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Bowmanville Community Organization

Annual Election Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2008

7:00 PM

Chappell School Gymnasium

2135 W. Foster Avenue

- **Meet our new Illinois State Senator, Heather Steans.** Senator Steans will introduce herself to the BCO community and discuss topics of interest including proposed Lake Michigan landfill along the Rogers Park and Edgewater shorelines, the State of Illinois Constitution Convention, and other important issues that will have a direct impact on our quality of life, taxes and financial security, how education is funded, and ending the 'budget gridlock' in Springfield.
- **Meet and vote for the new slate of BCO board members and executives.** This past year saw the launch and success of the BCO membership drive, **Membership Makes it Happen.** As a result, our membership rolls are bigger than ever before, and our new board features an exciting diverse group of exuberant new and experienced returning members!
- **BCO and 40th Ward Updates.**
- **Refreshments.**

The 2008 - 2009 slate includes:

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BCO Halloween Event - October 25, 2008

(see details on Page 15)



Communities transform streets for Sunday Parkways Oct. 5th & 26th



Pedestrians, biking, skating and dancing will reclaim 10 miles of Chicago streets through five Northwest and West side communities in the first-ever Sunday Parkways events Oct. 5th and Oct. 26th!

On each day, a linear route along Chicago's historic and beautiful boulevard system will be closed to car traffic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Logan Square, Humboldt Park, East Garfield Park, North Lawndale and Little Village neighborhoods, displaying the vibrant culture of these communities along the way.

On Oct. 5, the route will run from Kedzie and Logan boulevards to Woodward Drive and Jackson Boulevard. Three weeks later on Oct. 26th, a second route will run from 24th Street and California Avenue to Lake Street and Central Park Avenue.

It is a free, open event with no start, finish or registration!

"I am excited because five connected communities are working together to engage residents of all ages and abilities to temporarily reclaim public space for human-powered activity in a safe and relaxed environment," said Lucy Gomez-Feliciano of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association.

The focus of Sunday Parkways is physically active communities. Residents can play sports, participate in exercise classes and dance at five activity stations along the routes — Palmer Square, Garfield Park, Douglas Park, Humboldt Park and Telpochcalli Community School.

"Sunday Parkways is more than opening the streets to people and closing them to cars. It is an exercise in social integration; it is about developing a sense of belonging to the city," said Gil Penalosa, executive director of Walk & Bike for Life and former Commission of Parks in Bogotá, Colombia, where he led the successful Cicolovia — a model for Sunday Parkways that sees more than 1.5 million people each week.

Sunday Parkways is modeled after similar successful events in Guadalajara, Mexico, and Bogotá, Colombia. In the U.S., New York City and Portland, have already held similar events this year.

Cars will still be able to cross the route at signalized intersections. Local residential traffic will be allowed access to the route with help of traffic control aides.

Sunday Parkways is the result of a collaboration of five community-based organizations — Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation and Great Humboldt Park Community of Wellness, Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance, Little Village Community Development Corporation, Logan Square Neighborhood Association and Lawndale Christian Development Corporation. Partners, including the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation and the Chicago Park District, have helped coordinate and execute the two events. The event is also fully supported by wards along the route, including Alds. Rey Colon (35), Walter Burnett (27), Sharon Dixon (24), Billy Ocasio (26), Ed Smith (28), Ariel Reboyras (30), George Cardenas (12) and Ricardo Munoz (22).

Sunday Parkways is funded through the Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust, Local Initiatives Support Corporation/Chicago, The Boeing Company, Bikes Belong, Bank of America, Michael Reese Health Trust and Recreation Equipment Incorporated (REI).

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BCO Leadership Meets with Alderman O'Connor

Continuing the BCO series of face-to-face meetings with Alderman O'Connor, Craig Hanenburg, President, Claire Shingler, Vice President, and Jeff Graves, Chair of the BCO Planning and Development Committee, met on September 22nd. Topics were based on issues collected from residents. Items discussed are noted below with updates.

The proposed Nature Preserve

The city has been working for some time to forge a deal with Rosehill cemetery owners on purchase of a parcel of land along the western edge of the cemetery, to be developed into a Nature Preserve. **A decision on this plan seems imminent – it appears a deal will be made or fully withdrawn prior to year end.** As we understand it, key components of the deal may include a smaller parcel of land for the Nature Preserve than initially discussed. Located near the entrance of the cemetery on the Western Avenue side and going north to Peterson, the proposed site will be reduced to between 20 to 30 acres. **The southern portion extending to the Bowmanville boundary has been dropped from the Nature Preserve parcel.** This means that the nearest access into the preserve will be from Western Avenue – **there will be no access from the Bowmanville community.** The current plan now includes some type of play lot or swings as part of the preserve.

As part of the deal, according to Alderman O'Connor, the cemetery will likely be granted rights/zoning to construct a 250 unit senior housing facility on the southwestern grounds of the property, with access only from Western Avenue. Note: Alderman O'Connor tells us that no developer is engaged thus far on the senior housing project. The cemetery's parcel of land along Bowmanville Avenue (outside of the fenced area) will likely be left as is, without development. It is our understanding that the Green Space the Bowmanville community uses for social events will remain undeveloped.

SCI Illinois Services (the corporate owners of Rosehill Cemetery) is also asking for approval to build a funeral home inside the main gate of the cemetery – making it likely that Drake and Sons Funeral Home at Berwyn and Western would be relocated to this new site. It was not clear what development possibilities might emerge at the corner of Berwyn and Western. A period of community consultation is built into the deal so stay tuned for that to be arranged by the BCO (likely in October or early November) in coordination with Alderman O'Connor's office as soon as the deal moves forward.

Bowmanville Rat Control

Bowmanville residents have noticed a growing rat problem worsen within our boundaries. Neighbors need to continue to contact 311 to report the problem, and request baiting in their alleys and yards. There is no fee for this service. The more people that report this problem the more frequently the Department of Streets and Sanitation will bait the alleys. The

alderman is looking into a plan to bait the entire community at one time to help alleviate the issues. He also is considering inspection of trash bins, and replacing faulty bins. He noted that mismanaged food composting contributes to the rat problem, too.

Rendered Services Inc. Towing (2015 W. Rascher Ave)

Alderman O'Connor indicated to the BCO leadership that RSI is no longer pursuing the zoning change they had previously requested. They have dropped their contract with the state for towing 'disabled vehicles' as this is not covered under current zoning. RSI is now focusing their business on towing contracts with local businesses, as reflected by the increasing signs around the neighborhood (Jewel, Walgreens, Advocate Family Practice, Thybony, etc.) We continue to discuss with the alderman whether the number of cars on the RSI lot is allowed by the current zoning, and how best to act on this matter.

Please keep in mind that residents should contact city services (CAPS, 311, 20th district police, and Alderman O'Connor) directly for issues of concern to them. Be sure to also inform the BCO so we may present our concerns, as a community, when we meet with Alderman O'Connor. Although we meet with the Alderman only three to four times per year, there is no reason to delay action on your issues. We can get better results working individually and as a community.

The BCO is looking for volunteers to help with membership outreach, events, planning, bookkeeping, development, gardening, the newsletter, etc. If you're interested, or just want to find out more, please contact any of the officers or committee chairs listed in this edition of the Bee.



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We feature any new or old restaurants, bars, bakeries, coffee/tea shops, or special eateries that are just **Around the Corner!** We hope this feature will lead you to new spots to enjoy a meal, a drink, or a special something to eat!

Chicago Ale House Bar & Grill

2200 W. Lawrence Ave.

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Fajita Grill

1706 W. Foster Ave.

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Calling all fajita lovers! The warm and friendly staff at this year old restaurant serves up delicious Mexican fare, specializing in fajitas. **Fajita Grill** has a full menu page that offers everything from typical chicken and steak to calamari and veggie fajitas. **Fajita Grill** will make your salsa and guacamole fresh to taste right at your table side. This BYOB has a tasty margarita mix, just bring your own tequila and they'll mix up one for you! **Fajita Grill** also features a solid vegetarian offering and nightly specials. Plan your next night out at the **Fajita Grill**!

I Monelli

5019 N. Western Ave.

773-561-8499

Owners and friends Marco (also owns Pizza Metro), Max (an Italian food importer), and Giovanni (previously of Pizza D.O.C.) opened this small BYOB about 5 months ago. **I Monelli** (which translates to "those rascals"), an authentic eatery with an Italian-speaking kitchen staff and owners, features paninis, pastas, and square pizzas with a unique and delicious, crispy crust, as well as lighter options including soup and salad. While the menu is basic now, Marco told us to expect specials and an increased offering soon. These three Italian men are serious about the foods of their homeland! Come enjoy an Italian delight at **I Monelli** tonight!

Isabella Panaderia Guatemalteca

1659 W Foster

773-275-5237

This 3-year-old bakery features traditional Guatemalan bread and pastries at great prices. Empanadas are a specialty at **Isabella**, and come with both savory fillings (including chicken, beef, and cheese), as well as sweet fillings (including strawberry, apple, and cream). Their tamales and chile rellenos are also among their customers' favorites. Croissant sandwiches, roasted chicken, and espresso, cappuccinos, and iced coffees are also served up. Open every day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., be sure to stop by **Isabella** for a taste of Guatemala!

Pizza D'Ora

5047 N. Lincoln Ave.

773-878-4700

Pizza D'Ora is a new and cute little pizza joint. This clean and freshly painted small place has five tables with checkered tablecloths for a quiet and quaint dine-in experience. To top off the setting they've placed a couple of pinball machines to play while your pie bakes! **Pizza D'Ora** has a wide variety of tasty pies along with a handful of specials. You can watch the pizza man run the homemade dough through the electric roller, spread the homemade sauce, and watch him chop the veggies for the pies! This thin crust pizza is tasty, simple, and comes with a great price! **Pizza D'Ora** also has other daily specials if you don't want their delicious pies. Dine in, carry out, or have it delivered...have pizza tonight!

Ravenswood Pub

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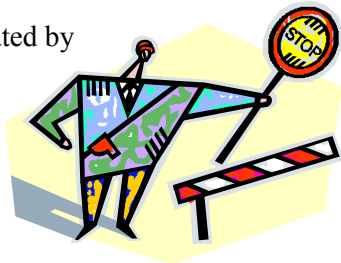
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Three female pastry chefs who shared a passion for quality, artistry and flavor were searching for a kitchen where collaboration would not compete with individuality. The result of this adventure was **Sweet Collective** - Rich Chocolates & Candies (Lauren Pett), Ruth and Phils Gourmet Ice Cream (Alison Bower), and The Sugar Syndicate Specialty Cakes and Pastries (Cathay Rayhill)- three companies, one store. At **Sweet Collective** you will find unique and traditional flavors of ice cream, sorbet and other frozen delights: rich handmade chocolates, toffee, and caramel corn as well as mini pastries and gorgeous made-to-order custom cakes. Everything is handmade from scratch using high quality, all natural ingredients. This love and dedication to product shines through in every intensely flavored bite, and will put a smile on your face. We invite you to come in and sample our handmade chocolates, ice creams, cakes, and French-pressed Metropolis coffee; ask questions, and become a part of the **Sweet Collective** experience. Open Wed-Sun.

Ravenswood Avenue Improvements

The Chicago Department of Transportation recently began construction on Ravenswood Avenue from Balmoral to Farragut. Ravenswood Avenue was originally built as part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), a public works program created by then President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a response to the nation's economic hardships of the Great Depression in the 1930's. The street was originally built without curbs or gutters, and with minimal drainage capacity, as was the case with Bowmanville Avenue before sections of it were renovated in the late 1990's.



Improvements to Ravenswood Avenue will include: full reconstruction of the roadway pavement, installation of concrete curbs and gutters, installation of proper drainage structures, replacement of driveway aprons, alley returns, and curb ramps for people with disabilities, new street lighting, and landscaping of the parkways with sod and trees.

New Firehouse in Edgewater

Alderman O'Connor welcomed the new Engine Company 70 Firehouse with a public open house on Saturday, August 16, 2008. The new firehouse is a 16,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility located at 6030 North Clark Street. This new facility is the seventh of nine new firehouses to be built in Chicago in more than two decades and will help support the firehouse located on the 2300 block of Foster Avenue, which services the Bowmanville community.



The facility features oversized doors to accommodate today's larger emergency vehicles, a circular driveway for safer and faster ingress and egress of the facility, a state-of-the-art emergency communication system, a training room, an exterior apparatus training area, a state-of-the-art watch tower, firefighter and officer quarters, bathroom and locker-room facilities for men and women and a workout facility.

Chicago has 113 fire stations throughout the city; 22 of which are at least 75 years old and four dating back more than a century, to the days when fire fighting equipment was pulled by horses. The oldest, Engine Company 18 at 1121 W. Roosevelt Road, was constructed in 1873 - just two years after the Chicago Fire. Most of the historic facilities are neighborhood fire stations that are occupied 24 hours a day by Chicago Fire Department personnel.

The new firehouse also includes a solar thermal domestic water heating system. One of this project's goals is to earn the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification. The LEED Green Building Rating System, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), provides a list of standards for environmentally sustainable construction.

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BCO Website to get Fresh New Look

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BCO and 40th Ward Food Drive

The BCO is planning a second BCO Food Drive for the year and we hope it will be as successful as the first one! We are joining in with Alderman O'Connor's 40th Ward Food Drive running November 12th - December 7th. We need three homes or businesses on both the East and West sides of Damen for food drop-off locations. If you can provide a drop-off location, then please let us know so we can publish the locations via an e-Bee-Blast, and send out flyers. Our food donations will be going to Care for Real again. The Alderman donates to Care for Real and four other locations. If you'd like to drop off food at the Alderman's office you can do that too. We are also looking for volunteers to pick up our food donations and take them directly to Care for Real. This is a good job for a teenager in need of community service hours! Please be as generous as you can for those in need.

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The chairman works with the members of this committee to produce the Bowmanville Bee newsletter, the "e-Bee", and record outgoing messages on the BCO toll free phone line. Meetings are currently held on the first Thursday of each month. The committee also works with all the other committees to help publicize our events and post stories on the BCO Web Site. If you enjoy marketing or journalism, this is a fun way to be creative and also give back to your community. Scott Galassini is stepping down as our Communications Chairman after four years of excellent service. The BCO is grateful to Scott for the communication mediums which he has helped develop, like the "e-Bee" and the toll free line. He will help train you as the new chairman.



Bowmanville Community Gardens Update

On Saturday, September 27th, the community gardens in Bowmanville received nearly 100 donated perennials from the City of Chicago's annual Great Perennial Divide Event. Eight volunteers worked for hours to get the Bowmanville Garden weeded and all the perennials planted. Thanks to everyone who showed up and helped.

Neighbor B.A. Church has been hard at work removing the unsightly and unattended grass on the south side of Berwyn at Western, near the Westgate Garden. She has installed yet another garden on the site and continues to keep the west entrance of our neighborhood looking beautiful.

Additional perennials were recently added to the Gateway Garden on Balmoral at Ravenswood. With the garden on the edge of the new street, curb and sidewalk installation on Ravenswood, we hope it will not suffer at the hands of the construction. Thanks to Betty Redmond and Ellen Jurczak for helping to care for the Gateway Garden, and to Robert Swislow for keeping it watered.

Our final garden work day for the year in scheduled for Saturday, October 25th from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. We will be doing preparations for winter in the Bowmanville Garden. The BCO Garden Committee will be meeting prior to this date to plan the closing of the gardens for this year.

We need volunteers! If you'd like to be on the garden email list, please email Billy Kuczek at: b.kuczek@comcast.net or call him at 773-551-0514.

BCO Garden Walk Recap

This year's Bowmanville Garden Walk spotlighted twenty-three residential gardens for public viewing. Participants included: Jan and Roy Ahlgren, Vickie Barson, Anne Boyle and Joe Charles, Patrick Brandell, Eliza Fournier, Scott Galassini and Ernestine Bettini, Jeff Graves and Jack Beaupied, Craig Hanenburg and Billy Kuczek, Jim and Cynthia Hannon, Julie Hart, Tom Kennedy and Leavett Wofford, Russ Klettke, Megan Lynch and the Farragut Condo Association, Wendy Fairchild, Sharon McGill, Ron and Pauline Messier, Jean Neiderman, Mary Jude Ramirez, Victoria Sterling, Donna and John Urbikas, Maria Velasquez, Teke Chhay and Dennis Vickers, Barbara and Ed Wolke.



Craig Hanenburg & Billy Kuczek - Best in Show

Three Master Gardeners, Bobbie Jordan, Gigi Leonard and Pierre Poinsett, participated as judges and reviewed our gardens. Blue ribbons were awarded to: Julie Hart, Patrick Brandell, Maria Velasquez, and Craig Hanenburg and Billy Kuczek. Russ Klettke, Teke Chhay and Dennis Vickers, Eliza Fournier, and Scott Galassini and Ernestine Galassini were awarded red ribbons. The gardens all scored high points this year, so no white or green ribbons were awarded.

The purple Best in Show ribbon is awarded at the judges' discretion. This year the Best in Show went to Craig Hanenburg and Billy Kuczek.

An additional feature of this year's event was the "Ask a Master Gardener" table. Three volunteers, Susan Darnall, Rob Hicks and Jill Thompson, from the University of Illinois Master Gardener Program fielded questions from Garden Walk attendees. All gardens featured in this year's event received a professional consultation from the Master Gardeners Team. This consultation was a wonderful service to our community and we want to thank the Master Gardener Program for all of their assistance.

The Garden Photo Contest included seventeen entries. Tom Kennedy's "Garden Bench" was voted the favorite! His photo will be used in the publicity for next year's

Garden Walk. Photo entries were received from: Marilyn Bilotti, Jeff Graves, Craig Hanenburg, Tom Kennedy, Billy Kuczek, Susan McCoy, Victoria Sterling, Barbara Wolke, and John Urbikas.



Patrick Brandell - Blue Ribbon Winner

Capping off the day's events the gardeners and photographers celebrated their achievements at a party hosted by the BCO.

The BCO appreciates all of the participants and volunteers who made this event a great success!

Visit the BCO website (www.bcochicago.org) to see photos from the event taken by Cindy Burgin and Billy Kuczek and other information from the program book.

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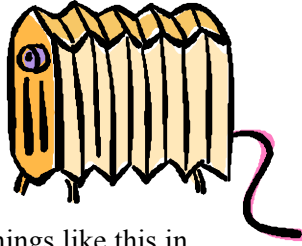
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Winterize your Heating System

By Roy Ahlgren

You can probably remember 'to the penny' what you paid for gasoline the last time you filled up your gas tank. You probably have a pretty good idea what kind of gas mileage you get with your car. We are all paying a lot of attention to things like this in view of all the press coverage of sky-high energy costs, but how much did you pay to heat your home last winter? Did you know that your house probably uses a lot more energy than your car over the course of a year? What can we do to reduce that energy cost? The US Green Building Council is encouraging 'sustainable design'. Architects and engineers are using state of the art techniques and materials to reduce energy use over the life of these new buildings. But the houses here in Bowmanville were built long before the current energy crunch. What can we do to cut our heating bills for the coming winter?



A number of measures come to mind:

- Seal up leaks around doors and windows
- Install storm doors and windows
- Add attic insulation if necessary
- Dial down your thermostat

But the one I want to talk about is this:

- Make sure your heating system is working as efficiently as possible

"What kind of heating system do you have?" Most of us would say that we have "gas heat", a few may say "oil heat", almost no one uses coal anymore. But every fuel generates heat that must be distributed throughout the house. The question then becomes "how does your system distribute that heat?"

"Hydronic systems" use water to distribute heat, "forced air systems" use air. Newer houses often are equipped with forced air systems, usually because they are less expensive, and they can easily provide cooling in the summer. Some of the older houses in Bowmanville have been converted to forced air from their original hydronic system. Many of the older hydronic systems were "gravity" systems. They had no pump. I would guess that most of these gravity systems have been converted to "forced circulation" by the installation of a pump. Hydronic systems are my expertise, and offered here are maintenance tips for reducing heating costs.

Keep it clean - Accumulations of dust will reduce air flow through air system registers and grilles. Dirty filters at the furnace will reduce air flow throughout the house. Cleaning of ductwork throughout the house may be a bit more than you care to tackle, but there are contractors available to do it if the heating system performance has

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been really inefficient over the years. Dirt on hydronic radiators and coils will act as an insulating blanket to reduce heat transfer. In either system that means the heat source must fire longer in order to satisfy the thermostat setting.

Check the lubrication - Forced air system fans may require bearing lubrication, although some units may use sealed bearings that cannot be lubricated. Circulating pumps are often lubricated with oil. Put 20-30 drops of 20 weight, non-detergent oil in the pump bearing assembly, and 8-12 drops in each of the two motor bearing oil tubes. These are little plastics tubes, about 3/16 in diameter located at the top of the pump motor. Be careful to avoid over-oiling since that can cause the pump's ring motor mounts to sag and result in coupler failure. If you hear a sudden, loud noise from your pump, that's probably a failed coupler. It's a simple repair - maybe 20 minutes overall for a heating contractor, but never replace the coupler without also replacing the ring motor mounts. Some pumps use sealed, grease lubricated bearings, and others are "system lubricated". That means the system water lubricates the pump bearings. Dirty, hot, water is not a great lubricant, so when those bearings fail, you must replace the entire pump.

Don't drain the system unless required - Coupler and motor mount replacement doesn't require opening up the piping system, but if you see water leaking from the pump, chances are good that the mechanical seal has failed. Pumps should be installed with valves that can be closed to isolate the pump from the system. Sometimes, the installer saved a few dollars by not installing a valve on each side of the pump. Replacing a seal is simple, and not expensive - certainly less expensive than replacing the pump. Draining the system introduces air into the piping, and that will accelerate corrosion. Draining the system may also require the contractor to re-establish the air cushion in the compression tank which will add to the cost of the service call. If your system has a diaphragm type compression tank, then it's not necessary to re-establish the air cushion.

Look for water on the floor - If you see water on the floor, but it's not directly under the pump, then it's not likely that the pump seal has failed. You may have a more serious problem like a cracked boiler or a leaking relief valve. These are issues that must be diagnosed by an experienced contractor. It is very dangerous to operate a system with a faulty relief valve.

Check the burner system - Here's another job for a contractor. The fuel-air mixture may need adjustment, and certain components, like the thermocouple bulb, must be replaced periodically. A service call to do these things may also include routine cleaning of the burner system and a total system checkout. It's a good idea to tell your

contractor about any uneven heating, unusual noise, or odors so he or she can check them out too. "Bleeding" a hydronic radiator or baseboard unit may be necessary to remove trapped air and provide more even heating, but sometimes, an in-experienced contractor will bleed the unit only to achieve a very short term solution. If your system needs recurring bleeding, the real problem may be an under-sized pump, or most likely, poorly balanced water side flow. A well-qualified contractor may have to install balancing valves to even out the flow.

So next time you hear the advice about keeping your tires properly inflated, think about all the energy your heating system may be wasting, and then do something about it.



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Fall Gardening Tips

Keeping your tools clean and properly stored during the winter will help to give them a long life and years of use. Here are some basic tips for keeping your garden tools clean.



Before you store your tools, spray them off with water to remove potentially corrosive chemicals and dirt. If you can't remove the dirt with water, try lightly scrubbing off the dirt with a wire brush. Set your tools out to dry before you store them.

In addition to cleaning your garden tools, you should oil any moving parts on tools such as pruners and garden loppers. Also, lubricate the wooden handles on your shovels and other tools. Because wooden handles are constantly exposed to harsh weather conditions and use, the wood can wear and start to splinter. Clean the wooden handles with water and let them dry. Apply a coat of linseed oil and let the oil soak in before you use the tools again.

You should also sharpen any tools that have a blade. For example, garden shears and pruners will work much better when kept nice and sharp. A whetstone will work for pruners, lopper, shears, etc. Sharpen the edges of hoes, shovels, and trowels with a file, always moving the file in the same direction (away from you) as you sharpen.

Keep the bevel as even as possible. If you have questions about sharpening your tools, ask a professional how to do it.

Clean your power tools including your lawn mower, tiller, etc. Dirt and potentially corrosive substances can quickly corrode the metal parts of these garden tools. A wire brush will help you to remove any dirt and debris that won't come off with water. An occasional washing with soap and water is also recommended. Remember to let your power tools dry thoroughly before storing them.

Another important winter task is to empty any excess water out of hoses and disconnect them. Water expands as it freezes and can burst pipes and hoses.

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North Community Bank Suffers String of Local Robberies

The North Community Bank on the corner of Western and Farragut was robbed on July 3, 2008 at 10:40 am. The robber demanded money from two tellers who promptly complied with his request. After the cash was received he ran out the front door.



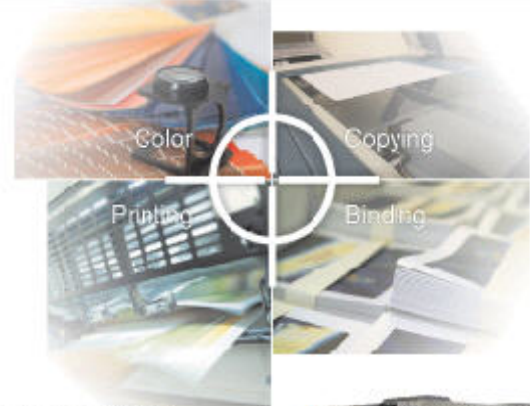
The North Community Bank branches have suffered a string of local robberies in recent months. In September 2006, the North Community Bank in the 3100 block of North Broadway was robbed and the assailant later arrested. In October 2007, a series of robberies hit the North Community Banks in the 2300 block of North Clark Street, at 1651 N. Wells Street, 3400 N. Western Avenue, and 3180 N. Broadway. The North Community Bank in the 800 block of N. State Street was robbed in May 2008.

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Who's Who in Rosehill Cemetery

Part One: Frances Elizabeth Willard

Rosehill Cemetery is a national gem! Many prominent Americans and notable Chicagoans have been laid to rest within the walls. This is the first article in a new series for the Bowmanville Bee, which will feature these revered citizens of our past.



On February 17, 1898, in a New York City hotel room, Frances Elizabeth Willard died in her sleep. Her body was returned to Chicago, days later, to be met by crowds of her admirers, who came to mourn their heroine. Chicago's flags flew at half mast and thousands of citizens stood for hours in wet falling snow for an opportunity to pay homage and quietly file by her casket, where it was placed at Willard Hall in the Chicago Loop's Temple office building. Frances Willard's final resting place is Rosehill Cemetery.

More than a hundred years ago, Frances Willard was the national president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) and champion of other causes such as women's suffrage and education. According to Ruth Bordin, author of *Frances Willard, A Biography**, the WCTU was the

first mass organization of all American women, especially joining women of the North and South in the post Civil War era. The WCTU offered a platform for launching women, and women's issues, into public life and the national debate, for the first time in American history. Though most well known for building organizations dedicated to prohibition of alcoholic beverages, her dedication and life's work produced results that have become part of the social fabric of our nation, such as women's voting rights, public kindergartens and separate correctional institutions for women.

Surrounded by the natural beauties of Rosehill Cemetery, take some time to stroll this sacred ground and appreciate the American History lesson it has to offer! A photo of Willard's gravestone can also be seen at www.graveyards.com/IL/Cook/Rosehill.

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Balmoral Nursing Home Stabbing

Due to a recent stabbing by a 42 year-old psychiatric patient at the Balmoral Nursing Home the BCO Executives renewed discussions about nursing home safety with Alderman O'Connor at their meeting on September 22nd. The Alderman has agreed to request state agencies to review the situation again. He has also agreed to provide the administrators contact information to the BCO Board, so we can initiate dialogue and make formal requests to the owners of the facility. Please notify the Alderman's office with any concerns - 773-769-1140.



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Tempel Steel in the News

By Esther Buonanno from Tempel Steel



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that Chicago will continue to be their world headquarters for years to come.

The Bryn Mawr campus will absorb 350 additional employees by July 2009. This Chicago campus will accommodate all of the people, machinery and cars. For optimum material flow they plan to invest in expanding their south press room. At this point, most of the relocated jobs have been offered to their Libertyville employees. Tempel will offer these employees a variety of transportation incentives for those with a long commute. At this time, Tempel is not filling any new positions; they will know better if jobs are available this spring.

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Planning and Development Committee Meetings, last Monday of each month.

Garden Work Days - Bowmanville & Gateway Gardens, Each month, April through October; 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 PM to dusk, and 4th Saturday, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

BCO Halloween Event - Saturday, October 25th, 3:00 - 6:00 PM, Green Space (Bowmanville and Bell).

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