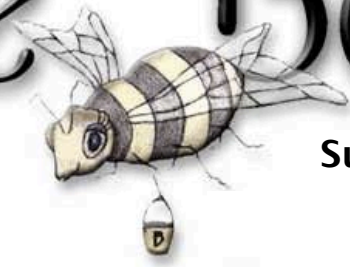


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Garden Walk full of local color



The 2013 Bowmanville Garden walk did not disappoint this year, full of local color of many varieties.

Maria Elena Velasquez was awarded the "Best in Show" Purple ribbon for her garden on Farragut Avenue (left). Last year her sister's garden on Foster was honored with this award, so it seems gardening runs in their family. Our Master Gardener judges noted that Maria's use of architecture, color and plant varieties was really exceptional, and it was almost like being transported to Mexico. Pierre Poinsett, Reuben Rios and Ana Shintani were the Master Gardeners who reviewed the gardens and awarded the ribbons this year.

The gardens are evaluated on various criteria including design, creative use of plants, and neighborhood enhancement. A criteria system with 100 points possible is used to award the prize ribbons. Beyond the ribbons, neighbors showing their gardens say the time spent talking to judges and other visitors about what works and what doesn't work in local gardens is invaluable.

Visitors to the Garden Walk admired 29 different photo entries to the photography contest this year and voted on the winning photo, "Childhood" by Ron May. May's winning photo (right) will be featured in the publicity for the next Garden Walk.

More highlights from this year's Garden walk can be found on page 4 and on the BCO website.



Bowmanville Summer Social

Sat., Aug. 17, Noon to 4 PM

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Bowmanville Avenue at Bell Ave & in the GreenSpace

Bowmanville Bee – Summer



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, our **Summer Social, on August 17**, followed by a **Poker Run/Pub Crawl September 28**. Contact events@bcochicago.org to get involved in the planning.



The BCO Gardening Committee continues to face exciting challenges in 2013 and is poised to move into a rebuilding and restoration mode at the Gateway Garden upon completion of railroad construction. We are thankful for our volunteers and still need the help of the whole community as we endeavor to improve our natural surroundings. The Garden and GreenSpace committees' work continues on the installation of our newest site. 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 contact the garden committee at gardening@bcochicago.org or on our toll free line 1-866-837-1006. See our work dates 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. We 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 with membership outreach 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 on the 2nd Thursday of most months. The next meetings are August 8 and September 12. Reach out to chairman Jeff Graves for information or with P&D ideas and feedback: 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 I: Local Street Names Hold History Close

by Jim Nagle

What do Philadelphia, Scotland, Chicago history, and the U.S. Civil War have to do with Beautiful Bowmanville? You'll find the answer in the names of our streets.

Streets are typically named for famous places and prominent people, and the streets of Bowmanville are no exception. While the origins are sometimes murky, and the Chicago Historical Society maintains a site providing a history of city streets, another excellent resource is the book *Streetwise Chicago*, by Don Hayner and Tom McNamee (Loyola University Press, 1988).

In 1881 a developer of the new Edgewater and Ravenswood communities, John Lewis Cochran, came to Chicago from "back East." Cochran likely named several east-west streets on what has become the Far North Side, using names from the famous Philadelphia mainline railway suburbs. In our neighborhood, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr are examples of Cochran's influence (Mainline-named streets in nearby communities also include Ardmere, Devon, Rosemont, and Wayne).

Perhaps Cochran's Scottish ancestry explains the name Balmoral, after the famous castle in Scotland much loved by Queen Victoria. Summerdale is most probably named after the small community that formed when some Chicagoans were looking for a place "up north" to spend leisure time.

Other east-west streets with connections with early development and real estate, according to Hayner and McNamee, include Foster and Rascher. Surgeon John H. Foster came to Chicago to handle family real estate. He stayed and devoted time to public education, serving on both the Chicago and Illinois boards of education. Charles Rascher, a real estate speculator, published five atlases of Chicago in the 1860s.

The one east-west street named after a truly prominent historical figure is Farragut, honoring a war hero, the Admiral who famously said, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead." David Glasgow Farragut had served in the war of 1812 as a young man, was at first considered too old for service in the Civil War, but then distinguished himself by leading his sailors in two important Union victories.

Because Bowmanville's north-south streets run the length of the city, the names are older and more connected with the history of Chicago. Look for more on those byways in the next issue of The Bee.

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Garden Walk Blooms

The 15th Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk was held on July 13, 2013 and featured 20 residential gardens, Bowmanville's three community gardens and the BCO GreenSpace. The Metra bridge and track construction continues from last year at our Gateway Garden on Ravenswood Avenue and even in that messiness the Vegetable Plot gardens were still beautiful to see.

The BCO garden volunteers worked many hours preparing the Bowmanville Garden and the Gateway Garden and this resulted in making all the our community garden spaces especially beautiful this year! The BCO GreenSpace was fresh with its new Pergola Arbor seating area, and the Stump Stomp and Rain Garden areas were new points of interest to our garden viewers. BA Church, Deb Petritsch, Billy Kuczek and Craig Hanenburg put the last minute touches on the Westgate garden and cleaned up all the weeds on the Western and Berwyn parkway. Robert Nicklas was again a super volunteer and delivered all the location signs and packages to the participants and put up all large scale event information signs throughout the neighborhood and was a guide to the Master Gardener judges.

This year the Garden Walk was slightly larger in attendance with just over 200 visitors. Seven new garden addresses were included in the 24 locations on our guide map for visitors. We also had two new sponsors, seven program book advertisers and our location map was printed on one side of a fan. Thank you Berwyn Book Club for gluing all the handles into the fans, our visitors enjoyed keeping cool while navigating the Bowmanville neighborhood. Special thanks also goes to Barry Kafka for his design and layout of the program booklet.

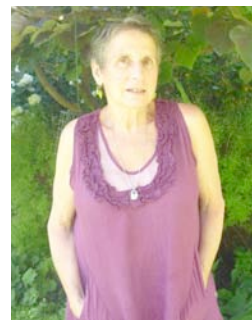
First Time Award for "Most Unique Garden"

Patrick Brandell on Ravenswood Avenue has a very special patio garden and was awarded a Teal colored Ribbon for "Most Unique Garden". Patrick has a very small space that he has transformed into an oasis with architectural accents and container plantings.



Pauline Messier Garden Hospitality Award

For the third year a hospitality award was given in honor of the late Pauline Messier, who volunteered for many years on the food for the Garden Walk Awards Party.



The Garden Hospitality award for 2013 was given to **Diana Leifer on Summerdale Avenue** for her welcoming ways.

The Garden Walk Awards Party!

Thank you, Craig Hanenburg and Billy Kuczek for hosting the Awards Party and making visitors feel so welcome to Bowmanville. Food, wine and deserts were enjoyed by all. Sarah Batka, Extension Program Coordinator-Horticulture from the University of Illinois Extension attended the awards party and was pleased with the support her Master Gardeners provided to our community. We are most appreciative of the partnership The BCO has with The Master Gardener Program and the benefits we receive and enjoy. The 2013 garden photos taken by our volunteer photographers were shown at the party and are available to view online on the Garden Walk Photo page at BCOChicago.org.

12 Review Ribbons were awarded in 2013

PURPLE RIBBON (Best in Show) Maria Elena Velasquez

TEAL RIBBON (Most Unique Garden) Patrick Brandell

BLUE RIBBON (90 to 100 points)

Maria Elena Velasquez

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Patrick Brandell

Wendy Fairchild & Jim Kriegsmann

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Diana Leifer

Maria R. Velazquez

WHITE RIBBON (70 to 79 points)

Dee Konecki

Laura & Bill Schmidt

Juliet Blumenthal



At left: the 2013 Master Gardener judges Ana Shintani, Pierre Poinsett, Reuben Rios.

Track Work and Gardening Coexist at Gateway Gardens

By Dave Johnston



Since the spring newsletter there has been significant progress on the construction along the Metra/UP North railroad line. Most noticeable is the installation of the retaining wall precast concrete panels.

Between the Gateway Garden and the new retaining wall, mounds of rock appear, and quickly disappear, as the rock is used to form the new railroad track bed. We do not have an

'official' update on progress but expect the area to be under construction for the remainder of the year.

The temporary construction fence next to the Gateway Garden has helped ensure the safety of gardeners and neighbors who stop to enjoy the garden common areas. The temporary fence also gives an indication of the actual eastern edge of the Gateway Garden. The property east of the fence, adjacent to the retaining wall from Balmoral to Summerdale, is privately owned land.

After completion of construction, restoration of the Gateway Garden area along Ravenswood Ave. includes replacement of the veggie beds that were removed, soil in the beds, and wood-chip mulch surrounding. Several beds of seasonal plantings adjacent to the curb are also expected in the restoration work.

For further information on the overall project, visit the Metra website, www.metrarail.com, and search "UP North construction."



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Additional Metra Station In The Works

The 40th Ward's "Gazet" reports that "plans for the construction of a new Metra Station at Peterson and Ridge are well underway." Metra is working to acquire property along the tracks from the Chicago Housing Authority. Once that's accomplished, the project will proceed, adding another commuter option to the neighborhood, while likely eliminating a long-active community garden on the North side of Peterson, East of the tracks.



Signs of a Bowmanville Summer: Block parties, Garden Walk, Griffin Fest



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Keeping Pace with Haiku By Heather

If August finds you on a Pace bus between Evanston and Waukegan (or en route to Ravinia), check the placards for neighbor Heather Jagman's prize winning haiku. Heather's poem was one of 12 selected winners in Highland Park Poetry's annual "Poetry That Moves" contest. Every year, Illinois residents are invited to submit poems of up to 16 lines for this juried contest, and each month a different short poem is displayed inside North Shore Pace buses for everyone to contemplate and enjoy. Heather's poem, printed below, was previously published in the poetry journal Modern Haiku.

**driving north
your eyes on the road
mine on the moon**

Heather, her husband, Arek Dreyer, and their Italian Greyhound, Phoebe, live on Summerdale. If you'd like to learn more about contemporary English language haiku, Heather, a librarian at DePaul University, recommends checking out William J. Higginson's "The Haiku Handbook."



Yoga Rocks On Sunday Mornings

Perhaps you've seen the gatherings of yoga practitioners on the open land next to the GreenSpace along Bowmanville Ave. on recent Sundays? It seems to be catching on, as more and more neighbors are spotted joining to work out the kinks and start their day off with a healthy twist. The group "Yoga Rocks the Park" forged a partnership with Rosehill Cemetery to host a bi-weekly event in the space.

"'Yoga Rocks the Park' is not just a weekly event," YRP's Founder, Erik Vienneau, said on the group's web site. "It's a movement to bring a sense of peace and joy to communities throughout the country. We want to celebrate communities that are thriving in a unified sense of family and wellness, and are having fun doing it."

Visit www.yogarocksthepark.com for more information and, if you choose to join in the practice, please be considerate of the nearby neighbors.

Chappell School Welcomes Trumbull Students

Chappell School, at Foster and Leavitt, has been chosen by Chicago Public Schools as a “Welcoming School” for students transferring from the now-shuttered Trumbull School, at Foster and Ashland.

Chappell Principal Joe Peila said his school community is excited and proud to be welcoming nearly 100 Trumbull students after Trumbull’s closing in June. There are a number of updates in the works as faculty and administrators prepare for their new population. Among the “perks” of being a “Welcoming School,” Chappell will see a new school website and an increase in its wireless connectivity. Students will have more access to laptop computers and iPads, and the school’s Media Center (library) is being updated over the summer.

Additional teachers are being hired and Peila said in a letter to Chappell parents, “We want to assure our current families that we are striving to make sure that this increase in school enrollment will not negatively impact your child’s education. Next year, we will continue to have manageable class sizes, providing the individual attention to each child’s social, emotional and academic needs that you have come to expect.”

More importantly, Peila is proud “because it wasn’t that long ago that our test scores had plateaued and we were losing students and teaching positions each year.” Chappell feared that they would end up on the list of school closings, but, the principal said, “In the last number of years ... Chappell has bounced back. We have enrolled more students ... (and) our academic standing has improved.”


Next Fall will be a new beginning, not just for the Trumbull transferees, but for the entire school.



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Safe School Passage May Mean Slow Passage For Drivers

by Jeff Graves



The closing of 50 schools across the city raised concerns from parents about how their children will get to their new schools safely. In response, the city has joined with Chicago Public Schools in beefing up the existing "Safe School Passage" program. In June, The Huffington Post reported that 600 new staffers have been hired for the program and, on July 13, The Chicago City Council "passed a measure to increase penalties for serious weapon and gun-related offenses in 'student safety zones' along Safe Passage routes, in schools buses and around schools," ABC7 News reported.

Locally, as students from the shuttered Trumbull School make their way to McPherson, McCutcheon or Chappell, Safe Passage signs have been posted along the recommended routes. Additionally, a proposal for a more organized drop-off and pick-up procedure at Chappell Elementary School is likely to alter traffic patterns nearby.

Ald. Pat O'Connor's office described the procedures as being in effect "On school days, Mon. – Fri., between 8 – 9 AM for drop-off, and 3:30 – 4:30 PM for pick-up." Parents are being asked to line up on Leavitt Ave. (one-way going North) along the western side of Winnemac Park. At Foster Ave., they are to turn right (eastbound) and let the children out in front of the school's courtyard. Northbound drivers on Leavitt will not be able to make a left turn onto Foster during the prescribed hours. Traffic will be directed North into Bowmanville, or eastbound, with a right hand turn onto Foster.

Safe School Passage is hoping that prohibiting the left turn onto Foster will minimize any backup on Leavitt itself. These changes will affect traffic within Bowmanville during the designated morning and afternoon rush hours, and alternate routes are suggested. Any concerns and comments can be sent to Ald. O'Connor at ward40@cityofchicago.org, copy to planning@bcochicago.org.

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Soccer STARS Rising



Who knew that soccer stars (in the making) would be among us in our little Bowmanville community? Since 2009, a now native Bowmanvillager, Rob Etheridge, has been hosting a youth

summer soccer camp for local and neighboring children. This summer marks the fourth year of the camp, which has proven to be a whopping success with both parents and children since its inception.

Rob Etheridge, Loyola Academy's Head Soccer Coach and founder of a premier travel soccer club EURO SOCCER, and his mighty fun assistant, Cody Busic (former EURO player & University of Maryland player) took on over 50 boys and girls, many returning players, over the course of 2 weeks this summer. The super smiles and positive energy translated into a great learning experience for all. Camp parents delighted in the experience as well, whether while under a shady tree working remotely or running errands for work or home. Many of the young stars have become a fixture at the camp, displaying great potential and a keen interest in the fastest growing sport in the US. The hope is that these young athletes will not only enjoy the camp, but will find a passion and learn the skills to build future soccer "careers" and interest.

While this community-based camp is a hidden gem in Bowmanville, Rob is eager to continue spreading his own personal passion and professional experience to others in surrounding communities while helping develop future talent.

"It has been brilliant to see the development of some of these children over the years," Rob said. "I will be personally very pleased to see some of this talent on high school soccer fields in the years to come."

Additional programs for local children are on the horizon, including indoor winter soccer and



birthday events. To learn more about youth soccer in the area, contact Rob Etheridge via email at robesc1@gmail.com.



Above: Coach Rob at a vulnerable moment, seen here after a sneak attack from daughter Alex at the 2200 Farragut block party.



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Local Guy Is Trick Shooter

By Peggy Cassidy

Neighborhood ad man Larry Liss apparently has a number of talents, not the least of which is songwriting. Liss is a founding member of Trick Shooter Social Club, a band which, as he tells it, “fuses Americana, Alt country, Blues, Pop and Rock with unflinchingly honest storytelling in the reckless pursuit of achieving something like truth.”



While that may seem like a lot to take on, TSSC members work hard at their craft, melding a

“mix of romantic timelessness and gritty reality” in their performances and on their recent full-length release, “Everything That Rises,” available for download on the band’s website.

“‘Simo’s Song’ weaves a tender story about fatherhood, while the solo tune ‘Whiskey On My Grave’ touches on country music’s always-present sadness and humor,” states a press release. “Though armed with disarmingly charming B3 organ, banjo, violin and dobro, the band also smartly includes a few stripped-down, intimately recorded numbers, like the sweet closing number ‘Bottom of Our Souls.’”

**For every bitter pill
There’s something beautiful that grows
We know it in our hearts
And in the bottom of our souls**

Trick Shooter Social Club started in a basement with a couple acoustic guitars, after a band to which some members had previously belonged broke up. From the beginning, Liss says, the band was “committed to making music that was organic and truthful without pretension or artifice. We also wanted to be good stewards of the roots tradition and hopefully in some small way honor our heroes like Cash, Steve Earl, Mike Ness and Springsteen.”

Listening to the music confirms that stewardship, along

with the talent that’s poured into the band’s work. Having read this, you are now in the know, but, better yet, you can experience the band’s special sound in their performance at The Bowmanville Summer Social, Aug. 17.



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When Plants Sweat, You Feel Cooler

By Russ Klettke

This Bowmanville Bee has a science lesson. It has to do with your personal health, the health of the neighborhood and the health of the earth overall.

The lesson is on evapotranspiration (eh-vapo-trans-pur-A-shun). It basically is how plants expel water, which for all growing things is quite similar to how animals (humans especially) sweat. As part of the natural process of being a plant, trees, bushes and flowers all release water vapor through their leaves. As they do, energy (that is, heat) is released with it – just as we do when we perspire.

The result of evapotranspiration is that areas near plants are just a tad bit cooler. The more plants and leaves there are, the greater the effect. A great way to see how this works is to walk through a thickly vegetated area on a hot day, such as the prairie gardens in Winnemac Park. If you're wearing shorts, you can often feel the temperature difference below your knees. There are similarly vegetated prairie areas in Lincoln Park, much of it under trees, where a walk or bike ride through on a summer evening reveals a stunning change in air quality, temperature and scent. I highly encourage you to experience this in either park and consider the natural forces at work as you do.

I have a thicket of raspberries growing along the gangway on the east side of my house and, while tending them or picking fruit, I notice the slight cooling effect near the ground. The great thing is it therefore cools that side of my house just a bit. Homes with lots of vegetation all around (especially the south and west sides) require much less air conditioning use.

To be clear, the cooling effects of shade from plants are even greater. According to TLC.com (the Green Living section), the combination of shade and evapotranspiration under trees can create a microenvironment that is 25 degrees cooler than an asphalt parking lot just steps away. This is why many commercial parking lots now include trees – it diminishes the heat island effect, it's kinder to cars and often the storm water runoff from the parking lot is channeled to those trees and other surrounding vegetation (known as rain gardens and bioswales).

As moisture evaporates from plants, it finds its way up to form clouds. Climatologists note that more clouds reflecting away sunlight reduces greenhouse gases overall, which works to reverse the effects of climate change. So, more plants provide coolness today – and into the future as well.

Russ Klettke is a Bowmanville resident and writer who recently converted his concrete parking pad to a prairie garden for this very reason.

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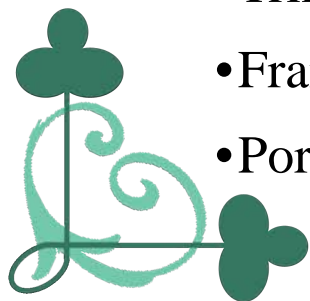
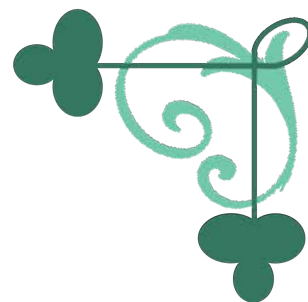
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- Fri. Aug. 9 -- AND THEN THERE WERE NONE by Agatha Christie • Directed by Scott Weinstein
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- Sat., Aug. 10 -- YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU by George S. Kaufman • Directed by Paul Holmquist
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- Sun., Aug. 11 -- JERUSALEM by Jez Butterworth • Directed by Robin Witt
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Bowmanville Babies Bring Smiles All Around



Leavitt Street residents Jenny Ringblom and Steven Pazik welcomed twin boys Kai Ronan and Quinn James on May 16. That's double the fun!

And there's no shortage of fun amid the rehab work going on at Seth Captain and Katherine Schnieder's home on Farragut. With

the March 27th birth of Caleb, (shown here at a recent "Bee Social" karaoke event organized by Frank Pipal) their pooch Buoy rolled over to give up his top dog status.

"Caleb is having a great time getting to know all of our wonderful neighbors on the block on Farragut," his Mom said. "We could not be happier or feel more blessed! This was the best neighborhood for us to put down roots and we are really enjoying sharing it with our baby."

The "Bee Vocal" karaoke night at The Leadway, by the way, raised \$125 for the Greenspace, along with the spirits of all in attendance.



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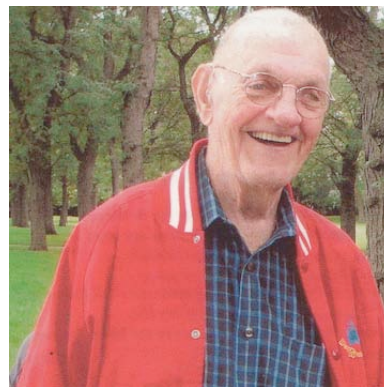
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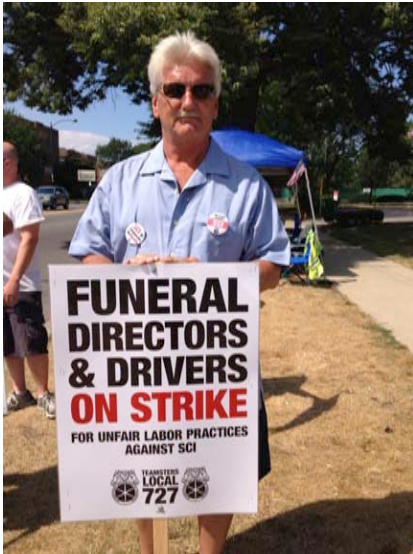
A longtime resident of Bowmanville Avenue, Gus Wuersig, died this spring. A memorial service was held May 11 at

Cornerstone Free Church in Glenview. He will be sorely missed in the neighborhood, as he was often seen along Bowmanville Avenue cleaning up trash, pitching in on garden workdays and helping out with Bee delivery. Gus was a neighborhood favorite. May he rest in peace.



Funeral Workers Fight to Save Pension

By Peggy Cassidy



Striking Teamsters have been seen carrying signs on the corner of Western and Berwyn avenues since July 2. They are protesting funeral workers' contract changes from SCI (Service Corporation International), the funeral home and cemetery goliath that owns both Rosehill Cemetery and the Drake & Son Funeral Home, 5303 N. Western. The company, under the

name of Dignity Memorial, operates 1,400 funeral homes and almost 400 cemeteries across the U.S., Canada and Germany, according to a news item published online by AOL.

Strikers claim SCI is "gutting (their) contract," by insisting that union workers give up their pension and switch to a 401K plan. Teamsters Local 727, representing 35 local funeral directors and 23 drivers in the strike, included in its newsletter a reference to SCI as "a \$3 billion corporate bully with unlimited legal resources." In a recent effort by SCI to get the courts to intervene in the strike, however, a judge ruled in favor of the striking workers.

"On July 19," the Teamsters report, "SCI filed an Emergency Motion in Cook County Circuit Court making a variety of false allegations in a document that reads more like a press release than a legal pleading."

In the AOL article, writer Claire Gordon said, "The funeral workers are right, in a sense, to fight against SCI's proposal: For them, the new deal is a much, much worse deal. And SCI is right, in a sense, to fight for it: For them, it would be much, much cheaper."

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☐ 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? _____

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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)



Aug 8	P&D meeting	Sept 15	Yoga Rocks the Park
Aug 14	Garden work night	Sept 19	BCO Board meeting
Aug 14	Police Beat 2012 CAPS meeting	Sept 28	BCO Poker Run & Pub Crawl
Aug 17	BCO Summer Social – Ice Cream and More!	Sept 28	Garden workday
Aug 18	Yoga Rocks the Park	Oct 9	Garden work night
Aug 24	Garden workday	Oct 9	Police Beat 2012 CAPS meeting
		Oct 10	P&D meeting
Sept 1	Yoga Rocks the Park	Oct 24	BCO Fall Open Meeting & Election
Sept 11	Garden work night		
Sept 12	P&D meeting	Oct 26	Garden workday
Sept 13	Fall Bee Deadline		

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