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Gardeners Welcome Spring At Area Oases
by David Johnston

It's finally the season avid gardeners so look forward to, and in Bowmanville the arrival of spring marks a flurry of activity at the community gardens across our burg. If you are unfamiliar with the neighborhood garden locations, here's a quick reference:

**Gateway:** N. Ravenswood at W. Balmoral Ave. - ornamental and veggie gardens and gathering spot  
**Westgate:** W. Berwyn at N. Bowmanville and Western avenues bump outs- ornamental gardens  
**Bowmanville:** 5386-5410 N. Bowmanville Ave., along the cemetery wall - ornamental and veggie gardens  
**Greenspace:** 5384 N. Bowmanville Ave. – ornamental gardens, play area & gathering spot

Plot applications for vegetable gardens in Gateway and Bowmanville gardens went on line in January and plot assignments were completed in March. There are 19 returning gardeners, 13 new gardeners, and 10 plots unavailable due to construction. There is a wait list for plots that may become available during this season. Submission of a garden plot application is required to get on the wait list. Visit the gardening page at [www.BCOChicago.org](http://www.BCOChicago.org) to find a link to the application. Catch up on more gardening news on page 4.

![Gardeners Welcome Spring At Area Oases](image)

Donations and volunteerism are already visible around the gardens.

Left, Nick Rupard and Travis Kluska install a new vegetable bed in Bowmanville that was donated by neighbor Diane Wagner.

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**Mark your calendars:**

**June 7 Bowmanville Street Sale**
**July 12 Bowmanville Garden Walk and photo contest**

Applications are out - sign up now!
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. Next up is the Bowmanville Street Sale June 7, followed by the Bowmanville Garden Walk, July 12. Applications on the website and included in this issue.

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. 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.
Half Acre
Brewery Comes to Bowmanville
by Lori Morlock

Half Acre Brewery – the local Chicago producer of beers such as Daisy Cutter Pale Ale and Gossamer Golden Ale – is about to get much more local. In March of this year, the brewery purchased the property at 2050 W. Balmoral Ave., which formerly belonged to Duray Lighting Company and which was the site of the proposed charter school in 2013. The facility is approximately 57,000 square feet and sits on 1.8 acres of land. Zoned M1-2, it is a permissible location for restaurants, taverns, food and beverage sales, as well as for most manufacturing, warehousing, and wholesaling.

During discussions with BCO representatives, Half Acre president Gabriel Magliaro expressed his excitement about the company’s expansion into the neighborhood and provided details about his vision for the new location. According to Magliaro, the Balmoral facility will significantly broaden Half Acre’s brewing capacity and will complement – not replace – their current Lincoln Ave. brewery. The east side of the new building will be devoted to brewing, while the west side will house corporate offices. In the middle of the U-shaped building, Half Acre will have retail space that includes an indoor taproom as well as an outdoor beer garden (the brewery is pursuing a tavern license for these services). Both the indoor and outdoor spaces will offer food service, complete with a kids’ menu. To limit disruption to the residential streets, visitors to the brewery will enter from Rascher Avenue. Parking will be available within Half Acre’s courtyard on Rascher and as with the Lincoln Ave. location, brewery tours will be offered on Saturday mornings.

Current zoning of M1/M2 is sufficient for all of Half Acre’s plans, but the brewery intends to pursue a zoning change to C3. C3 zoning would allow an increase in the amount of dedicated retail space beyond the 4000 square feet allowed by M1/M2.

While many Bowmanville residents welcomed the news of Half Acre’s expansion into the community, some neighbors have voiced concerns about the potential of increased traffic, intoxicated patrons, and odors emitted from the facility during the brewing process. During meetings with BCO representatives, Magliaro emphasized Half Acre’s willingness to address community concerns. Traffic, he said, might be minimized by having Rascher Ave. changed from two-way to one-way eastbound. He also provided assurances that his staff is well-trained and can effectively manage drinkers who are nearing their limit, though he noted that Half Acre patrons are generally not “boozers,” but people who genuinely appreciate the beer-making process. As for concerns about odors emitted during brewing, Magliaro said the Balmoral facility will employ new machines that do not release potentially foul-smelling condensate into the air.

The BCO also contacted Alderman Ameya Pawar’s office and the Northcenter Neighborhood Association to find out what kind of neighbor Half Acre has been at the Lincoln Ave. location. Pawar’s office said that they have not received any complaints about Half Acre, that the brewery keeps its alley and dumpsters clean, and that the crowd they attract does not seem to be rowdy or unruly. Similarly, a representative from the Northcenter Neighborhood Association said they feel Half Acre has been an asset to the community and draws a laid-back, responsible crowd (some of whom play board games in the tap room).

Magliaro repeatedly said that Half Acre is committed to becoming an engaged member of the community. He began the community consultation process by meeting with BCO leadership on April 5 and then a meeting with the Balmoral Court Condo Association on April 17. He will continue the dialogue with all Bowmanville neighbors as plans progress, including a town hall meeting May 13, and more as needed for the licensing and zoning requests. If residents have any feedback or concerns regarding Half Acre’s plans, please keep planning@bcochicago.org in the loop, and the BCO will make sure the sentiments are relayed to Half Acre’s ownership.

Half Acre’s Balmoral Ave. brewery is targeted to be up and running by mid- to late-fall of this year. When it opens, Half Acre will join Strange Pelican/Aquanaut Brewery (5435 N. Wolcott Ave.) as the second craft beer maker with a Bowmanville address.

Meanwhile, on the Southern end of Bowmanville, Empirical Brewery has begun setting up shop on Foster and Ravenswood. The company, formed in 2011, is the brainchild of Edgewater 39-year-old resident William Hurley, “who has been working on launching the company during his spare time as a financial analyst,” Crain’s reported previously. He has partnered with Brewmaster Art Steinhoff. Empirical will begin brewing beer soon, with an eye on opening a tap room on their second level within the year.

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Beyond Garden-Variety: Resident’s New Book Inspiring Home-Growing in Chicagoland

By Brendan Dry

Teresa Gale is fearless. And she wants you to be too. An avid home grower and Bowmanville resident, Teresa knows her way around a Chicago garden. Her new book, “Fearless Food Gardening in Chicagoland,” lays out a fear-conquering, 12-month farm-to-fork plan that starts in your backyard and ends on your kitchen table. With her co-author, LaManda Joy, founder of the Peterson Garden Project, Gale draws on the thrill of her very first backyard harvest to inspire green-minded Chicagoans to take up their trowels and reap the rewards.

Teresa’s path to growing traverses the spectrum of American food production. She grew up among the sprawling industrial farms of central California, the heart of modern “agri-business.” Summers brought trips back to her Grandparent’s farm in rural Indiana, where she recalls the excitement of eating fresh-picked vegetables from the garden and snacking on home-made pickles pulled from the pantry that looked so different from her family’s; stocked, as it was, full of fare reaped directly from their farm. But it was just a few years ago, raising her own daughter in the heart of Chicago, that she reconnected to that family tradition. In the forward to her book, Gale writes:

For the first time, I felt connected to a family history that had always eluded me. Food gardening became truly magical once I saw it through the eyes of my daughter. These special moments—tracing the curve of a pea tendril, hiding in the tomato “forest,” watching a butternut squash vine so high we couldn’t see the end—have convinced me never to stop.

For readers who may wonder how to make this compelling vision a reality, or who have run out of magic in their own attempts at home-growing, Fearless Food Gardening provides both the spark and the fuel for a successful growing experience. The book is available for purchase online from the Peterson Garden Project website or Amazon. Learn more about the book, Teresa, and the Peterson Garden project at (http://www.petersongarden.org/).

Here’s to your season of fearless food growing!

Gardening Days Are Here Again, Finally! (continued from pg. 1)

To kick off the season local tavern Leadway Bar & Grill on Damen Avenue hosted the Gardening Committee in early March, when a dozen gardeners and neighbors met to help plan for the 2014 season.

March 29th was this year’s first Gardening Day, and thanks go to the dozen volunteers and refreshment providers who endured inclement weather to clean up the Bowmanville gardens. Hot chocolate, coffee and bagels helped fuel the hardy crew.

The Orientation Meet & Greet for Veggie Plot gardeners was held on April 16th, with an enthusiastic crowd. In addition to a review of veggie plot rules and guidelines, the meeting included a seed exchange, shared food and shared knowledge.

Several clean-up dates in early Spring prepped the gardens for the season ahead. The full 2014 calendar of gardening dates is available on the BCO website. All are welcome to come out and help maintain the community gardens. If you wish to be on the distribution list for upcoming Gardening announcements, send your contact information to gardening@bcochicago.org.

Meanwhile, over 180 Chicago community gardeners gathered at Navy Pier in late March to discuss the state of community gardening in Chicago. The event was the 2nd Annual Connecting Chicago Community Gardens Gathering. Workshops were held on season extension, composting, white rock gleaning, edible perennials, and water conservation. Regional breakout sessions allowed neighboring organizations to connect, share lessons learned, and communicate future needs. Further information can be found on the CCCG website: www.chicagocommunitygardens.org.

Ongoing support for the BCO gardens is always needed. Regardless of the color of your thumb (green not imperative), volunteers and donations are always welcome at the various Bowmanville gardens.

Thanks go out to Bob Tulini for donation of a beautiful Japanese Maple that was planted in the GreenSpace and to Diane Wagner for donation of a large vegetable bed recently installed in the Bowmanville garden. Take a stroll and enjoy these new additions (and blooms) in our lovely community gardens.
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Gardening

Back by popular demand! The Bowmanville Garden Walk
by Craig Hanenburg

The 16th Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, July 12, 9 AM to 4:30 PM, and is open to all, with participation entry forms due by Sunday, June 29.

Back by popular demand! The Bowmanville Garden Walk Features Two Half-Day Tours

The morning schedule will have half the gardens on display from 10 AM to 1:30 PM. The afternoon schedule will feature the remaining gardens from 1 PM to 4:30 PM. This program change was a great success last year and gave our garden presenters the opportunity to visit gardens during half of the day and show their own garden the other half. Additionally, before the touring begins, there will be an educational presentation at the Bowmanville GreenSpace (5384 N. Bowmanville Ave.) with coffee and pastries at 9 AM.

Whether you’re a beginning gardener, have lots of experience in gardens, or just enjoy seeing other gardeners’ handiwork, we hope you’ll participate, invite your friends and enjoy this special day in Bowmanville. If you are interested in landscaping, flowers, container plants, growing vegetables, or taking photographs we hope you will join in the fun and enter your garden or a photo this year.

Event Includes The 8th Garden Walk Amateur Photography Contest!

This contest grows in popularity each year. A local garden photo is selected by way of visitors’ votes. The photographer wins a prize and the winning photo is used for the poster and event publicity for the following year’s Garden Walk. If you have some photos with a local garden theme we encourage you to enter the contest. And if you need ideas, take a look at the previous winning photos on the BCO website. Ron May’s photo “Childhood” won the contest last year. The floral decorated swing (above) is our theme picture this year for the 2014 Garden Walk.

Garden Walk Highlights Neighborhood Residential Gardens, 3 BCO Community Gardens

Bowmanville residents welcome neighbors and visitors by opening their yards to display their gardens and the day offers you a friendly venue of hospitality and ways to learn more about gardening. Garden participants have the option to have their garden reviewed by Master Gardeners on various criteria including design, creative use of plants, and neighborhood enhancement, or reviewed just for advice and consultation. All the participants and volunteers end the day at a Garden Party where garden awards are presented, photos of all the gardens are displayed and the photo contest winner is awarded. Go to the BCO website for more information.

Participation forms to enter the photo contest or to show your garden are enclosed here and are online at www.bcochicago.org.

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Local Chef's Sausage Biz Bought By Fortune Fish
by Peggy Cassidy

Martin Wallner has been very good to Bowmanville, having brought his Alpine Brand Sausages, his good nature and his culinary know-how to multiple community events in recent years, and now, it seems sausages have been very good to Chef Martin, a Bowmanvillager himself.

Bensenville Fortune Fish Company acquired Chef Martin's company in early April, meaning, among other things, the distribution of the Alpine Brand Sausages will increase, thanks to "Fortune's fleet of more than 43 refrigerated trucks with direct distribution in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Michigan." Chef Martin's products are currently sold at Treasure Island, Plum Market, Mrs. Greens and Harvest Time Foods. The sausages are also served at restaurants including Alinea, Hop Leaf, Siena Tavern, Bangers and Lace, Lux Bar and more. The acquisition also means an increase for the brand's online presence.

Chef Martin has known the sausage business all his life. "As a child in Austria, he lived above his family's butcher shop and started working in the business at the age of four. Making sausage was a family event shared by his grandfather, father, uncles and sons," the Fortune press release states. He pursued a culinary career and a job with Hilton International brought him to the States. He settled in Chicago and into a job with Wolfgang Puck.

"During his nine years with the celebrity chef's company, Martin cooked for numerous celebrities and often worked side by side with Wolfgang at galas and benefit dinners throughout the country," according to the release.

For his part, Chef Martin is excited about the acquisition.

"The opportunity to work with Fortune Fish & Gourmet is fantastic ... I started this company seven years ago. To partner with a company like Fortune and to be able to pass my knowledge to the operators while maintaining a stellar product, I could not ask for a better company to work with."

The terms of the deal were not released.

Chef Martin at a UofC alumni event in 2006.

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Composting: Healthy for You, Healthy for Bowmanville
by Russ Klettke

In the city of Chicago, more than 2,000 tons of food goes to waste every day, constituting up to 30 percent (by weight) of the total amount of garbage that is hauled away to landfills. The cost of transporting and burying it is about $60 per ton, amounting to $43,800,000 spent every year.

At least half of that money could be saved from city budgets if all plant-based food were returned to the earth in the form of compost. Already, some cities are experimenting with mandatory composting programs; in Chicago, it is currently voluntary.

Aside from helping the city save money on garbage removal, composting creates several benefits for those who do it:

Nutrient-rich soil (naturally) – When food scraps (anything from a fruit, vegetable or leaf source, plus egg shells) are combined with anything from a tree source (leaves, as well as twigs and paper products such as coffee filters), new dirt is created. This can be used in gardens, in containers or simply spread on turf grass. Compost is essential if you want to establish an organic garden. The use of chemical fertilizers retards nature’s processes, requiring you to purchase those fertilizers year after year even while much of that fertilizer runs off your property and eventually into waterways.

A little exercise – The daily chore of taking food scraps out to a composter may seem minor, and it is. But in winter it forces us to add a few steps to the day. Ideally, you will also use a shovel or poker stick to stir up the compost at least once a week, which can be vigorous exercise.

Learning laboratory – Children (and adults) can learn how nature works with a compost bin. Small microbes and insects find the compost and play an important role in its decomposition. (Note: Compost bins that sit on the ground receive these microbes best, or you can mix in a little bit of existing soil, which contains those microbes, into the tumbler variety). Dig into the center of an accumulation of compost to feel the heat generated by the decomposition process – that’s first-hand contact with a very busy corner of nature at work!

Many people worry about rodents or raccoons being drawn to compost. If you include no animal products (other than egg shells) and use a bin with a secure lid, that is very unlikely to happen.

The city encourages both composting and the capture of rainwater through the Chicago Sustainable Backyards Program (www.SustainableBackyards.org), with rebates to homeowners who purchase compost bins and rain barrels. Review information on the website to learn more.

Russ Klettke is a Bowmanville-based business and sustainability writer, and a volunteer ambassador with the Chicago Sustainable Backyards program.

Take Another Look Inside Your City Blue Cart

Chicago’s recycling gurus continue to seek improvements in the public’s use of the Blue Cart system currently in place. The city would like residents to be more aware of what is acceptable recycling and what is not. While having the best of intentions, residents should take note of the list of items often thrown in the blue bins inappropriately.

Chicago does NOT recycle ...

- Clothes and linens
- Plastic or wire hangers
- Diapers or feminine products
- Construction debris (bricks, wood, cement, etc.)
- Paint or spray paint

- Unnumbered plastics (toothbrushes, toys, hoses, box liners, etc.)
- Loose plastic shopping bags (bring those back to retailers for recycling)
- Hard, reusable plastic bottles (like Nalgene or baby bottles)

For more specifics on Chicago’s recycling efforts, visit the City of Chicago web site at http://www.cityofchicago.org.
One Person’s Trash Is Another’s Treasure

Spring cleaning? Perfect. Just in time for The 18th Annual Bowmanville Street Sale, set for Saturday, June 7, 9 Am - 4 PM. Imagine the spaces you can clear while collecting merchandise for your sale.

Shoppers come annually from near and far to check out the goods. In 2013, 85 families set up shop, proving, once again, that the fun is not just in buying, but also in selling, bartering and clearing out some of those jam-packed spaces in your home.

There’ll be plenty of treasures, lots of free conversation and a number of lemonade stands. Several areas use this event as a time for neighbors to gather around and enjoy the friendly commerce. A remaining highlight of the day is the “After the Sale Party” at Leadway, (Damen and Farragut) where Frank, the owner, is always a great host and a terrific cook.

Complete the enclosed application and either email, mail or drop it off at Barbara’s house by May 28. Rain or shine it will be a great day.
Terrace Blooms in Ravenswood
by Brendan Dry

As Bowmanville buds with signs of Spring, residents are acclimating to new growth beyond its famous flower beds. The now familiar Ravenswood Station development at the corner of Lawrence and Ravenswood avenues is in full bloom after breaking ground back in August of 2012. The impressive new Mariano’s Fresh Market and LA Fitness seem to have risen to the occasion by providing local foodies and fitness buffs the experience they have eagerly anticipated since the project was nearly unanimously approved 2 years ago. Shoppers took to Twitter to voice approval for dining options like the oyster and multiple wine bars, euro-themed coffee lounge, and wide selection of locally raised meats and produce that are fixtures of the Mariano’s chain. (One not so appreciated feature? Visitors quickly pointed out the store’s beer section was getting plenty of sunlight–great if you’re a shopper, not so much if you’re a fermented beverage.) Not to be outdone, neighbor LA Fitness boasts the largest weight room in Illinois, according to sales reps, as well as similarly grand goals for membership.

Produce aisles and locker rooms aren’t the only places filling up with Ravenswood residents. Apartments at the Ravenswood Terrace residential development, that sits directly to the north of the Mariano’s/LAFitness complex, are going quickly with a May 1 move-in date promised to many. The 150 unit development of studio, one, and two bedroom luxury apartment rentals (a two-bed starts at $2,140) is proving attractive as a unique option for renters in the neighborhood.

“I’ve found that the majority of renters are moving from the surrounding area,” says Leasing Agent Brooke Epley. “I think people are excited about the chance to live in brand new units that come with all the amenities in this neighborhood.”

With Ravenswood Terrace, developer Belgravia Inc. has clearly set out to mimic the experience of their upscale and contemporary condo projects across the city. The development features amenities like a fitness center, sundeck, and top-notch appliances. Attractive features for prospective renters to be sure, though Epley hopes aspects like the shared grilling areas, roof-top hang-outs, and community garden engender the type of community that will keep residents there for the long-haul. Ultimately, those features reflect the unique sense of community current residents have worked hard to cultivate in their neighborhood, and may be enough to assure residents that, while a new feature on the landscape, Ravenswood Station seems to have grown from the same roots.
Local Band Debuts New Work
by Larry Liss

Trick Shooter Social Club has been locked away in a not-so-delightful-smelling bunker writing songs for the next album, due out, well...some day. And we’re plenty excited about the new stuff. And being the impatient folks we are, we want to play them live. So on May 10th the new stuff made its acoustic debut at Uncommon Ground, with a bunch of new Trick Shooters on stage and original artwork by Brett Miller. Keep your ears to the ground for our next outing, and listen to a track at facebook.com/TrickShooterSocialClub. You may remember us - we had some fun playing at last year’s Bowmanville Summer Social.
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Areas where I can help out in the coming year:

- 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? ____

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)

May 15 BCO Board Meeting
May 17 Gardening day 9:30-3:30pm
Jun 7 Bowmanville Street Sale
Jun 11 Gardening evening 6:30pm until dusk
Jun 11 Police Beat 2012 CAPS meeting 7pm
Jun 14 BCO Board meeting
Jun 28 Gardening day 9:30-3:30pm
Jul 3 Summer Bee Deadline
Jul 9 Gardening evening 6:30pm until dusk
Jul 12 Bowmanville Garden Walk
Jul 17 BCO Board meeting
Jul 26 Gardening day 9:30-3:30pm

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

Check out the bco website! www.bcochicago.org