search for a suspect in the September 18th armed robbery of the North Community Bank branch at 5241 N. Western Avenue.

According to Chicago Police, the bank was robbed close to 1:10 PM. FBI officials said the man, who entered the bank with a backpack and a gun, then fled with an unknown amount of cash. No one was injured.



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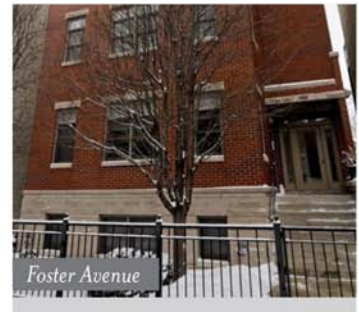
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Halloween Happenings In The Hood

After many years of hosting and co-hosting events celebrating fall and Halloween, in 2013 the BCO will focus on enjoying the many local events that have evolved and are so wonderful. We encourage you to go to them too, and volunteer or participate in whatever way works for you. Many of them offer local business sponsorship opportunities, most are free and all are fun.

- **RPMS Pumpkinpalooza**, with the pumpkin patch and more – **Oct 19, 11am-2pm** (new time this year). In 2013, this event is hosted solely by Rogers Park Montessori School (RPMS). All proceeds will benefit RPMS. As a past co-host of this event, the BCO wishes RPMS much success this year. We hope to see many neighbors enjoying the festivities as RPMS carries on this fall tradition in our community. If you have questions contact tmorgan@rpmschool.org.
- **ASNA Howl-o-ween Pet Parade** – **Oct 26, details TBC**, check www.asnachicago.org
- **Gethsemane Children's Fall Festival** – **Oct 26, 11am-4pm**, check www.gethsemanegardens.com for updates
- **WANT Ghostly Garden** – **Oct 26, 5:30-6:30**, check www.westandersonville.com for updates
- **Andersonville Trick or Treating & Costume Contest** – **Details TBC**, check Andersonville Chamber of Commerce site or Cheetah Gym site
- **Lincoln Scared and Ravenswooooood!** – **Oct 26, Details TBC**, check www.lincolnsquare.org/pages/HalloweenHappenings/



RPMS Hosts Annual Pumpkinpalooza

Rogers Park Montessori School will hold its 4th annual Pumpkinpalooza festival on Saturday, October 19, from 11 AM-2 PM on the corner of Balmoral and Ravenswood avenues. Residents of the Bowmanville community are invited to participate in this year's festivities featuring a children's costume parade, cake walk, chili cook-off and family friendly entertainment. The famous "RPMS Pumpkin Patch" will have pumpkins of all sizes available for sale.

Additionally, RPMS will also collect new and gently used winters coats and jackets for its "Care for Real" Coat Drive.

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Changes to Nature Preserve Plan?

The West Ridge Nature Preserve Park Advisory Council, formed to influence the design of the future West Ridge Nature Preserve, has submitted their first recommendations to the Chicago Park District.

Included in the document are 15 recommendations to the original proposal. Among the suggestions, that the area be maintained as a genuine wildlife preserve open to viewing, nature appreciation and education, that all paths be permeable and that no boating, fishing, bikes or dogs be allowed.

The Chicago Park District is expected to respond to these recommendations prior to any further action. For details of the recommendations or to join the Park Advisory Council, check out www.facebook.com/groups/park568/.

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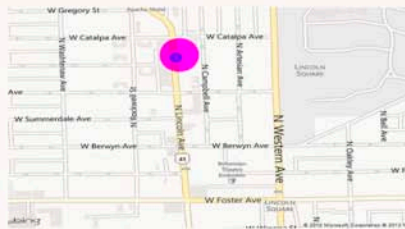
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The bicycle sharing system landed in Chicago in June 2013 with 750 bikes and 75 stations. It now claims 400 stations across town, with 4,000 heavy-duty “utility” bikes, available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Launched by the Chicago Department of Transportation and operated by Chicago Bike Share, a subsidiary of Alta Bicycle Share, Divvy brings Chicago into a network of bike share systems already in operation in DC, Boston, Chattanooga and Melbourne, Australia.

They are intended to offer an affordable, environmentally friendly option to drivers, and a faster trip to and from Chicago's public transportation.

It's said that former Mayor Richard M. Daley brought the idea of the shared bike system back from a 2007 trip to Paris. He began looking for a vendor to create the Chicago system, but found that the cost was too high for the city to fund. By 2012, however, Alta came in with an affordable program and was awarded the city contract.

The thriftiest use of the system is with an annual membership. Seventy-five dollars gives you unlimited 30-minute trips from any Divvy station to another for a year. Each Divvy station has “a touchscreen kiosk, station map, and a docking system that releases bikes using a member key or ride code. You must be 16 years or older to ride Divvy.” Daily and hourly rentals are also available (visit divvybikes.com for more), with the closest currently operating stations are at Damen and Leland, and Clark and Winnemac.

So, maybe you're not a rider and you'll never consider mounting a Divvy bike, but if you're a resident of Chicago – and if you're a driver in Chicago -- you'll need to get used to them. It appears they're here to stay and fans of the program will “Ride On!”

Another Bouncing Bowmanville Baby Boy!



Evan Patrick Kelly was born to Summerdale Avenue residents Megan and Patrick Kelly at 4:15pm on August 11, 2013. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 4 oz. He's grown a bit since then, but is still the smallest member of the family.

Evan's excited to meet everyone in the neighborhood, so say “Hi” if you see him and his big, proud brother, Cormac. They'll likely be accompanied by one or both of their parents, Megan and Patrick, both of whom are also interested in making your acquaintance.

Snapshots from a Perfect Summer Day



Trick Shooter Social club treated attendees to great music at the BCO Summer Social.



The BCO Summer Social was very 'chill'.



Neighbor Larry Liss in the groove with Trick Shooter Social Club at the BCO Summer Social.

Get Active in one of Chicago's Top Community Organizations

The Bowmanville Community Organization invites all interested members, neighbors and friends to become active in this community. Much help is needed to keep Bowmanville thriving. Here are some ideas of how you could help out. Contact membership@bcochicago.org to get involved. We've got something for everyone.

The BCO Needs:

- Membership Outreach help
- e-Communications help (update our website, edit eBlasts, update Facebook)
- Help to put together GreenSpace usage guidelines
- GreenSpace maintenance help
- GreenSpace committee chair
- Help to maintain and improve the community garden spaces
- Help feed the gardening volunteers
- Gardening committee chair
- Bee Delivery volunteer for the 1900 Summerdale/Berwyn block
- Event planning for recurring events, Bee Socials, Open Meetings and more.
- Writers, Photographers, Graphic Design help
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☐ Membership outreach ☐ Gardening ☐ Finance
☐ GreenSpace initiatives ☐ Planning and Development ☐ Bee delivery
☐ Public Art initiatives ☐ Communications (newsletters, website, email, Facebook)

Please take a moment to answer the questions below. Your answers will help us focus our efforts on your behalf.

What year did you move to Bowmanville? _____

Do you live in a house or multi-unit building? ☐ House ☐ Multi-unit (>2 units)

How many adults (18-65) are in your household? ____ How many seniors (over 65) are in your household? ____

How many children (under 18) are in your household? ____

What type of new BCO programming would interest you? _____

Comments or feedback? _____

BCO Calendar of Events

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



Oct 9	Community Garden work night	
Oct 9	Police Beat 2012 CAPS meeting	
Oct 19	RPMS Pumpkinpalooza	11am-2pm
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