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Nick Sell, 14, Wins 8th Annual Garden Walk Photography Contest

Visitors to the Garden Walk voted for one of 21 different photos this year and the winning photo is "**Hiding Place**," by Nick Sell. His winning photo will be used in the 17th Annual Garden Walk next year. Mark your calendars for July 11, 2015.

Bowmanville Summer Social: August 16, 12:00-4:00

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Membership Makes it Happen!

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



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 Summer Social Aug. 16, followed by a new Bowmanville Oktoberfest Sept. 27.**

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. Nominations for new board members are being accepted now. 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.

Word On The Street: That Sale Rocked

by Ann Scholhamer

The 18th Annual Street Sale was a great success. With 93 households participating and perfect weather, the sale was, as always, a great time to step out and meet neighbors, while practicing those two great American pastimes: buying and selling.

Neighbor Ann Scholhamer shared this reflection on the day:

Favorite Moments from the 2014 Bowmanville Street Sale

- Being paid with homemade money by a young man buying books and toys
- A young girl INSISTING to pay me for toys from the free bin
- Shoppers turning in a lost wallet which was returned to the owner the next day, thanks to Walgreens Customer Service
- A neighbor happily accepting loads of my size 10 black Harley sandals and shoes I can't wear anymore, and putting them to the use they deserve
- Meeting someone I was acquainted with over 20 years ago who is now a Bowmanville neighbor – and very cool (of course)
- Meeting new neighbors who, unfortunately, moved in just prior to Chiberia and are only now realizing how great this hood is

Yes, Bowmanville is a great place, inhabited by loads of cool, great people. Many of them helped with this year's sale, and we extend our appreciation to Barbara Wolke, Laura Moser, Ted Kennedy, Georgina Akel (North Community Bank), Paula Palmentera, Dan Lias and Laura Schmidt. These neighbors helped in the printing of the applications and flyers. Thanks, too, to the many people who helped with advertising, passing out flyers and posting the sale to various media sites. Advertisement is the key to a successful street sale.

A big and ongoing thanks to Frank, from Leadway, who again hosted the After Sale Party. Frank is a terrific host, a great cook and a cool member of the Hood. Stop in and say hello to him.

Thanks to all the buyers and sellers who helped make this year's event such a fun success. If we've forgotten anyone, apologies. We needed your help and it was greatly appreciated. Time now to start sorting for the 19th Annual Bowmanville Street Sale. Mark your calendars: June 6, 2015.

It's your turn. Now is your time!



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community thriving. It takes a village.

Nominate yourself or others - email secy@bcochicago.org.

A NEW TWIST ON FALL IN BOWMANVILLE!



We seem to mix it up for this event and this year we will co-host
an Oktoberfest celebration with Griffin Theatre.

Bowmanville Okto-beer-fest
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Summer Showers Don't Dampen Garden Walk



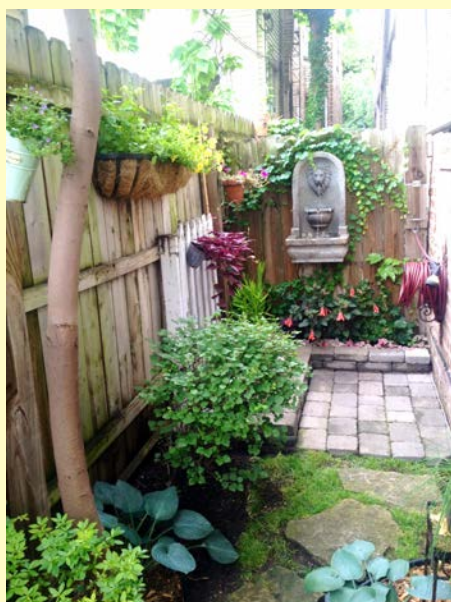
Congressman Mike Quigley is one of the morning visitors in the rain

The 16th annual Bowmanville Garden Walk opened to a soggy July 12th morning, but featured 20 residential gardens, three community gardens, our BCO GreenSpace and Mother Nature's torrential rain. Among the first guests to arrive, Rep. Mike Quigley came with his umbrella, posting "Bowmanville Garden Walk -- rain or shine."

In fact, the rain cleared up a bit later in the day and visitors viewed the featured gardens right up to the 4 PM close. The success of the event has everything to do with the organizers and participants, those green thumbs in the community who just love the labor that results in splendid greenery.

From the rainy welcome, through the Master Gardeners' lunch and the awards party, The 2014 Garden Walk was a delight for all who took part.

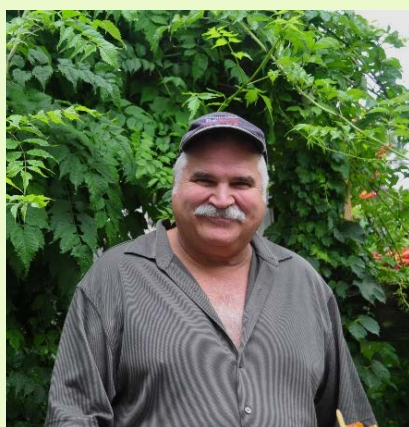
Master Gardener judges evaluate each of the competing gardens for elements of design, creative use of plants and neighborhood enhancement. Although not all gardens were awarded, each is appreciated for the hard work that's shown in their flower and vegetable beds, and their graciousness in inviting others to enjoy their gardens.



Intimate Patio Takes Best in Show!

Patrick Brandell took the "Best in Show" Purple ribbon for his intimate patio garden. The Master Gardener review team noted that Patrick's use of space and found objects blended perfectly with his fountain, and that the space is perfectly edited. Patrick's hidden oasis is located in a condominium building on Ravenswood Ave.

Additional awards were presented, some for the first time, to neighbors who demonstrated a special talent for cultivation or simply a flair with flowers.



Jim Hannon's Bowmanville Ave Garden was awarded a Gold Ribbon for "Garden Design." Jim's garden has many areas that create different outdoor rooms and tranquil resting spots. There is a beautiful mixture of landscape and container gardens.

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Gardening



Farragut resident Laura Moser was recognized for her work as a new and developing gardener and for her front yard shade garden. She received the **Inspiration Award**, and The Master Gardeners want to inspire Laura to learn more and continue developing her garden.



Russ Klettke on Leavitt was awarded a Teal Ribbon for "**Best Neighborhood Enhancement.**" Russ has an interior mixed variety garden and on his street facing parkway he's building a garden in which reclaimed concrete pieces are used for structure and drainage management.

8 Review Ribbons and 3 Special Recognition Ribbons
were awarded in 2014 Garden Walk:

BLUE RIBBON (90 to 100 points)

Maria E Velazquez
 Patrick Brandell
 Maria R Velasquez
 Shawn McCormick
 Tom Kennedy & Leavett Wofford

PURPLE RIBBON (Best in Show)

Patrick Brandell

TEAL RIBBON

(Best Neighborhood Enhancement)

Russ Klettke

RED RIBBON (80 to 89 point)

Joe Charles

GOLD RIBBON (Garden Design)

Jim Hannon



A special **Exceptional Volunteer** thank you award was given to Robert Nicklas. Every year Robert works as a volunteer for the Garden Walk and helps with everything from setup, escorting the judges, delivering location signs to putting up posters all over the neighborhood.



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Gardening Update

by David Johnston



Gardeners in Bowmanville have been busy! The warmer, wetter weather has fueled rapid growth of vegetable and ornamental plantings throughout the neighborhood. Of course, the weeds love this weather, too. This is the season where every day is a Gardening Day.

The second Wednesday evening and fourth Saturday of every month are scheduled as volunteer gardening days. Location varies between the

Westgate, Greenspace, Bowmanville, and Gateway gardens. If you wish to be on the distribution list for upcoming Gardening announcements, send your contact information to : gardening@bcochicago.org

May had volunteers working the Westgate and Bowmanville gardens, June the Gateway garden, and July the Bowmanville garden in preparation for the Garden Walk.

The end of June marked the end of the current phase of construction on the UP/North Metra Line in Bowmanville. Five raised vegetable beds in the Gateway Garden were restored and gardeners began planting crops for late summer and fall. These beds were assigned to new gardeners and to community-shared activities.

The gardening teams are undertaking further work in the Gateway Garden area to restore berm and parkway plantings. The June 28th gardening day had nearly a dozen volunteers dedicated to the effort. Though the June 30th deluge flooded and washed away some of that progress, neighbors have stepped forward to contribute perennials, time, and money to see that the restoration work continues. Special thanks go to Diana Leifer, Robert Swislow, Point Display & Design, Inc., and all the volunteers that have contributed. If you have perennials to divide or remove and are willing to share with the BCO Gardens, email gardening@bcochicago.org.

Gardening efforts of the BCO were recognized by the Ravenswood Community Council in June. At the RCC 'Greener Ravenswood' event, the BCO was presented with a 'Raven Award' "celebrating sustainability practices in Ravenswood". Betty Redmond accepted the award and expressed the community's thanks for the acknowledgment.

Chicago is hosting the American Community Gardener Association (ACGA) Conference August 7 – 10, 2014. For more information, visit www.communitygarden.org

BCO Receives a Raven Award



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Neighbor Noodles is GMA Top Dog



Noodles, a resident of neighboring Andersonville, recently did the North Side proud when he took the crown in the "Good Morning America Top Dog of 2014" contest on national television. GMA reported that thousands of viewers voted Noodles, companion to Chicagoans Evan Singer and Lloyd Berger, and his Pomeranian competition, Happy Jack as the top two contenders. Ultimately, Noodles, a 5-year-old rescue dog who wowed the crowd with his high jumps onto tall objects and his ability to catch tossed rings onto his neck, strutted off the victor. Congratulations to Noodles and his people.

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Marine Aids in Organized Fun on Farragut



West Farragut resident Laura Moser acted as game hostess, while Bernie Hund was the Game Master Host at the Farragut Block Party.

Bernie is a Marine Major with a successful 20-year career with in the USMC, including five overseas deployments.

"It took a Major in the USMC to round up the kids, keep order,

follow the rules and ultimately create a super fun day," his friend Laura said.

Major Hund will soon be retiring to Bowmanville from Yuma, AZ. Originally from Pueblo, CO, Bernie will join Laura on Farragut, and looks forward to his future duties and deployments in the block parties for the years to come.

Laura, who says she's "just a marketing executive" who has lived in Bowmanville since 2012, suspects Bernie's attraction to the area as a retirement spot may have something to do with her.

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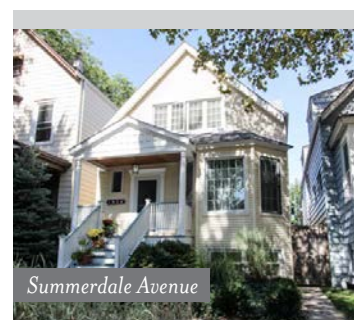
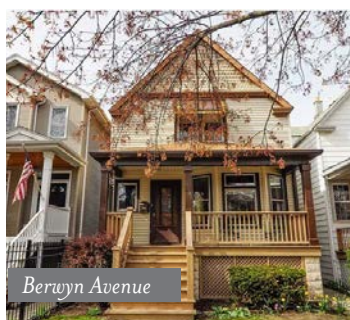


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Arts and Coiffure: A Visit to Maurice's

By Brendan Dry



Arts-minded folk have long taken up residence within the Bowmanville enclave, taking advantage of the proximity to Andersonville theaters, galleries, restaurants and studios. One of the neighborhood's artists-in-residence may be flying a bit under the radar—though certainly not for lack of prominent signage. No doubt residents can instantly summon the image of Maurice's Coiffure Salon, and perhaps the man himself, who has been quietly curating his collection of cuts on the corner of Foster and Damen since 2003.

At Maurice's, customers become canvases for an artist plying his craft.

"I began cutting hair as a teenager in Syria, not to make money, but because I've always had this passion for beauty," says Maurice, recalling the first haircuts he gave to the kids in his neighborhood. The small commissions that came in for each haircut were spent on combs and clippers, new tools for the artist's toolkit. After serving several years in the Syrian military (fashioning buzz cuts aplenty for his fellow soldiers along the way), Maurice decided to set out for more formal training. He chose France, following an affinity for a culture many assumed he belonged to by virtue of his name, taken after the French priest who had baptized him as an infant. Expecting to simply hone his talents for hairstyling, Maurice describes Parisian cosmetology education as a full immersion into beauty and artistry in all its expressions.

"Cosmetology school here in America is so focused, all about practicing cutting hair for hours and hours until you've done it enough to get your certificate. In France, I took classes in painting and visual art, music, math and biology. I've had to send clients to the doctor because I've noticed a disease affecting their skin or hair. I learned to take each person and help express their individual beauty."

It was only natural that Maurice found his way to Beverly Hills, the epicenter of style and beauty in the US, for a stint styling Hollywood's elite at \$150 a cut. But before long the reality of the monthly rent check in LA cut into his dream job.

"Surprise, surprise; there aren't a whole lot of people who can afford \$150 for a haircut," he laughs. "My boss told me I had a bright future and encouraged me to stay. Sure, my future is bright, I told him. But how will I survive until then?"

Family members who had settled in Chicago convinced Maurice to abandon the coast for the quieter confines of the Bowmanville neighborhood where he has made his home. And while the price tag on a cut, dye or style from Maurice runs quite a bit lower these days, customers can be confident that it's the same artist at work.

"Style and beauty are my passions," he reflects. "Michelangelo used a chisel and hammer. DaVinci used oil and a brush. And I have my scissors and a comb!"

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The Two-Flat: Distinctly Chicago

by Phil Thompson

Chicago is a city of beautiful homes, and the Bowmanville neighborhood is no exception. The early 1900s saw the development of neighborhoods at a time of strong currents in American architecture and design: the Prairie Style and the American Craftsman. These trends, combined with the demands of new residents, assured the dominance of a few residential styles throughout the city.

The two-flat is one such style. A few conditions made the two-flat a popular choice of the day:

- Chicago's standard 25' by 125' lot size. It's what gives homes the "shotgun" layout (so-called because one could shoot a shotgun from the front door right through the back). It also meant that builders reserved the nicest brick for the front of the home and used so called 'common' brick for the rest.
- The building code. A history of fire disaster limited woodframe construction within city limits, giving rise to rows of homes in brick, stone, and terracotta ornamentation.
- Immigrants' needs. Newly arrived immigrants favored inexpensive homes that could comfortably house two generations. Two-flats were one style that met that need.

Overall, the Chicago two-flat enjoys a few common features: Mostly brick with a wood frame interior, a strong bay window and, usually, masonry ornamentation. Some have called the Chicago two-flat a "stacked bungalow," citing design and materials similar to the common 1 to 1.5-story bungalow.

Within the two-flat family there are a few common styles:



The Angled Bay two-flat. Most common style in our area. The bay windows on the first and second floor lightly project from the home. Also, these typically have a raised first floor. Usually these are dressed up with decorative brickwork.

The Squared Bay two-flat. The design of these buildings provided a more distinct sunroom on the first and second floor.



The Greystone two-flat. The grey stone—which is area limestone—is a distinctively indigenous style, though perhaps not enjoying a reputation equal to the signature New York brownstone.

The ornamentation gives each of these styles a distinct look. Some of the common styles include Mission style, with hints of the tile roofs common in the California Spanish style missions; or Victorian touches, like stained glass in transoms or highly decorative and painted eaves.

Enjoy the views of the area homes and check out the ways in which builders mixed and matched styles. Two-flats stand next to three- and six-flats, making the neighborhood a diverse but somehow familial setting for homes.

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What? Back to School!

By: Catherine Shingler

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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)



Aug 13	Gardening evening	6:30pm until dusk
Aug 13	Police Beat 2012 CAPS meeting	
Aug 16	BCO Summer Social - Ice Cream & More!	12pm-4pm
Aug 23	Gardening day	9:30-3:30pm
Sept 10	Gardening evening	6pm until dusk
Sept 10	Fall Bee Deadline	
Sept 27	Bowmanville Oktoberfest - local beer & music	4pm-8pm
Sept 27	Gardening day	9:30-3:30pm
Oct 8	Gardening evening	6pm until dusk
Oct 8	Police Beat 2012 CAPS meeting	7pm
Oct 23	BCO Fall Open Meeting and Election	7pm
Oct 25	Garden workday	9:30-3:30pm
Nov 12	Gardening evening	6pm until dusk