

Bowmanville Bee

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Spring 2007

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Letter from the President

By Ellen Jurczak

Spring is right around the corner and the Bowmanville Community Organization is gearing up for its annual events! Mark your calendars now for this year's events:

- **Street Sale (Saturday, June 2)** – The Street Sale is your chance to set up shop and sell outgrown, unwanted and otherwise unnecessary (at least to you) toys and household goods. Over 70 households participate in this event every year and it attracts buyers from all over Chicago. Start planning now – an application form is in this issue of the Bee
- **Garden Walk (Saturday, July 14)** – Bowmanville has some of the most lovely gardens in Chicago and this is our opportunity to show them off. The gardens range from native wildflower refuges to professionally landscaped entertainment areas. This is the event that allows you to share your love of gardening and get ideas for enhancing your yard.
- **Ice Cream Social (Saturday, August 18)** – This event is the BCO's way of thanking Bowmanville residents for their support. Ice cream and entertainment are on order for this late afternoon and evening event. Last year neighbors enjoyed picnics, music and magic and this year will again be filled with similar fun activities. You can even karaoke if you dare!
- **Halloween Party (Saturday, October 27)** – The BCO Halloween Party is one of the most popular events and includes a parade, costume contest, candy and entertainment.



Volunteers for events and other activities (such as delivering Bees) are greatly appreciated. For information on how you can volunteer, please call the BCO hotline at 866-837-1006.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of the Bowmanville Community Organization. Let's continue to work together to improve the quality of life in Bowmanville!

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Tempel Steel Company

By Kristin Fitzgerald

Tempel Steel Company, founded by Tempel Smith in 1945, recently celebrated its 60th anniversary of full production. Six decades ago, after a young Harry Truman was elected President and the Chicago Cubs lost Game 7 of the World Series to the Detroit Tigers at Wrigley Field, the

company opened a modestly quaint

office building off Bryn Mawr Avenue. This once open setting for a new company has now grown to over four square city blocks (almost 20 acres). With operations in nearby Libertyville, in border countries Canada and Mexico, and now recently across the globe in China and India, Tempel has become a growing presence on the world stage and continues to accommodate customers at every step along the way. With customers from a multitude of industries, Tempel supplies parts to various manufacturers in over 40 countries around the world. To have become such a renowned leader on the world stage you may be wondering what it is specifically that Tempel actually does.

Tempel manufactures laminations (laminations are the core material of motors and transformers) used in a wide range of automotive products including actuators, alternators, electric power steering, fuel pumps, hybrid drive motors, ignition cores, seat adjusters, starters, generators and window lifts. Tempel also produces motor laminations used in appliances, power tools, pumps and traction motors for trains. Finally, Tempel produces transformer laminations used in a wide range of applications such as lighting, fluorescent ballasts and voltage transformers.



So, with operations in so many different time zones, when is Tempel open for business? To be a company responsive to the needs of its employees and at the same time remain competitive on the world stage, Tempel operates 24 hours a day, five days a week. Occasionally, operations run on Saturday (three shifts) but rarely on Sunday. The Chicago location employs a total of nearly 500 employees. Some of these employees are at the plant, called the Chicago Division; others are attached to Portage Tool, a stamping die making facility; and others are part of our corporate offices, which provide services to all the Tempel facilities.

Tempel recognizes the importance of being part of the surrounding community. The facilities are used as a polling place in city, state and federal elections and the BCO uses the training room for monthly board meetings. Tempel has also worked hard to maintain a strong landscaping program and has been recognized by the community with landscaping awards.

Tempel's mission is to provide the highest quality and most technically advanced laminations to customers, whose needs are constantly changing. To meet its mission, Tempel continues to invest in state-of-the-art facilities and equipment in Chicago, and the world beyond. Thank you for making Tempel feel at home all of these years. Like family, Tempel looks forward to growing together in the future.



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Volunteers Needed

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Take a Byte out of Crime - Part 3*

By Mark C. Soehn



Whatever else you may want your computer to do, you don't want it to inadvertently reveal your personal information to others. Take steps to help assure that this won't happen.

Install a firewall to prevent hackers from obtaining information from your hard drive or hijacking your computer to use it for committing other crimes. This is especially important if you use a high-speed connection that leaves you continuously connected to the Internet. Moreover, install virus protection software and update it on a regular basis.

Try to avoid storing personal and financial information on a laptop; if it's stolen, the thief may obtain more than your computer. If you must store such information on your laptop, make things as difficult as possible for a thief by protecting these files with a strong password -- one that's 6 to 8 characters long, and that contains letters (upper and lower case), numbers, and symbols.

Opening e-mails from people you don't know, especially if you download attached files or click on hyperlinks within

the message, can expose you to viruses, infect your computer with "spyware" that captures information by recording your keystrokes, or lead you to "spoofs" (websites that replicate legitimate business sites) designed to trick you into revealing personal information that can be used to steal your identity.

If you wish to visit a business' legitimate website, use your stored bookmark or type the URL address directly into the browser. If you provide personal or financial information about yourself over the Internet, do so only at secure websites; to determine if a site is secure, look for a URL that begins with "https" (instead of "http") or a lock icon on the browser's status bar.

When it comes time to upgrade to a new computer, remove all your personal information from the old one before you dispose of it. Doing so by using the "delete" function isn't sufficient to do the job; overwrite the hard drive by using a "wipe" utility program. The minimal cost of investing in this software may save you from being wiped out later by an identity thief.

Part 4: Recovering from identity theft
Part 5: Credit agencies can help



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Birdwatching at Rosehill Cemetery

Spring is one of the best times to see large varieties of birds because we are in a major migratory path. Chicago lies between agricultural areas (where there are few trees) and Lake Michigan so birds get "funneled through" on their way north. Heavily wooded areas are the best places to sight birds and Rosehill Cemetery is a prime bird watching area. According to Joe Lill, the President of the Chicago Audubon Society (www.chicagoaudubon.org), 199 species of birds (including the bald eagle) have been sighted at Rosehill.

The complete list is posted on the BCO website www.bcochicago.org. You can also find more information about individual birds at several websites including the Chicago Botanic Garden's www.chicagobotanic.org/birds. A field guide such as Roger Tory Peterson's "Field Guide to Birds of Eastern and Central North America" is a must have if you want to be able to identify birds quickly.

Which birds should you look for? Early migrants such as red-winged blackbirds, woodcocks, and sandhill cranes arrive in March. April brings kinglets, phoebes, and flickers. The onslaught of color really hits in May with warblers, tanagers, and orioles.

You can attract birds to your backyard with feeders and birdhouses. While sparrows seem to make up the majority of birds at feeders, house finches, juncos, white-throated sparrows and the occasional rose-breasted grosbeak also show up. Patience and a pair of binoculars will help you differentiate the more unusual birds.

Earth Day - Saturday, April 21, 2007

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Hi Neighbors,

I just finished analyzing the Bowmanville Real Estate Market for 2006. Remember all the negative headlines and national news reports? You may be wondering "How did our neighborhood fare?" My chart to the right takes a look at some real statistics on Bowmanville's Sales History for the past 4 years. Single Family Home prices and sales are strong in all areas, including; older resale, recently rehabbed, and new construction homes. 2006 Condo sales volume had a sharp increase over 2005; however, the average sale price is down because of a large influx of newly rehabbed properties on the lower end of the affordability scale.

Buying or Selling?

I can help sort out the facts from the hype!



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Real Estate Sales in Bowmanville: 2003 thru 2006

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Houses Sold:	19	20	20	19
Average Price:	\$414,700	\$420,250	\$531,800	\$675,500
Average Days to Sell:	41	45	127	115
Condo/Townhomes Sold:	31	31	28	51
Average Price:	\$263,950	\$305,250	\$335,600	\$292,900
Average Days to Sell:	91	62	79	70
2 - 4 Flats Sold:	12	14	13	7
Average Price:	\$431,450	\$452,250	\$523,200	\$617,800
Average Days to Sell:	64	76	60	40

Some figures have been rounded.

Data Source: Multiple Listing Service of Northern Illinois



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Your membership matters to the BCO

As summer approaches, the BCO is gearing up to launch the events that help make Bowmanville a community. Events such as the Yard Sale and Ice Cream Social bring neighbors together and create friendships. The success of BCO is due in part to the generosity of its supporters - your membership dues pay for events as well as other projects. Here are just a few reasons why membership is so important to the BCO:

- **Membership gives our organization political clout and a larger voice in the community.**

As our membership grows, so does our presence in the 40th Ward and in the City.

- **Membership provides financial stability over time.**

Membership dollars provide financial stability for BCO operations.

Having members that are passionate about Bowmanville will ensure our ability to pursue our goals into the future. The BCO's impact on our quality of life and landscape is evident throughout the community.

- **Membership gives you a voice!**

Becoming a member or renewing your membership is an easy way for you to make a difference in your community. Every time you donate to the BCO you are making an investment in the future of Bowmanville.

There are advantages for members such as e-mail blasts when important events are scheduled, such as Town Hall Meetings and information related to property tax legislation. Members also receive discounts on events such as the Yard Sale.

We are grateful to all of our members for making our important work possible – thank you!

Become a member or renew your membership now!

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email Address _____

Renewal New Member Committee I'd serve on: _____

Please make your check for \$12.00 payable to the Bowmanville Community Organization and send it to BCO Membership, c/o Craig Hanenburg, 5361 N. Bowmanville Ave., Chicago, 60625.

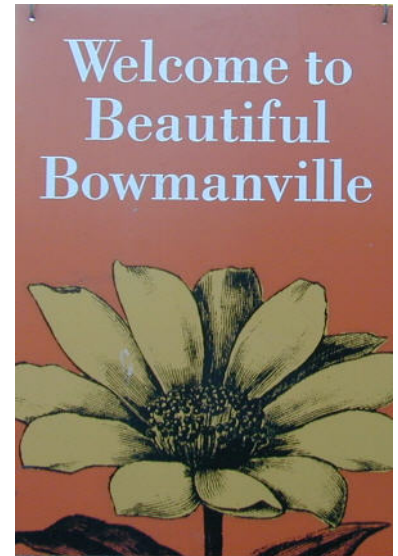
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3. How many people are in your household? _____

4. What are their ages? _____



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BCO Calendar of Events

BCO Board Meetings, Third Thursday each month, 7:30 p.m. at Tempel Steel Training Room, 5448 N. Wolcott.

Communication Committee Meetings, first Thursday of each month.

Planning and Development Committee Meetings, last Monday of each month

BCO Yard Sale - Saturday, June 2, 2007

BCO Garden Walk - Saturday, July 14, 2007

BCO Ice Cream Social - Saturday, August 18, 2007

BCO Halloween Event - Saturday, October 27, 2007



For up to the minute details on BCO Meeting/Event locations, dates and times, be sure to check www.bcochicago.org, or call 1-866-837-1006.

Join the BCO

\$12 Join or renew your membership today! Please return this form with your check for \$12.00 to the Bowmanville Community Organization to: BCO, c/o Craig Hanenburg, 5361 N. Bowmanville, Chicago, 60625. Questions? Call Craig at (866) 837-1006 or email membership@bcochicago.org. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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