

Bowmanville Bee



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Bowmanville Keeps Moving Forward

by Claire Shingler

This community is the best little corner of Chicago. At least that is my opinion. Having volunteered as part of the community for 8 of my 9 years in Bowmanville, I have had a birds eye view of how things have changed, and how they have stayed the same. Both are what make this community great. Here are some of the things that make it great for me. Maybe you feel the same way.

- Its location, tucked away with quiet Rosehill Cemetery as our northern neighbor, strategically situated between Lincoln Square and Andersonville, and just close enough to the lake and public transport to embrace those resources.
- The tradition of neighborliness and volunteerism: hospitality is a hallmark of this community, from neighbors supporting one another on their blocks, to the outpouring of support and participation in the myriad of BCO events and initiatives over the years. People are not hesitant to support one another and be involved in the community.
- Its green roots and shared resources: from that first community garden established along Bowmanville Avenue many years ago, to the vegetable gardens on Ravenswood and the BCO GreenSpace. I love the traditions of gardening the parkways and corners, the swings, the resting spots, and the Little Free library or balance log you might see in front yards, and the respect our neighbors have for efforts in green and sustainable living.

As members of this community, our cause - creating an environment in which residents can thrive and evolving our area in a positive direction - is not hard to get behind. What we do affects everyday life for ourselves, for our families and neighbors, and for the future. I have been thrilled to be part of so many wonderful things: acquisition of new and permanent green space, creation of a community driven public art mural, the blossoming of community vegetable gardening, development of models for partnerships to other groups, embracing technology and so much more. With that I offer a heartfelt thank you to those who have supported me in my leadership roles for the BCO over the last 6 years. I look forward to supporting new leaders who offer their own time and talent to the community in 2015 and onward. Please come out to the BCO Open Meeting & Election to thank our volunteers in person and to welcome in the 2015 leadership team.

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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 have recently joined twitter! 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. 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 with an idea for a next Bee Social or to pitch in on any event.** We'd love to hear from you. Over the winter we'll hold some informal Bee Social events at local venues or homes, and start planning for our 2015 event lineup.



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 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 is Oct. 23. Reach out via email at 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: planning@bcochicago.org.



The BCO GreenSpace Committee strives to complete development and creating a maintenance plan for the green space at 5384 N. Bowmanville. This committee 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. Please join us in this effort! To get involved, please contact greenspace@bcochicago.org.



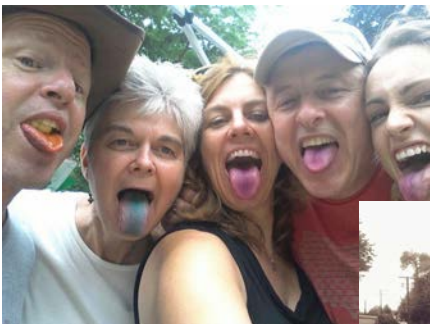
The Public Art committee was formed in 2010 to explore the idea of a mural in the Berwyn pedestrian tunnel. That idea became reality very quickly! Do you have a good idea for additional public art in Bowmanville? Put it out there. Contact publicart@bcochicago.org for more information.

First Local Oktoberfest a grand finale to the BCO events season

Nothing says Oktoberfest like beer and brats...and Bowmanvillagers gathered to welcome the change of seasons.

The BCO and Griffin Theatre hosted a first Oktoberfest in the soon-to-be-theater parking lot on Sept. 27, and it was all about local – local breweries Aquanaut, Begyle, Empirical, Half Acre and Metropolitan all stepped up to whet the whistles of fest attendees, while Chef Martin returned with scrumptious selections from the grill.

Live music featuring Bowmanville locals kept the crowd of 500 entertained and feet tapping. Thanks to all who pitched in to put this great event together. The Oktoberfest capped off a season of great events in Bowmanville, including the summer social, block parties galore, Bee social outings and more. Enjoy moments from those days in the photos below.



40th Ward Alderman Faces Opposition in February

by Peggy Cassidy



Patrick J. O'Connor has been 40th Ward Alderman since his election at the age of 28. Although he's run for that office unopposed in the past, he'll face a contender come Election Day, Feb. 24, 2015.

O'Connor, most often seen as an ally to embattled Mayor Rahm Emanuel, has been overseeing the 40th Ward in 1983, a 30-year career that has not been without its critics. Among them is longtime ward resident and CPS math/science teacher, Dianne Daleiden.

"I am running for 40th Ward Alderman because we need a representative who is independent of City Hall and its corporate machine," the candidate states on her web site.

Having moved to the 40th about the same time O'Connor took office, Daleiden raised her son in the area before pursuing a teaching career. Her campaign platform focuses on six main issues: maintain strong and safe public schools, invest in our neighborhoods, restore public trust, fight for human rights, keep our neighborhoods safe and create jobs while growing the economy.

O'Connor, in his many years of public service, has been a standout among his City Council colleagues, sponsoring a number of successful bills in his tenure, as stated on his web site, to stand up "for what is right and best for the people he serves."

Daleiden's platform is not unaligned with that commitment, although her presentation puts a fine point on the interests of government and corporations vs. those of local citizens.

"Chicagoans love our city too much to let corrupt machine politicians bankrupt our city by selling off our public assets and our community values. Our city uses all of us as profit centers for corporations," she contends.

O'Connor recently made headlines for his part in the introduction and quick passage of an ordinance that shifted investigative authority for City Council members and aldermanic staff to the city inspector general." This move bolsters the authority of the city inspector general, consolidating responsibilities that were once split between the city inspector general and the legislative inspector general.

O'Connor was himself a target of an ethics investigation by legislative IG Faisal Khan. The ordinance put before the CCC passed with little debate by a 41-6 vote. Over site of Council members now goes to the City Inspector General's Office.

Responding to criticism on that issue, O'Connor said, "The reality is this is a step that most people felt was an appropriate measure to take years ago, and whether or not the people want to question the motivation, the result will be a more comprehensive office."

While the February elections (Feb. 25) seem a long way off, it's not too soon for voters to do due diligence in the aldermanic as well as the crowded mayoral race in Chicago. Broader elections are just around the corner on Nov. 4, and include the Illinois Gubernatorial race, the U.S. Senate race and several other significant local races.

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Neighborhood School Makes Strides



With the start of school comes several items from Joe Peila, Principal of Chappell Elementary School, at Leavitt and Foster. For starters, the school has hit a new high in its enrollment, with 560 students registered in Pre-K - 8th Grade. Last year's shuttering of

Trumbull brought many transfer students to Chappell, and Peila is quick to volunteer that they are most welcome.

And there's plenty of good news on the academic front. The Illinois Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT), aligned this year with the more rigorous Common Core State Standards, were administered in Spring 2014. Grades 3-8 were tested in reading and math and science was added for grades 4 and 7. Chappell students achieved higher than the state average in grade 3 (reading, math), grade 4 (math, science), grade 5 (reading), grade 6 (reading, math), grade 7 (reading, science) and grade 8 (math).

"We're proud of our students and their achievements!" Peila said.

Chappell is already in compliance with the new Chicago Public Schools Physical Education initiative. Students have 90 minutes of PE weekly and 60 minutes of health education. The school also received an "Excelling" score on the CPS Creative Schools Certification. Students receive 60 minutes of Art weekly, 60-90 minutes of music and 30-60 minutes of library/media, depending upon the grade level. K-8 students also study Spanish during the week, from 30-120 minutes, depending upon the grade level.

Chappell also has a thriving band (grades 4-8), grade 6-8 sports programs, a ballroom dance team, a yearly school musical and a variety of other before-or-after school programs. Most importantly, we now offer before-school and after-school care through our partnerships with the Lakeview YMCA and the Chicago Park District.

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RPMS Shares Construction Plans

Plans for a bigger, better Rogers Park Montessori School, 1800 W. Balmoral Ave., are underway. The construction, while within current zoning and not on any public property, may impact nearby residents as it proceeds, so principal Debbie Senoff-Langford shared the following letter to inform the neighborhood and layout the details.

Dear Neighbors,

Beginning on October 13, 2014, Rogers Park Montessori School will begin a construction project to expand the facility towards the north portion of our property. The completion date for the project is expected to be in August 2015. All construction will take place within school grounds.

RPMS has hired the firm of Bulley & Andrews (B&A) to be the general contractor for the project. B&A has a strong safety record, and considers safety and training to be one of their top priorities. To that end, they have assigned a certified Safety Director to work on our account during construction. The Safety Director will be responsible for enforcement of the construction safety protocol and rules with all contractors and subcontractors and will monitor their compliance.

Beginning October 13th, B&A will begin their mobilization process, bringing equipment on-site and preparing the area for construction. Everyone's goal during this project is ensure the safety of our neighbors, families, children, staff and visitors of our school and to minimize disruption to the school and the neighborhood to the extent possible. Construction is not expected to disrupt our carpool process and, as result, should not impact traffic any more than normal. However, there will be no parking in our school lot during construction so staff and the construction crew will need to find street parking during school hours. There will only be an impact to neighborhood parking from 7:00am-4:00pm M-F.

As we move through the construction process, we will continue to keep the community up to date with any changes. Alderman O'Connor is aware of the project and we will continue to be in communication with his office throughout the project.

We truly appreciate your support during this construction period and we will do our best to minimize any disruption to the neighborhood.

*In peace,
Debbie Senoff-Langford
Principal, Rogers Park Montessori School*

BCO President Claire Shingler, who is a parent of RPMS students, says the school is "... adding things like classroom and lab space and improved theater and gym facilities, mainly geared toward the upper-elementary aged kids." The expansion is in line with

the school's forecasted growth plan as the middle school numbers increase with more families staying at the school through 8th grade. The school's total enrollment will top out at around 400 students, age 2 through grade 8. Visit rpmschool.org for more information about the school.

Pumpkinpalooza Returns to Bowmanville



Rogers Park Montessori School will hold its 5th annual Pumpkinpalooza festival on **Sat., Oct. 18, from 11 AM – 1 PM** on the corner of Balmoral and Ravenswood avenues. Residents of the Bowmanville community are invited to join this year's festivities featuring a children's costume parade, fun fall activities and friendly entertainment.

The famous "RPMS Pumpkin Patch" will have pumpkins of all sizes available for sale. RPMS will also collect new and gently used winter coats and jackets for its "Care for Real" Coat Drive. For more information about Pumpkinpalooza, contact Billy Surber, Associate Director of Advancement, at bsurber@rpmschool.org or (773)271-1700.



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Urban Gardening: How Community Composting Made My Summer

By Debbie Diesing

As I sit at home on this cool Sunday afternoon in September, excitement floods my senses anticipating the change in seasons and community gatherings to come. Reflecting on some slower months of summer, it was Urban Gardening that connected me to this community. With a great deal of encouragement and support, I graciously accepted plot #9 and attended my first BCO Gardening meeting.

For any of my neighbors reading this, it was me who asked fearfully about RATS. After a great deal of reassurance and shared practical information from experienced gardeners, I was able to worry less and to learn more about soil, seeds, sun and COMPOSTING, which became one of my new favorite words this summer. My seven-year-old son will likely confirm that my boisterous pronunciation of the word COMPOSTING sounded like a Civil War battle cry as I marched proudly down the block to our beautiful community garden, countertop container of collected decay in hand.

Embracing another favorite word, COMMUNITY and all it means to me, I enjoyed all phases of my first season as an urban gardener. As my employer, Rogers Park Montessori School, supports the plot, it was a joy to have so many little hands helping me plant tiny seeds in rows of rich, black soil. Kids on the block would ride bikes with me to water and weed. Again, it felt great to hear laughter and to see their interest in observing the life cycle of plants. We could hardly wait to see what the plants would do next. As those of you who pass by know, this was a great year for growing tiny tomatoes, long cucumbers and so much more. We harvested plenty and shared in the fruits of our labor. Humans and classroom pets enjoyed fresh fruits and veggies all summer long. A friendly neighbor/gardener recently made the yummiest Pesto with some of the basil we grew.

In conclusion, Plot #9 with the little Nome was a gift that keeps on giving. Through taking on this new adventure in urban gardening, I met new neighbors, saw familiar neighbors in a new light, learned two new recipes

for pole beans, got some good gardening tips, tasted delicious organic home grown goodness and have been inspired to continue gardening with children, urban style.

Thank you abound: to Claire Shingler for the great plot and encouraging me to just do it; to David for his dedication and great communication; to the children and parents of RPMS for their generous sharing, to Dad for the giant cages; to my son and my friends on the block for working cooperatively with each other and with me; and, finally, to Molly, Kristen and Juliana from school – because it took all of you to help me arrive here. And, I'm happy to report that I still haven't seen any sign of rats!

Ground Broken On Nearby Nature Preserve

by Peggy Cassidy



Mayor Rahm Emanuel was in the neighborhood in early September to help break ground for the West Ridge Nature Preserve at Western and Bryn Mawr. The preserve has been years in the planning, with the city having purchased the 20-acre area from Rosehill

Cemetery nearly four years ago. A preliminary plan designed by a Chicago landscape architecture firm called for the preserve to include fishing stations, wildlife viewing, walking trails and a place to launch canoes or kayaks.

In response to community fears of wildlife disruption, the city is now working with the Chicago Ornithological Society to ensure life on the preserve is protected and wildlife habitat not disturbed in the process.

"What we want to do is just provide a little 'TLC' to the land, take out the invasive species and some of the undesired undergrowth," Chicago Park District Director of Planning and Construction, Rob Rejman, told WTTW. Already, a reported 25% of the trees on the long-neglected property have been taken down.

A 2013 report from WTTW said, "The redevelopment will cost about \$3.5 million, the bulk of it coming from federal grant money, but \$700,000 coming from TIF funds." The city says it'll be worth the expense and will be a better alternative than the several big box stores which had previously shown interest in the acreage.

Autumn 2014 was the original target date for completion, but the groundbreaking was Sept. 6.

Falling Leaves – Pesky Problem or Rich Resource?

By Russ Klettke

As a mature neighborhood – meaning, we have many large trees, some older than us – Bowmanville consequently has many leaves in the fall season. OK, so that's hardly Breaking News on CNN. But what we choose to do with those leaves might challenge your assumptions:

Let them blow away – You can probably get away with this, but don't think others don't notice. If the leaves settle in on your lawn (or your neighbors'), they might smother the grass.

Rake* and dispose – In Chicago, we can bag our leaves and place them next to (not in) the blue recycling bins in the alley. Larger tree branches, dead bushes, etc. can be placed there too. All yard waste is hauled away by the city (April through November) to an industrial-scale composting facility that ultimately supplies community gardens, urban farms and city landscaping.

Rake and KEEP – Tree leaves make a special kind of mulch and compost. If you compost kitchen waste, leaves can be mixed in to create a useful carbon-nitrogen balance (things from trees generally have more carbon). But you can also use leaves to mulch any kind of garden bed or areas around trees. Either lay it on top of the area to be mulched or work some gently into the top 2-3 inches of dirt. Take care to water it down, which holds it in place and promotes the decomposition process. You might add sticks or chicken wire to hold the leaves in windier locations.

Mulching a garden bed in winter serves two additional functions. One is to protect tree and perennial roots from drying out. Another is to prevent premature growth of plants in a premature winter warm spell.

If you opt for the mulching method, you can promote faster decomposition by shredding the leaves, done most efficiently by running a lawn mower over them.

You can also save your leaves for use as mulch next spring. It's simple: just bag them up and store over the winter. Use a plastic bag if you plan to store the leaves outdoors, or paper if indoors. Placed against a building foundation, there might be a small insulation benefit from leaf bags as well; against a fence (and weighted down by watering the leaves), these bags can also serve as a windbreak.

Finally, if you have an elderly neighbor or live near an unoccupied home, ask the owner if you can rake and take their leaves. It's hard to imagine anyone would object.

Russ Klettke is a Bowmanville-based business and sustainability writer, part-time fitness trainer and leaf thief. Seriously, he will steal your leaves. Especially the red ones, which make for an awesomely pretty mulch for a month or two.

*Raking is excellent exercise that engages core, shoulder, back, leg and arm muscles. The time you spend raking on an autumn afternoon may also provide beneficial sun exposure that helps your body store Vitamin D. Conversely, leaf blowers use fossil fuels that were hauled across oceans from sometimes hostile countries.

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Filling up for Five Bucks: Scooter Story

By Brendan Dry

Chicago residents—have you noticed our famously wide and linear boulevards beginning to resemble their European counterparts? No, our city isn't trading asphalt for cobblestones. Rather, a spike in motorized scooter traffic is bringing a taste of Old Venice to the Windy City. And that's good news for the scooter enthusiasts at ScooterWorks Chicago like Meridee Hodges, who's been selling scooters at Chicago's largest scooter retailer for several years.

"I've been using my scooter every day—yes, including the winters—for 3 years now," says Hodges. "It was the smartest decision I ever made!"

Hodges, a Bowmanville resident who also owns the design firm Mdeesigns, has used just about every mode of transportation in her 20 years in Chicago. But at a friend's urging, she purchased a scooter and hasn't looked back since. She's one of a growing number of scooter users in America, and theorizes that a combination of amazing gas mileage (many scooters get over 100 miles to the gallon) and the ability to park just about anywhere are driving the increased interest in scooters as an alternative to automobiles.

"So many of my customers here are couples who are looking for a second vehicle, but don't really want to invest in another car. When I tell them that I pay about 5 bucks a week in gas -- that and you can park a scooter on any Chicago street, including streets that require permit parking -- people tend to be pretty interested."

Hodges hopes to have the chance to spread the gospel of scooters to skeptics and seekers alike, and ScooterWorks is offering Fall discounts as an incentive to those interested in taking the leap. Shoppers will find price tags ranging from about \$1000 to \$5000, the largest factor in pricing being the size of the engine in the vehicle.

"Scooters really are versatile—a 50cc engine could get you around the city; I've even seen riders on Lake Shore Drive. For those who envision trips out to the country, maybe including some highway driving, you can buy a bike with a bigger engine. They can take you anywhere."

In many ways, scooters are the vehicle of choice in cities from Asia, to Africa, to Europe. And it seems that urbanites in Chicago are starting to catch on as well. Riders like Meridee are ready to welcome you to the club! Visit ScooterWorks Chicago, 5410 N Damen, Chicago, or online at www.scooterworkschicago.com

Air Traffic Noise and Pollution: What? I Can't Hear You!

*The outrage over increased air traffic noise stemming from new runway operations at O'Hare has been the talk of the town (on the northwest side anyway), and there's at least one group of objectors who aren't going to take it sitting down. **Michael Puccini, of the FAiR Civic Team**, shared this with The Bee:*

If the alarming increase in O'Hare airplane noise and toxic pollution is adversely affecting you and your family, the Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) Coalition invites you to join our rapidly growing coalition of citizens and civics throughout Chicago's NW side and neighboring suburbs.

FAiR actively seeks a real voice at O'Hare to secure an equitable distribution of takeoffs and landings, day and night, east and west, and the use of all existing runways including the diagonals. FAiR is the leading voice for residents on this critical issue.

It is our Coalition's experience that citizens and civic organizations concerned about the severe impact on our communities from increased noise and air pollution occurring as a result of the new October 2013 runway configurations have not had a seat at the table in the development and implementation of how O'Hare takeoff and landing patterns were designed.

FAiR supports the economic engine that is O'Hare, but believes that as our neighbor, the airport must work with the community to determine when and where those engines fly over homes, schools, parks and businesses. FAiR hopes to obtain acceptable solutions to community concerns, while helping shape future plans to avoid conflict.

To date, that conversation with communities has been non-existent, with the unfortunate viewpoint given that the communities will simply have to live with the consequences resulting from October 2013 and O'Hare Modernization Plan (OMP) changes yet to come. The FAiR Coalition seeks to replace that antiquated institutional practice with a democratic approach involving a modern assessment of the risks and rewards for both O'Hare and surrounding communities. The Coalition's goal is a better future involving a real voice for communities and solutions arising out of collaboration between the citizenry and government. Solutions to these types of challenges are not only technical in nature, but are, more importantly, democratic in substance.

What can you do? As a neighbor, resident and fellow citizen, we ask you to join FAiR at www.fairchicago.org. Then...

- Sign our online petition
- Report your noise complaints directly through the FAiR website
- Contact your elected officials, Congressman Quigley in particular.
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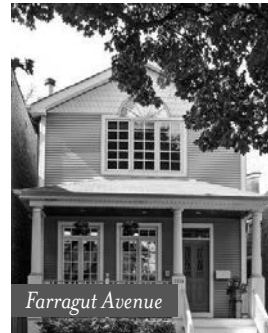
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- Event Planning: ☐ Street Sale ☐ Garden Walk ☐ Summer Social ☐ Fall Event (TBD)
- ☐ Membership outreach ☐ Gardening ☐ Finance
- ☐ GreenSpace initiatives ☐ Planning and Development ☐ Bee delivery
- ☐ Public Art initiatives ☐ Communications (newsletters, 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? ____

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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)



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| Oct 18 | RPMS Pumpkinpalooza | 11am-1pm |
| Oct 23 | BCO Fall Open Meeting and Election | 7pm |
| Oct 25 | Community Garden workday | 9:30-3:30pm |
| Oct 25 | WANT Ghostly Garden | 5:30-6:30pm |
| Oct 25 | ASNA Pet Parade email Mike.Hillgamy@gmail.com | |
| Oct 25 | Lincoln Scared Business Trick or Treating | 11am-2pm |
| Oct 25 | Ravenswoooooood Business Trick or Treating | 2pm-5pm |
| Oct 25 | Gethsemane Children's Fall Festival | 11am-4pm |
| Nov 12 | Community Gardening evening | 6pm until dusk |
| Nov 15 | Veggie gardens 'Put to Bed' deadline | |
| Dec 10 | Police Beat 2012 CAPS Meeting | 7pm at 1609 W Gregory |

*Contact secy@bcochicago.org for BCO Board meeting locations as they change monthly