

# Bowmanville Bee



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## Can't wait for the BCO summer to start!

*By Craig Hanenburg*

It's starting to feel a tiny bit like spring, and now that the green of St Patrick's Day has passed many are looking forward to the green from spring flowers and the warmth of summer. The BCO has great summer events in the works!

**The 13th Annual BCO Yard Sale is on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Mark your calendars for this well attended event! Barb Wolke is the chair, and has been getting everything ready. **The yard sale application is inserted into this edition of the Bee.** We will be advertising the sale in various newspapers and on the web. Last year nearly 100 residents participated. Every year is different, and every year different items sell fast. Two years ago toys, bikes and tools were fast movers, and last year kitchen and household items were hot. So if you have used items you want to sell this may be the summer to sell them in the BCO Yard Sale. Give it a try. The BCO also registers each seller with the required City of Chicago forms and coordinates police awareness for added community safety. At the end of the day participants are invited to one of our local pubs for some food, drink and socializing.

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk will be on July 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The Chicago Flower and Garden Show in March returned to Navy Pier this year and was full of inspiring ideas. Many Bowmanville residents have created spaces in their own gardens that are just as inspiring. There are so many beautiful yards in Bowmanville, and they help make our neighborhood a very special place in which to live. We have three community gardens that continue to improve and provide wonderful focal points in the neighborhood. Last year at the Bowmanville Garden Walk there were 27 viewing locations and an "Ask a Master Gardener" table. This year we will again include Master Gardeners from the University of Illinois Extension Program. If you participate by showing your garden, there is the optional benefit of receiving a consultation from one of the Master Gardeners. If you have not participated in the BCO Garden Walk in the past, I hope you will consider entering this year. The opportunity to share ideas with beginners and dedicated gardeners is very rewarding.

This will be the third year for the Garden Photo contest. The winning photo is used for promoting the following year's event. Tom Kennedy was the winner last year and his photo of the bench in the Bowmanville community garden is on the 2009 Garden Walk poster. If you like taking pictures, and have a local photo that would look great on our garden poster next year, think about entering the photo contest. The Garden Awards Party is at the end of the day and is a "Thank You" celebration and appreciation event in honor of all the participants and volunteers. **The application form for the Garden Walk is inserted in this edition of the Bee.**

**The BCO Ice Cream Social will be on August 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.** Come out to see your neighbors and enjoy some delicious cold ice cream at the BCO Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendars and watch for more details in the summer edition of the Bowmanville Bee.

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## BCO Treasurer's Report

By Sherri Farris

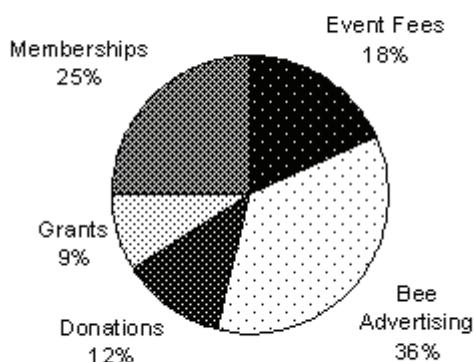
Do you ever wonder how your BCO membership dues are spent, or how the BCO events and the Bee are financed? The BCO is able to support all of its events from revenues generated from membership and event fees. The Bowmanville Bee is almost entirely supported by advertisers, and augmented with dues when necessary.

Below is a graphic description of how your money is spent. Without you, we couldn't do what we do for everyone in our community to enjoy. **Thank you for your kind support!**

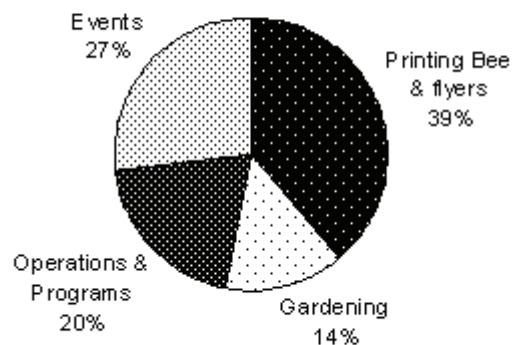
### BCO Sources of funding and expenses 2006-2008

Funds & Bank Balance - \$3,809.00 average per year,  
\$7,700.00 in funds and \$7,300.00 in expenses  
Average of \$400.00 in funds go into reserves.  
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BCO Funds




BCO Expenses



### Put Yourself to Work - and the BCO!

The BCO is looking for volunteers to help with membership outreach, events, planning, bookkeeping, development, gardening, the newsletter, etc. Membership makes it happen, and active members can make a difference! If you are interested in getting involved in BCO activities, or just want to find out more, please contact any of the officers or committee chairs listed in this edition of the Bee.

Call 1-866-837-1006 to volunteer now!



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## Planning and Development Committee Update

By Jeff Graves

### Planning Committee Open Meeting Let them Eat Chocolate 5306 N. Damen Avenue April 30, 7:00 p.m.

The BCO is hosting an open meeting to brainstorm and discuss commercial development along Damen and Foster. All community members are invited to attend. The **committee also seeks more neighborhood volunteers** – both residential and commercial - to contribute to this important project.

The BCO Planning and Development Committee is actively working on two important initiatives for the community:

**1) Damen-Foster Commercial Development Project:** The planning committee is launching an initiative to recommend strategies to develop and improve the commercial corridors along Damen Avenue and Foster Avenue. The committee hopes to develop a plan that is beneficial to local residents and businesses. We will look at challenges of development in this recession and create a realistic plan based on current and future economic scenarios.

The committee will seek the input of residents, local business owners, community development experts, and the alderman.

**2) Project Safe Sidewalk:** There are a number of sidewalks in disrepair throughout the community. The committee plans to identify and catalog those that are badly damaged and in need of repair and will work with the community and the alderman to get them fixed. If you would like to help on this project, or if you know of a damaged sidewalk to report, please contact the planning committee at [planning@bcochicago.org](mailto:planning@bcochicago.org).



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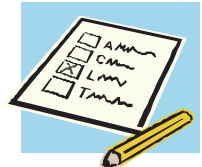
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## 2008 Bowmanville Community Survey

The BCO would like to thank all those who participated in the 2008 Bowmanville Community Survey that addressed Greenspace/Park/Recreation Space issues. The results are being tabulated and formatted so the information can be shared with residents. It will also be used by the Planning and Development Committee to make our community an even more "green", healthful, and rewarding place to live. Look for news of the survey results in the upcoming edition of the Bowmanville Bee.



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## Laws for Paws Pet Owner Responsibilities

By Laura Sabransky



Gracey would write this article if she could. The reason she can't – she's a small dog that lives in Bowmanville – is the very reason this needs to be written.

Gracey was recently attacked and severely injured by an unleashed dog that was with his owner. Like the animals in the other 700,000 Chicago households that have pets, she cannot speak for herself.

As humans, we are morally and legally bound to treat others – including animals – with respect. Advocating for animals is your responsibility if you are to give them the voice they deserve.

In this first of a two-part article, we remind our neighbors of many of the city and state laws pertaining to pet ownership. Some laws are for all companion animals; some are for dogs only. If you know someone who isn't following all of these laws, at the end is a list of resources so you can report illegal actions.



### City and State Laws for Responsible Pet Ownership

#### Rabies vaccine

All dogs over four months old must be inoculated against rabies, and vaccinated once every three years. Note that this does not apply to other pets. However, if a pet bites another domestic animal or human, the bite laws discussed later in this article apply.

#### Licenses

Once a dog has been vaccinated for rabies, owners must

purchase a license. Licenses must be renewed annually. Dog licensing fees go to support the city's shelter.

#### Picking up and disposing of animal waste

Anyone walking a pet – owner or not - must pick up after their pet with bags, newspaper, etc. To report someone for not picking up, or for letting waste build up in his or her yard, call the city's 311 City Services line. (Violators are subject to a \$500 fine).

#### Animal bites

If a pet bites a person or domestic animal, the owner must report the incident to the police or to the Chicago Commission on Animal Care and Control at 312-747-1406 within 24 hours. The pet must be quarantined for ten days to be observed for signs of rabies. With proof of rabies vaccination, it can be observed at home.

#### When animals are outside

At home, a pet has to be kept in a fenced area. While being walked, pets must be on a leash, unless a dog is in an area of a park or beach officially designated as a "dog-friendly area."

#### Dog-friendly areas (DFA)

Permits are required for dogs in DFAs. Permits are available at veterinary offices for \$5. (Violators are subject to a \$500 fine.)

#### Animals in cars

A pet's health, or life, is endangered by the heat or cold when left unattended in a car. The owner is subject to a Class C misdemeanor.

#### Dangerous dogs

Dogs are not allowed to threaten or attack people or pets. Dogs that do may be officially designated a "dangerous dog", and owners are required to follow strict rules in order to keep him/her.

#### Resources

City of Chicago City Services: 311.

Chicago Commission on Animal Care and Control  
312-747-1406.

Chicago Bar Association Legal Referral Service, for attorneys specializing in animal companion law  
312-554-2001.

*Look for part two in the next issue of the Bowmanville Bee. We would like to hear from you. Send us your questions and subjects you would like covered. Please e-mail [news@bcochicago.org](mailto:news@bcochicago.org) with your suggestions and questions.*



## Bowmanville Garden News

by Billy Kuczek

### We need volunteers for garden tasks this spring!

The BCO Garden Committee has quite a few tasks on its agenda this spring. In addition to our annual spring clean-up, we need help restoring and installing several signs, running PVC lines for sprinklers, and helping clear a patch for vegetables. So even if you don't consider yourself to have a green thumb, volunteer labor can be your gift to the gardens.



If you are interested in helping in the gardens, being on the BCO Garden Committee, or want to be kept informed of garden activities, send an email to Billy Kuczek, Garden Chairperson, at [gardening@bcochicago.org](mailto:gardening@bcochicago.org).

### 2009 Bowmanville Community Gardening Schedule

Meet in the Bowmanville or Gateway Garden. Come when you can. Leave when you must. Refreshments provided.

*4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Each Month, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
(Beginning April 25<sup>th</sup>)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of June and August 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.*

April 25<sup>th</sup> - Spring Cleanup

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

June 13<sup>th</sup>

June 27<sup>th</sup>

July 25<sup>th</sup>

August 8<sup>th</sup>

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

September 26<sup>th</sup>

October 24<sup>th</sup> - Salt Fence Installation



### Bowmanville Community Gardens

Volunteer gardeners are needed at all three sites.

**Bowmanville Garden** Along the Rosehill Cemetery fence at the intersection of Bowmanville, Balmoral, and Leavitt.

**Gateway Garden** Under the viaduct and on the southwest side of Ravenswood at Balmoral.

**Westgate Garden** Bump-outs and corner garden at the intersection of Bowmanville and Berwyn.

## Gateway Garden Expansion Begins!

**April 8th, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Planning Meeting  
Leadway Tavern**

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Meet at the Gateway Garden**

**Stake your claim!**

**Space is available for individual vegetable garden plots (10' X 10').**

Join your neighbors and other Bowmanville gardeners as we begin to lay out plans for the Gateway Garden Expansion Project (Balmoral and Ravenswood). As noted in the Holiday Bee, the BCO has obtained support from the City of Chicago, Alderman Patrick O'Connor, and NeighborSpace, to expand its existing garden, to the property south along Ravenswood Avenue, in the public right-of-way. Maps and garden plans will be available for viewing on garden work days. Our first garden work day on April 25<sup>th</sup> will also serve as a spring cleanup day.



The expanded garden will include indigenous plants, and space for neighborhood gatherings. The 10'x 10' individual plots will be assigned to gardeners on a first come first serve basis. These plots can be used for vegetable and kitchen gardens. This is a perfect opportunity for apartment dwellers, and container gardeners to spread out and plant more produce, and save money on their grocery bills!

Grants have been written to obtain funding from the City of Chicago's, Department of Environment, Greencorp and from GreenNet programs. We expect to hear soon about what kind of funding will be available to us for 2009. Once determined, the Gateway Garden committee members will plan an installation date, and any future fundraising that may be necessary. We look forward to strong community support of this project.

*If you'd like to reserve an individual plot, volunteer for the community garden, or make a contribution, of plants, materials, or cash, to the Gateway Garden Expansion Project, please contact Betty Redmond and David Glenn via the BCO's toll free number - 1-866-837-1006.*



## Unbuilt Projects and Fantasy Architecture

By Thom Greene

Andersonville resident, Thom Greene, AIA, of Greene & Proppe Design, Inc. is presenting his collection of designs, sketches, and renderings at the Edgewater Historical Society Museum from April 24 until June 6, 2009. The exhibit consists of two parts. The first half of the collection, created over the past 20 years, consists of unbuilt designs and concepts for various sites within the Edgewater and Chicago area that have not been realized. Fantasy Architecture, the second part of the exhibit, covers 31 years of intriguing creations ranging from high-rise works of imagination to highly stylized architectural oddities. The main thread that ties these two diverse bodies of work together is Thom Greene's compelling rendering skills, practical sensibility, artistic style, and flair for color and form. Thom has been recognized over the years for his extensive work beautifying the Edgewater and Andersonville communities, as well as throughout Chicago. This exhibit, at the EHS, is an opportunity to glimpse into his mind's eye and experience Thom's light-hearted, creative approach to design. There will be an opening reception on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. with a special presentation by Thom Greene. The Edgewater Historical Society and Museum is located in the renovated 1925 fire station at 5358 N. Ashland Avenue in Chicago. They are open Saturdays, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., and can be contacted at (773) 506-4849.

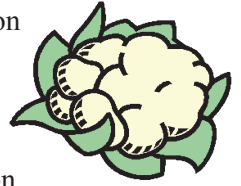


## Money in the Bank from Green Living

The theme of the Bowmanville General Meeting on February 19, 2009 was "Money in the Bank from Green Living". Liz Gabbard and John Paraoan planned the meeting and 60 residents attended at the North Community Bank on Western Avenue at 7:00 PM. Kris Neurauter a LEED certified design consultant with Gensler Architecture was the keynote speaker. Another highlight of the evening was a raffle drawing for prizes donated by Cook County Commissioner Mike Quigley's office, North Community Bank and Green Sky. An organic chocolate bar from Green Sky was given to B.A. Church, a \$50 dining certificate to Bon Soiree Restaurant from North Community Bank was given to Thom Greene and a family pass (4 tickets) to Brookfield Zoo, with Dolphin Show and train rides, from Commissioner Quigley's Office, was given to Debbie & Art Rooney.

## Andersonville Farmer's Market!

The market is scheduled to make its debut on Wednesday, June 24th from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. It will run one day per week through the beginning of September.



Look for us in the heart of Andersonville on Berwyn Avenue, between Clark and Ashland. We have chosen a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly commercial district to call our new market home.

The highlight of the market will be an array of local, sustainably grown produce. The market will also feature honey, cheese, wine, fiber, and more from local vendors. Also in the works are live musicians, family-focused activities, chef demonstrations, coordination with local school programs, and other various programming.



## Get your Share

Would you like fresh, organic produce this Summer? Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is coming to the Summerdale Community Church in West Andersonville (1700 W. Farragut at Paulina). This summer it will be a pick-up site for *Homegrown Wisconsin*, a CSA co-operative.



CSAs are partnerships between farmers and consumers. Consumers, known as shareholders, provide enough money in early spring to meet a farm's operating expenses for the upcoming season. In exchange, they receive a portion of the farms' produce each week, delivered right to their community.

CSA membership buys you more than fresh produce: it's an investment that allows you to know the farmers who grow your food, learn how that food is grown, and experience the joys of cooking with the seasons! By joining a CSA, you improve the safety of your food supply, help to preserve the environment, and enjoy the vast diversity of local fruits and vegetables.

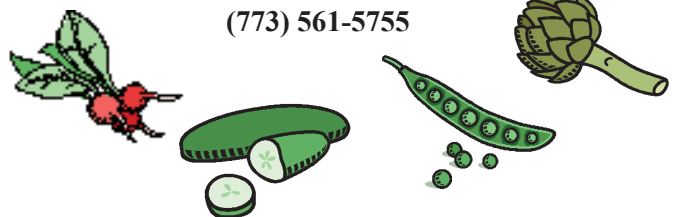
For information on Homegrown Wisconsin CSA, go to:

[www.homegrownwisconsin.com](http://www.homegrownwisconsin.com)

**Sign up early and get in for the 2009 season!**

**CSA Coordinator: Katrina Pine**  
**(608) 333-1227**

**Summerdale contact: Ann James**  
**(773) 561-5755**





## The three free “green gyms” of Bowmanville

By Russ Klettke

The science is in: gardening is good for your health. Based on an overview of fitness studies, the National Institutes of Health recommends a variety of activities at moderate intensity such as walking and gardening as a means to better health. Just 30 to 45 minutes of tilling, weeding, planting and trimming, three to five times per week, provides a full-body workout – with psychological benefits as well. Better yet, engage in such activities with friends and neighbors.



A huge movement in the UK, the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), employs one million volunteers in community gardening and environmental projects that they call Green Gyms. The organization's vision is “a better environment where people are valued and included and involved.” The sense of accomplishment in gardening is tangible, visibly rewarding in ways that a gym treadmill or weight stack can never be.

Maybe your own yard is a green gym. But if you are interested in meeting your neighbors, we have three BCO-sponsored community green gyms right here: the Westgate Garden (Berwyn/Bowmanville), Bowmanville Garden (Bowmanville/Leavitt) and the newly expanding Gateway Garden (Balmoral/Ravenswood). Volunteers are needed with each site, so if you want to know more, send an email to [gardening@BCOChicago.org](mailto:gardening@BCOChicago.org), or call the BCO toll free number, 866-837-1006, and note your garden location preference, if you have one.

Regardless of where your gardening takes you, you'd be smart to stretch before and after – it will make you more limber for the work and your muscles will recover better after. For ideas on how, go to [http://www.gardenfitness.com/garden\\_fitness\\_plan.htm](http://www.gardenfitness.com/garden_fitness_plan.htm)

Russ Klettke is a Bowmanville resident, business and fitness writer and manager of [www.HumanCurrent.com](http://www.HumanCurrent.com), a blog exploring the connection between exercise and green electric power generation.

## Fitness Gardening Tips

- Always check with your doctor before beginning any exercise program.
- Don't bend at the waist to pick things up, bend at the knees.
- Alternate your grip when raking, digging or hoeing. If you're right-handed, rake or hoe first with a right-handed grip, then switch to a left-handed grip.
- Break gardening sessions down into two or three hour periods rather than 6 to 10 hour marathons.
- Combine stretching with light gardening activities, such as the "lunge and weed": Lunge forward with one leg, weed for about 10 seconds, then stand up and alternate legs.
- Warm up before gardening and cool down after gardening.

## Street Sale - Preliminary Details

By Barbara Wolke

It is that time of year again! Mark your calendars for June 6, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.. Check your closets, basements, attics, and garages. The Bowmanville 13th Annual Street Sale is almost here.

Last year we had 89 participants. Each year participation increases. The variety of "stuff" is quite amazing, from alphabet blocks to zithers. For avid garage-salers, our neighborhood is a must shop. **So complete the application included in this edition of the Bee.** Take it to Barbara Wolke, 2311 W. Farragut, by May 20th so that your house can be indicated on the map that is distributed to the hundreds of buyers. Happy selling, but don't forget to take time to shop.

## Street Sale Tips

1. **Prepare** - Set aside a large box or corner of your basement for items you are going to sell. Clean and sort items into categories and keep them together. Group clothing according to size. Bag smaller items, and label your goods with a price and short description.
2. **Set-up** - Be prepared. You may want to place the tables out the night before and carry sorted boxes of items out the morning of the sale. Price your items so you will be handling only bills and quarters, **AVOID AMOUNTS WITH ODD PRICING**. Wear an apron or shoulder bag so that your money is with you at all times.
3. **Pricing** - Price your items fairly and let people receive the bargain they expect. Hold firm if you think your item is already fairly priced, and lower the price later in the day.
4. **Supplies** - Grocery bags, newspapers, cash (to include singles and coins), long extension cord (if selling electrical equipment), pens and pencils, paper to record sales.
5. **Safety** - Be aware of your surroundings. Lock your house. Protect large sums of money by placing it in a safe place.
6. **Get the word out** - make copies of the Street Sale flyer and post it at work, church, health club, or elsewhere.

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### Earned Income Tax Credit

The average EITC refund for Chicagoans in 2007 is \$2,096. A family that earns up to \$36,995 with one child, could get up to \$2,917 back from the IRS. A family that earns up to \$41,646 with more than one child, could get up to \$4,824 back. Individuals who are between 25 and 64 years old, earning up to \$15,880, and who have no children may get up to \$438 back.

### Tax Preparation Assistance

Families earning less than \$45,000 and individuals earning less than \$20,000 can get free tax preparation assistance from professionally trained volunteers. The Tax Counseling Project and the Tax Assistance Program, both Chicago-area non-profit programs, offer the assistance at 30 sites in Chicago and 23 sites outside the city. Residents should bring all current W2 and 1099 forms, Social Security cards for all members of the household, a copy of your last recent tax return, and photo identification.

To get free tax preparation assistance, and assistance filing for the Earned Income Tax Credit, call 311 City Services and ask about locations near you. Outside Chicago, local residents can call 312-409-1555 or 312-630-0273.

## Cook County Treasurer Announces Refunds

Changes in Cook County assessed property values in certain neighborhoods have caused the Cook County Assessor, Maria Pappas, to issue refunds for some. Approximately 8,500 property owners across Cook County were notified in December 2008 that they would be receiving a refund for overpayments due to changes in assessment levels of their property. The Cook County Assessor estimates approximately \$9.8 million in refunds.



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**Design Contest winner announced.** On January 14, 2009 art designs from several BCO residents were on display at the Avram Eisen Gallery. Visitors to the gallery voted for their favorite and the winner was Jeff Graves. His design "The Streets of Bowmanville" is used as the artwork on the new BCO Green Bag. **Bags will be on sale at all BCO summer events and are available now.** Please fill out this form to place an order.



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## **Household Appliance Energy Quiz**

Below is a list of common household appliances. Rank the appliances from 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest) according to the amount of energy you think they use. For example, if you think the refrigerator uses the most energy, rank it 10.

Next, figure out how each household appliance uses energy by filling in letters in the column "What Am I" for each appliance from the letters in the column "How Do I Use Energy?"

	Ranking:	What Am I?		How Do I Use Energy?
Television			A.	I use energy to spin and keep you cool.
Stereo			B.	Even though I am always plugged into an outlet, energy is consumed only when I am turned on to heat food.
Refrigerator			C.	I use energy to produce pictures on a screen.
Washing machine			D.	I use energy to rinse and spin.
Water heater			E.	I use energy when I am plugged in and turned to a certain temperature.
Range top (stove)			F.	I use a large amount of energy derived from electricity or gas to cook food.
Ceiling fan			G.	I use energy to receive radio waves in your home.
Toaster			H.	I use a lot of energy because I am always cooling and freezing.
Iron			I.	I use a large amount of energy so that you can take warm showers and have hot water.
Microwave			J.	I use energy to heat coils that cook your food.

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## Lakefront Landfill for Bike Path Extension

By Jeff Graves

After more than 140 years, the dream of Chicago's founders has nearly been completed. Of Chicago's 30 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, 26 miles create a linear park expanse with public access to Lake Michigan. But 4 miles – two on the south lakefront and two on the north – are not yet part of this continuous public lakefront park.



Motivated by the mandate of the Lakefront Protection Ordinance, as well as the 2009 centennial celebration of Burnham's *Plan of Chicago*, Friends of the Parks began the Last 4 Miles initiative to provide citizens a voice in developing a community-based concept plan for the future completion of Chicago's lakefront park system from 71st Street south to Calumet Park on the Indiana border and from Hollywood north to Evanston.

While the Last 4 Miles initiative embraces Burnham's vision of a public lakefront park system along the entire Chicago shoreline, we did not follow Burnham's design concepts for islands and lagoons. Instead, we

began with public forums on the South lakefront in 2006 and in 2008 in Edgewater and Rogers Park neighborhoods to elicit and then sketch their ideas for the sections close to those neighborhoods. Although these meetings were primarily advertised to residents along the lakefront, everyone is encouraged to contribute their thoughts through the Friends of the Parks web site: [www.FOTP.org](http://www.FOTP.org).

Following the Edgewater and Rogers Park communities' indication that they do not want an expansion of Lake Shore Drive, development of commercial building or housing, or construction of harbors and marinas, the Last 4 Miles north lakefront design concepts do not include any of these features. However, the north lakefront design sketches do include ways to connect the small parks and street-end beaches, to form a continuous path along Lake Michigan between Evanston and Hollywood.

The work to connect our lakefront parks will not be realized immediately. Last 4 Miles is a planning initiative for the benefit of future generations. Realizing this dream involves "thinking big" to paraphrase Burnham's words. A mere 13% (or 4 miles) remains to achieve the 172 year-old dream of "forever open, clear and free." The Burnham Centennial offers an opportunity to plan, promote and celebrate the vision that has made Chicago the beautiful, world class city it is today.

For more information, or to join our email list, please go to the Friends of the Parks web site at: [www.FOTP.com](http://www.FOTP.com).

### Energy Quiz Key - How efficiently are you using energy?

	Ranking:	What Am I?		How Do I Use Energy?
Television	3	C	A.	I use energy to spin and keep you cool.
Stereo	1	G	B.	Even though I am always plugged into an outlet, energy is consumed only when I am turned on to heat food.
Refrigerator	8	H	C.	I use energy to produce pictures on a screen.
Washing machine	4	D	D.	I use energy to rinse and spin.
Water heater	10	I	E.	I use energy when I am plugged in and turned to a certain temperature.
Range top (stove)	9	F	F.	I use a large amount of energy derived from electricity or gas to cook food.
Ceiling fan	2	A	G.	I use energy to receive radio waves in your home.
Toaster	7	J	H.	I use a lot of energy because I am always cooling and freezing.
Iron	5	E	I.	I use a large amount of energy so that you can take warm showers and have hot water.
Microwave	6	B	J.	I use energy to heat coils that cook your food.



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## Bike the Drive

For all the Bowmanville bike enthusiasts, the City of Chicago's Bike the Drive will be held on Sunday, May 24, 2009 beginning at 5:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.



See the city's famous lakefront and architecture; relive legendary memories at the site of the 1893 World's Fair or the site of Barack Obama's history-making election speech; breeze through lush parks; and come together with family and friends – all while biking on eight lanes and 15 miles of a tranquil, and car-less, Lake Shore Drive.

Festivities include music, special activities for youth and families, bicycle celebrations, sponsor booths, and an All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from Goose Island for \$7 (\$2 goes to the Active Transportation Alliance).

Bank of America Bike the Drive benefits the Active Transportation Alliance (formerly the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation), a non-profit biking, walking and transit advocacy organization.

Experience Chicago like never before – biking on a car-free Lake Shore Drive, May 24, 2009. Sign-up online. Sign up before April 4th and save \$2.

For more information visit the Bike the Drive website - <http://www.bikethedrive.org>

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## Who's Who in Rosehill Cemetery

Born in 1832, **Helen Culver** was a successful real estate developer (along with her cousin, Charles J. Hull) pioneer suffragist, and philanthropist. At a time when career women were considered "unnatural", Helen Culver was an executive whose abilities not only earned her fortune, but helped make strides forward in areas of social services. Together with her friend Jane Addams, they co-founded Hull House Settlement which provided health services, education, and relocation aid to immigrants newly arrived in Chicago. Helen Culver inherited the house from her cousin, Charles J. Hull, and contributed the house, property, and monies to the Hull House foundation.

Also among her benefactions was the University of Chicago, where monies were given to build and support biology laboratories. She served as teacher and principal in Chicago Public Schools, as well as founding a private school in Sycamore, IL. She endowed a gold medal to be given by the Geographic Society of America to the explorer or scientist who should "advance the boundary lines of the world's knowledge". Her last gift was the Helen Culver Fund for Race Psychology, which formed the beginnings of scientific social study at the University of Chicago.

Her later years were lived in Lake Forest, Illinois, until her death on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1925 at age 93. She was subsequently buried in Rosehill Cemetery, also the final resting place of her cousin Charles.



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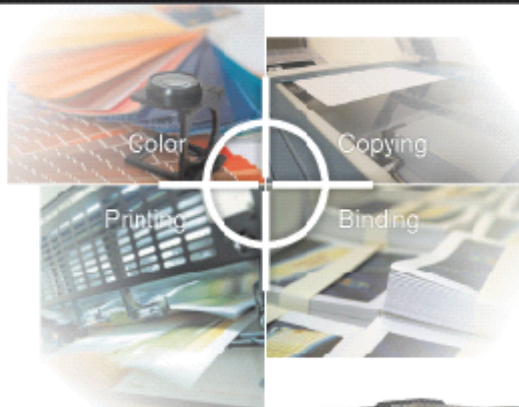
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## Residents Alarmed by Domestic Violence Incident

A man was charged with attempted murder for a stabbing that resulted in serious injuries to a woman living in the 5300 block of N. Hoyne on February 11, 2009. A passerby stopped the altercation by striking the offender in the head with a shovel knocking him unconscious until the police arrived. Police reported that the injured were transported to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center where the woman was reported to be in serious to critical condition. Her two young children witnessed the incident. The offender was arrested and charged with one count of attempted murder.


Domestic abuse, also known as spousal abuse, occurs when one person in an intimate relationship, or marriage, tries to dominate and control the other person. An abuser doesn't "play fair." He or she uses fear, guilt, shame, and intimidation to wear you down and gain complete power over you. He or she may threaten you, hurt you, or hurt those around you. Domestic abuse that includes physical violence is called domestic violence.

Victims of domestic abuse or domestic violence may be men or women, although women are more commonly victimized. This abuse happens among heterosexual couples and in same-sex partnerships. Except for the gender difference, domestic abuse doesn't discriminate. It happens within all age ranges, ethnic backgrounds, and financial levels. The abuse may occur during a relationship, while the couple is breaking up, or after the relationship has ended.

Despite what many people believe, domestic violence is not due to the abuser's loss of control over his or her behavior. In fact, violence is a deliberate choice made by the abuser in order to take control over their partner.

There are different types of domestic abuse, including emotional, physical, sexual, and economic abuse. Many abusers behave in ways that include more than one type of domestic abuse, and the boundaries between some of these behaviors may overlap.

Stressful economic times trigger more instances of spousal abuse. **If you feel you are in physical danger, call 911 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-787-3224.**



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## Chappell Prepares Students for ISAT

*By Joseph Peila, Principal/Director*

During the week of March 3rd, Chappell third through eighth graders joined their peers throughout Illinois to take the Illinois Standard Achievement Test (ISAT). All qualifying students took the ISAT, except for severely disabled students and those recently enrolled in an ESL or bilingual program.



Chappell has redoubled their efforts to make sure that all students were ready to do their very best on the ISAT. Teachers aligned their instruction to the State of Illinois Standards, and used Learning First, DIBELS, and other data to identify students who needed help.

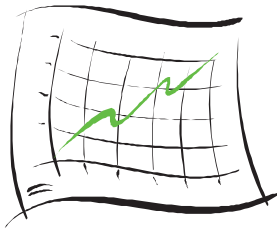
## BCO Web Site gets fresh new look

Barry Kafka, Craig Hanenburg, and the Communications Committee are working to put a fresh new look on the BCO Web site. The site may actually go through two changes. The first changes will debut later this spring. Here is a preview -



## Building Up the BCO

Thanks to a major recruitment drive, 2008 was a banner year for BCO membership growth. The Membership Committee's goal for 2009 is to encourage more active member participation in the BCO, so we can strengthen our committees and board.



Identifying emerging leaders and new volunteers is an important element to the health and future of our organization.

Jobs that need immediate volunteers are:

- 1) Phone tree callers. Each caller is asked to take on 8 -13 names and will be given notes on the calling topic, which could be meeting or event notification, or opinion polling.
- 2) Bee/Flyer delivery people, 4 – 6 new volunteers would be a great boost of help to those already at work. Call now to deliver Bees to your block!
- 3) Let us know if you'd like to be a BCO block captain on your street.
- 4) Assistant coordinators for BCO KIDS Rewards, are needed to help organize activities and collect rewards prizes.

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## BCO Calendar of Events

For up to the minute details on BCO Meeting/Event locations, dates and times, call 1-866-837-1006.

**BCO Board Meetings**, Third Thursday each month, 7:15 p.m. at Tempel Steel Training Room, 5448 N. Wolcott.

**Communication Committee Meetings**, first Thursday of each month.

**Membership Committee**, second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**Planning and Development Committee Meetings**, March 30th, April 6th (Foster/Damen Planning), April 27th, April 30th (Foster/Damen Planning) at 7:30 p.m.

**Garden Work Days - Bowmanville & Gateway Gardens**, 4th Saturday of each month (beginning April 25th), and 2nd Saturday of June & August, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**BCO Street/Yard Sale** - Saturday, June 6th, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**BCO Garden Walk** - Saturday, July 11th, 11:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

**BCO Ice Cream Social** - Sunday, August 16th, 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.



## Membership Makes it Happen! Join the BCO

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