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BCO Open Meeting: Pasta for ALL

Thursday, April 17th - 6:30 p.m.

Rogers Park Montessori School

1800 W. Balmoral Avenue

**Contributions of Non-perishable food items and canned goods for
our local pantry, Care for Real, are welcome**

Enjoy a wonderful meal provided by *DeBites Delicious Edibles*, and a musical performance from local talent. Join us to hear the latest BCO updates, and to kickoff our new Membership Drive and exciting *BCO Kids Rewards* program. This is a family friendly event. **Membership Makes It Happen!**

BCO Meet the New Neighbors Social!

Are you new to Bowmanville within the last two years? The BCO is hosting a social to meet our new neighbors and we would like to invite you to join us.

Sunday, May 18th

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Let Them Eat Chocolate

5306 N. Damen Avenue

If you have bought a house or condo, moved in as a renter, or even have a new addition to your family you want to show off, come on out to say hello! There are many reasons to join us:

- Connect with other people who are new to the neighborhood
- Share experiences and resources
- Meet some long-time residents
- Find out more about the neighborhood and the BCO
- Check out the new chocolate shop (Let Them Eat Chocolate)

Come and be a part of our community. Getting to know even a few people in your neighborhood can make all the difference, and the BCO makes that easy. BCO members as well as new neighbors are welcome – bring one of your new neighbors with you! Let Them Eat Chocolate on Damen Avenue, owned by Jay Voss and Debra Gregory-Voss, is one of our newest business neighbors and is co-hosting this event with the BCO as part of our membership outreach. Come and check out this great new gathering spot right in the center of Bowmanville. Contact membership@bcochicago.org with questions or to help us with this event.

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RSI Towing Moves into Bowmanville

Neighbors recently voiced their concerns regarding a towing company that has established a business at 2019 W. Rascher. Rendered Services, Inc. (RSI) moved into our community and set-up shop in January 2008. Initially this property included high security fencing that was topped with razor wire. This alerted local neighbors to a potentially dangerous situation, which was reported to local authorities and has since been removed. The facility at 2019 W. Rascher appears to be a 24/7 operation. New changes to the building include a "bullet-proof" window, and closed circuit cameras that surround the property, similar to operations like Lincoln Towing. Further investigation by

concerned neighbors and the BCO revealed that Rendered Services, Inc.

"specializes in commercial vehicle relocation towing – illegally parked and abandoned." In addition, RSI has contracts with multiple government agencies, at local, state and federal levels. They have a contract with the Illinois State Police where they tow vehicles that have been disabled due to

automobile accidents and vehicles confiscated for other offences until owners notify them with relocation details. Repossessed vehicles are also stored in various lots until financial organizations determine relocation.

Nearby residents expressed concern that only a handful of neighbors received rezoning notification postmarked February 6, 2008, with a letter dated 35-days earlier. Further research uncovered that this property is being leased to RSI by the owner the property, Dr. Spiros Stamelos, an orthopedic surgeon practicing at Swedish Covenant Hospital, who has submitted an application for a zoning variance to upgrade the capacity of the property.

Alderman O'Connor Announces Town Hall Meeting Date

Alderman O'Connor will host a Town Hall meeting on **Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Gregory Gym, 1609 W. Gregory in the Bingo Hall. You are invited to attend, and to hear the State of the Ward address, area specific developments, hear the local police commander, talk to the 40th Ward Streets and Sanitation Superintendent and discuss other pertinent topics.



This property is currently zoned M1, which allows for, "low impact manufacturing, wholesaling, warehousing, and distribution activities that occur within enclosed buildings", according to the zoning description found on the City of Chicago website. An M2 designation, which is being requested, allows for, "moderate impact manufacturing, wholesaling, warehousing, and distribution activities that occur outside of enclosed buildings. Of interest, the property directly east and across the alley from this property is also owned by Dr. Spiros Stamelos.

Alderman O'Connor's usual practice is to contact the BCO when a zoning variance is requested, the BCO then brings this information to the community for review then reports community feedback to the alderman. This

particular variance request was reported to the BCO by concerned residents who received late notice from RSI attorneys. According to the application, the paperwork for this variance was submitted on January 3, 2008 and was scheduled to be presented for approval at the February 26, 2008 zoning meeting at City Hall.

Although Alderman O'Connor was aware that RSI had moved into the community, he described the

operation as, "a towing relocation service for cars that had been in accidents." According to an article in the March 6, 2008 Chicago Journal, the alderman was quoted saying, "I've always known that (Stamelos and RSI) needed a zoning change... Maybe I wasn't as clear as I should have been." After several requests, Alderman O'Connor had this zoning change request removed from the City Zoning Committee agenda for the February 26, 2008 (see e-mail blast of 2/25/08).

The BCO Board and the Planning and Development Committee will host a special community meeting to review and discuss these plans on **Thursday, March 27th** beginning at **7:00 p.m. in the Chappell School Gymnasium**. Follow-up information will be available on the BCO website at www.bcochicago.org.



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Membership Makes It Happen!

When people decide to live in Bowmanville they often comment that they love the small town feel of Bowmanville, or that they grew up in a neighborhood like this, where one can get to know more folks than just those who live next door. Whether you're a renter, homeowner, have an interest in property taxes, enjoy pet parades, or have other personal reasons for living in this neighborhood, the BCO (Bowmanville Community Organization) invites you to become active in your neighborhood.



BCO volunteers work hard to make Bowmanville a place where neighbors and friendships thrive, but we need participation and input from all who live here. How can Bowmanville become an even better neighborhood for you unless you tell us what interests you? And we'd love to have you become a member of the BCO and volunteer to help your neighbors and friends make it all happen!

Since its inception in 1987 the BCO has contributed to a solid foundation of community service and neighborliness. Neighbors came together in common cause in 1987 to voice their concerns about development of the northwest portion of Rosehill Cemetery. Over the twenty years following its success in keeping the cemetery green, the BCO has engaged in large and small endeavors to preserve a high quality of city living. In 1995 the BCO went to court to clean up the junkyard at Balmoral and Ravenswood. We are now working with NeighborSpace to turn that vacant lot into a community garden.

Flowers in the garden won't be the only things popping up this spring when you least expect them. So keep a look out for Membership Committee information this May and throughout the summer, as we kickoff BCO Membership Outreach. The BCO wants to continue the success we have had in building and protecting our community, and the most effective way of doing this is by increasing the strength and numbers of our membership. Several exciting initiatives are underway:

- The BCO will be going door to door in the community beginning in May, reacquainting with our membership base and looking to find new members.
- A Canned Food Drive is planned as we go door to door – so in addition to joining the BCO you can help us restock a local food pantry.
- The BCO is holding a 'Meet the New Neighbors Social' at Let Them Eat Chocolate at 5306 N. Damen Avenue. May 18, 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m..

Contact membership@bcochicago.org for details or to help us with Membership Outreach. The Membership Committee (including chairperson **Alexa Dunn**, and members **Liz Gabbard**, **John Mahoney**, **Betty Redmond**, **Claire Shingler**, and **Trish Torres**) is hard at work planning outreach for 2008. We need your help.

Kids Make it Happen Too!

The BCO is formalizing a program to get children involved in the Bowmanville community. We recognize that the future of our neighborhood, this city, and our country lies in the hands of the kids we see around us. We are establishing a program called **BCO Kids Rewards** to encourage kids of all ages to participate in community activities.



Through this program, school age children can earn community service hours that count toward requirements for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Chicago Public School graduation. They can have fun, and become a vital part of our neighborhood life. They can also be eligible for BCO rewards such as coupons and gifts from local merchants. One program where we are counting on the help of neighborhood kids is the Membership Outreach Canned Food Drive taking place this May. We will need kids (and wagons!) to accompany the BCO membership committee as we canvass the neighborhood collecting food and new memberships.

If you can't get involved in that program, get your kids on the list anyway – there will be other opportunities, like environmental projects in the community gardens. We will strive to create roles for the kids in our many BCO events this year. The Halloween event in 2007 was a great example of the older neighborhood kids coming together to make the event special for the younger kids, while earning community service hours. This program will grow as more people get involved – you can help us define it.

Families are invited to attend our meeting on April 17, 2008 (see front page for details) to add your children to the list of possible volunteers for **BCO Kids Rewards**. You can also volunteer to help shape this program by sending an email with the kids names, ages, and your contact information to membership@bcochicago.org. Details will be worked out with individuals on the exact scope and timing of their participation in events. Another way to contact us about this exciting new program is through the BCO hotline at 866-837-1006.

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Mark your calendars now for our upcoming events!

BCO Let Them Eat Chocolate Membership Social, Sunday May 18, 2008

This is a special event for members, for anyone who is new to the area, and for anyone who wants to learn more about the BCO and our community. We will introduce you to a new business in Bowmanville and launch our 2008 membership drive (See more details on the front page).

12th Annual Bowmanville Street/Yard Sale, Saturday June 7, 2008

Set up shop in your yard or garage and sell your used toys, household goods, clothing, tools, furniture or whatever. This is always a great day and last year 90 households participated. The day ended with a social gathering at Leadway Bar & Grill. Look for flyers with details and the application form coming soon in April and May.



10th Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk, Saturday July 12, 2008

The Garden walk is another Bowmanville signature event that brings garden lovers and enthusiasts together for great hospitality and information sharing. Garden experts share pointers with participants that are unique to each garden entry. In conjunction with last year's event we held our first Amateur Garden Photo Contest. The winning photo "Savannah" by Victoria Sterling will be used to promote this year's Garden Walk. Participants in last year's event included 22 gardeners and 13 photo entries. We look forward to having more participants this year. For more information about including your garden or photos in this year's event, contact us at gardening@bcochicago.org. All gardens and amateur photographers are welcome and we would love to have you help us make this 10th anniversary even better!

BCO Ice Cream Social, Sunday August 17, 2008

The community will again enjoy free ice cream at an outdoor summer social. In addition to bringing your family and friends, this year we plan to set up an area for pets where you can socialize with activities especially designed for pets.



BCO Halloween Party, Saturday October 25, 2008

Halloween is always one of the most popular events with children, and this year should again be great fun. The Saturday before Halloween will give many of us an opportunity to test out a costume early and give everyone another opportunity to enjoy Bowmanville hospitality.



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Bowmanville's Very Own

It's hard to believe that families and friends used to gather around the radio to listen to their favorite weekly programs. This, of course, was before the advent of television, eight-track, cassette, CD's/DVD's, Podcasts, MP3 downloads, and satellite radio that have entertained folks over the past decades. Technology continues to transform entertainment.

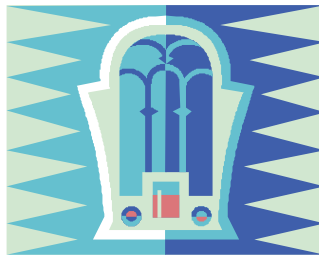
In the early radio age, content typically included a balance of comedy, drama, news, music, and sports reporting. U.S. radio programs included the most famous Hollywood talent of the day. Radio soap operas began in the U.S. in 1930 with Painted Dreams, and other weekly series, including; The Shadow, The Lone Ranger, and more.

Each generation has a favorite mode of entertainment, and for some, the nostalgia of radio programming lives on. Such is the case for our "very own", **Pauline Messier**, who is a member of Those Were the Days Radio Players. This fifteen-member organization, based in Norridge, includes individuals of all age groups, most of whom have never experienced the thrill of the original radio programming, but all share the belief that good old radio days were broadcast's most creative, imaginative, and entertaining ones.

Pauline enjoys producing the atmosphere by orchestrating the background sounds during productions in the same way early radio programs produced their sound effects, as well as portraying some of the various characters. Pauline's photograph (by Charles Odgood) recently appeared in an article written by Rick Kogan in the Chicago Tribune Magazine (December 16, 2007) - *Sound affects: THOSE THRILLING DAYS OF YESTERYEAR LIVE ON*. To read the complete article go to: www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/columnists/chimxa1216magloopsidwldc16,0,3801529.column.

See them, or should I say, hear them for yourself, at the Edgewater Historical Society when Those Were the Days Radio Players will perform on April 5th at 2:00 p.m.

Ron and Pauline Messier are the owners of the very popular Pauline's Restaurant on Balmoral and Ravenswood and reside in Bowmanville.



Share the News

Do you have something that you would like to share - a birth, a death, a new neighbor, a neighbor moving out of the neighborhood, a new pet, a major accomplishment, or a special celebration of any sort. Let us know and we'll publish it in the *Bee*.



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Flashback 1941 - In their own words

Growing up in Bowmanville during World War II, Part II
Memories of Francis Philipp and Magdalene Philipp

On the homefront, around the country, men, women and children were pitching in to support the war effort. Actress Betty Grable made thousands of dollars for war bonds by auctioning off her silk stockings. Ordinary women, not able to afford stockings at all, used leg makeup to draw a dark line down the back of their legs to appear like the seams of silk and nylon stockings. Posters of Rosie the Riveter were seen everywhere. Here in Bowmanville, at the Hilburn Stadium, located on the 5400 block of North Wolcott (where Tempel Steel now stands) young women were given the chance to play in the Windy City League Girls' Softball games. (For more information about stadium activities, see Francis Philipp's article in the December 1996 edition of the Bowmanville Bee.)



Patrolling the neighborhood wearing white helmets, and a triangle insignia of CD, were the Civilian Defense Wardens. "We had day and night air raid drills. All lights out, with shades, blinds and drapes drawn we sat in total darkness. The city lights were all out, making it less likely for bombs to hit the city. We had water fire extinguishers at hand during the drills, but they were mostly used by kids spraying one another. We would go to Miller's Greenhouse Barn, which was located at Hoyne and Balmoral, to see government films on civilian defense, first aid, and how to snuff out a fire bomb with a bucket of sand."

Many windows of homes in the neighborhood told the story of the personal sacrifices the families had made. A silver star indicated a family member in the military, and a gold star indicated loss of life. On the happy occasion of a soldier returning home, the front of the house would be decorated with flags and bunting. One family lost two sons in the war, but when the third son returned home neighborhood kids formed an honor guard to welcome

him back. "We carried the flag, shouldered toy rifles and wore toy helmets and stood in the street at Hoyne and Summerdale, awaiting his arrival," Francis remembered, "but we heard he was coming at Leavitt and Summerdale, so we ran to the other end!"

"My older brothers were in high school and our mother was concerned that if the war continued they would have to go into military service. Her own father was killed in 1915, in Europe, before U.S. involvement in World War I, 'the war to end all wars'. When World War II did end in Europe, she began again to receive letters from her sisters in Austria. When the letters arrived I ran to where she worked at Chief Laundry (on Hoyne near Balmoral), boosted myself up to the window and waved to her with the letters in my hand!"

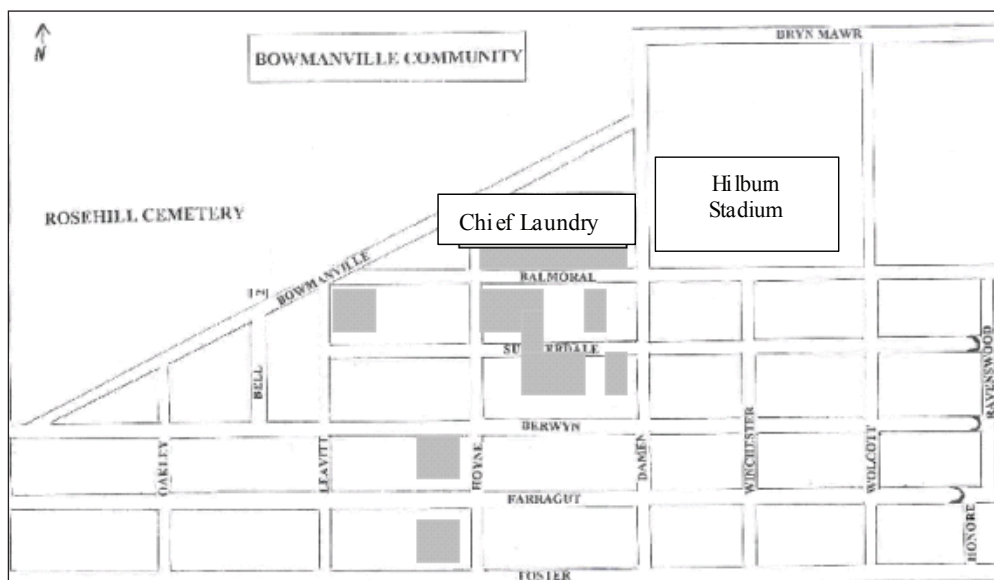
The end of the war in Europe was expected for months, and though the war plants were as busy as ever, it was a great relief when Germany surrendered. Celebrations and special services were planned, and people took the street cars to the Loop to join in festivities. "The cars were packed, and riders were hanging on. It was an unbelievable scene downtown, but a controlled celebration."

After the war was over authentic military surplus stores opened in numerous neighborhoods. "One could buy almost anything except ships, tanks, aircraft and munitions. It was real hip for boys to wear military uniforms, boots and helmets," as Francis recalls.

Surplus materials began to make it

into the marketplace in many forms. There was a Christmas tree lot on Damen near Berwyn that sold tree stands that were made from deactivated land mines. "They were much larger than the type used today. A metal tube was welded to the top and eye screws were attached to hold the tube in place."

"This is how we remembered growing up in Bowmanville during the World War II years. It has been over sixty years since that time. It does not seem that things could be that way, but that was the way it was."



Bowmanville ca. 1940. Shaded areas represent community garden space



Garden News

by Billy Kuczek

Bowmanville's Community Gardens

In addition to your own garden, did you know our neighborhood has three different community gardens? There's plenty of spaces through which you can walk and enjoy.

Bowmanville Garden

This is the largest community garden in our neighborhood and runs along the Rosehill Cemetery wall at the intersection of Bowmanville, Balmoral, and Leavitt. It's where our well-known "Welcome to Beautiful Bowmanville" sign resides, and where our new council ring was just installed last fall.

Gateway Garden

A smaller garden, in the parkway at 1800 and 1801 W. Balmoral, lines the "gateway" into Bowmanville from West Andersonville, just west of Pauline's Restaurant. We are still working with Neighbor Space to expand this garden to include the vacant lot along the west side of Ravenswood, between Balmoral and Summerdale. Stay tuned for new developments.

Westgate Garden

Our newest addition, this beautiful garden was created largely in part by neighbor **B. A. Church** in the street bump-outs at the intersection of Bowmanville and Berwyn. It welcomes all who enter the neighborhood from the west and includes hundreds of tulips that will soon burst into color.

2008 Community Gardening Schedule

It takes a village, or at least a neighborhood, to help maintain these beautiful gardens. Even if you don't consider yourself to have a green thumb, there are a lot of things you can do to help take care of the gardens. It's a great way to get outside in the fresh air, meet your neighbors, and contribute to your neighborhood. Who knows, you may even learn a little bit about gardening while you're at it! Even if you can't come for the whole time, just drop by for a little while – all time and help is appreciated.

Come when you can – leave when you must.

On garden work dates, two teams meet, one each at the Bowmanville Garden and at the Gateway Garden.

Saturday, March 22nd 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Spring Clean Up

We'll be turning compost, re-mulching, and picking up debris as we get ready for spring blooms.

May 2008 (Date to Be Announced) – City of Chicago's Spring Clean & Green Day 2008

The city's annual event to do some neighborhood spring cleaning.

4th Saturday of Each Month, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Beginning April 26th)

Our monthly gardening day will begin with a short, informative presentation on different community garden topics like composting, watering system, planting, etc. Be on the lookout for a flyer announcing upcoming educational garden topics. We typically break before the day is over and enjoy lunch with our volunteers.

2nd Wednesday of Each Month, 6:30 p.m.-Dark (Beginning May 14th)

Our garden-work evenings are a nice way to get outside and unwind after work. Hearty snacks and refreshments will be available. After some gardening, you can meditate in the council ring.

BCO Garden Committee

Our neighborhood gardens are a community effort. The BCO Garden Committee meets every 4-6 weeks to discuss plans for our community gardens. We also work on grant applications that can bring added funds to help maintain and beautify our gardens. We're always looking for extra input, so if you want to come and share your views, thoughts, and a little time, let us know! Or, if you simply want to stay in touch with garden events and get reminders for gardening days, send an email to gardening@bcochicago.org. You can always just stop by one of our garden days. Hope to see you in the garden. Let's get out and dig!



Happy Earth Day



April 22, 2008

Countdown to Digital Will you be Ready?

At midnight on February 17, 2009, all full-power television stations in the United States will stop broadcasting in analog and switch to 100% digital broadcasting. Digital broadcasting promises to provide a clearer picture and more programming options and will free up airwaves for use by emergency responders.



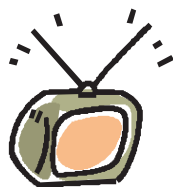
Congress created the TV Converter Box Coupon Program for households wishing to keep using their analog TV sets after February 17, 2009. The Program allows U.S. households to obtain up to two coupons, each worth \$40, that can be applied toward the cost of eligible converter boxes.

A TV connected to cable, satellite or other pay TV service does not require a TV converter box from this program. Consumers have a variety of options. Options to explore include:

1. Keep your existing analog TV and purchase a TV converter box. A converter box plugs into your TV and will keep it working after Feb. 17, 2009, or

2. Connect to cable, satellite or other pay service, or

3. Purchase a television with a digital tuner.



For more information, apply for a coupon, or get a list of converter boxes available in this program, visit www.dtv2009.gov.

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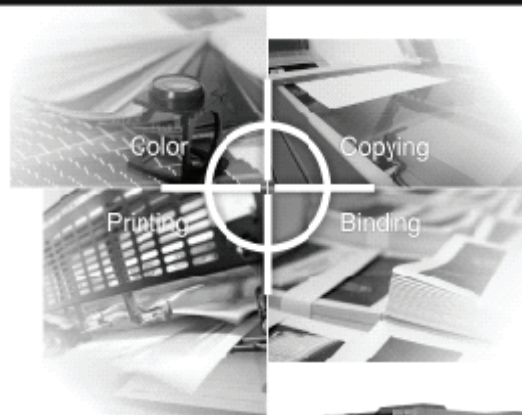
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By Liz Gabbard

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Atlantic Bar & Grill

5062 N. Lincoln
773-506-7090

<http://atlanticbar.homestead.com>
Owners Cathal Lynch and Paul Mulvey opened the **Atlantic Bar & Grill** just over a year ago. This lovely Irish bar has an old-fashioned Irish feel and decor with a large variety of beers on tap, including Guinness, of course! What else goes best with a good Irish drink? Great Irish food! The **Atlantic Bar & Grill** features daily specials, live music, special events, and a large private party room that can cater to all types of events.

Ben's Noodles and Rice

1139 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.
773-907-8936

Neighbors and owners, Chris and Penny Limpinyakul opened **Ben's Noodles and Rice** just a few years ago. The Asian cuisine covers a wide range of countries. Chris and Penny use noodles and rice in the name because it is a staple in the Asian diet. Most popular appetizers are crab rangoon and egg rolls! **Ben's Noodles and Rice** serves delicious large portion entrées. You can dine in at this charming and unique BYOB (bring your own bottle) mom and pop restaurant. Or, if you prefer, carry out or delivery are also available.

Big Joe's

1818 W. Foster Ave.
773-784-8755

For the past twelve years the Mulvaney Family has been serving us beverages and entertainment! This unique and established corner bar provides great entertainment on Friday's with the famous Turtle Races. Every first Wednesday of the month is Open Mic Night. Saturdays they feature live bands/live music - including local talent. Also, the first Saturday of each month, starting at 9 p.m., Big Joe's hosts a Bonus Turtle Race with cash prizes added to the fun. On Sunday nights at 8 p.m., wonderful smooth jazz to sooth your soul is provided by Sam and the Bucca's. Come stop by for a cold one, catch up with friends and relax.

Claddagh Ring

2306 W. Foster Ave.
773-271-4794

Owner, Kevin Clancy has been operating the **Claddagh Ring**, a true Irish bar, in our neighborhood since 1990! This is truly what a neighborhood bar is supposed to be. It's a great place to stop for a drink after work and wind-down or to host a social event in the large back room that's perfect for parties. **Claddagh Ring** presents drink specials, multiple TVs, dart boards.

Crema Pastry

5159 N. Lincoln at Foster Ave.
773-275-5344

Baker and owner, Abner Rarang, a veteran of catering companies and hotels, has opened up his pastry shop in our neighborhood! His love for the art of pastry includes absolutely delicious and gorgeously designed cakes. There are also cases of cookies, bars, muffins, empanadas, and much more! Stop by **Crema Pastry** for a cup of coffee or tea and a sweet treat on site, or order something unique for a special occasion.

Fireside Restaurant

5739 N. Ravenswood Ave.
773-561-7433

<http://www.firesidechicago.com>
This well-known neighborhood hotspot caters to a variety of tastes. Enjoy a tender filet, the Fireside Restaurant's smoked ribs, or their famous blackened

chicken pasta near the fireplace in their dining room. Have a casual dinner with friends on the all-seasons heated patio, bring family and friends to the weekend brunch with their 150 ingredient Bloody Mary Bar, stop by their lounge for a quick sandwich and a drink, or have dinner and a bottle of wine delivered to your home. Over 100 years ago the old building served as a roadhouse, serving farmers, merchants, and travelers on their way to the city. Nowadays, it serves fine dining to the Bowmanville neighborhood. The kitchen serves until 3 a.m. Private parties are welcome.

Leadway Bar & Grill

5233 N. Damen Ave.
773-728-2663

Owner Frank Sorin Ciucur established this cool artsy, bar restaurant in 1996. This is a fun place to hang out, enjoy a good drink, good food, play pool, view the art gallery walls, or take an art class! **Leadway Bar & Grill** has daily specials for food and drink. Private parties are also welcome. Enjoy the outdoor patio as soon as the warm weather arrives!

Let Them Eat Chocolate

5306 N. Damen
773-334-COCO (2626)

Debra Gregory-Voss is the owner of this new place in the neighborhood. **Let Them Eat Chocolate** sells high end Belgian chocolates, vegan chocolates, high quality gelato, baked goods, and coffee beverages. Grilled panini is coming soon! They have a small stage where you can catch live music on certain days and nights. Free wi-fi is available for patrons of **Let Them Eat Chocolate**. Go check it out!

Pauline's

1754 W. Balmoral
773-561-8573

<http://www.paulinesbreakfast.com/>
Neighbors and owners, Ron and Pauline Messier, have been serving us breakfast and lunch since 1996! This corner-spot diner is quaint, cute, and cozy. It is well known for its large omelettes and pancakes. **Pauline's** is kid friendly and a great place to get ice cream, too! If you are in a hurry, call your order in for pick-up.



Atlantic Bar & Grill
 5062 N. Lincoln Avenue
 773-506-7090 fax 773-506-4876
 atlanticbar.homestead.com

— Weekly Specials —

Monday \$6.95 1/2 slab Ribs & Fries \$2 Domestic Draft \$3 Domestic Bottles	Friday \$5.95 Fish Fry \$5 Jager Bombs/O Bombs \$4 Carlsberg
Tuesday \$3 Burger & Fries \$3 312 Draft	Saturday \$5.95 Fried Chicken Dinner \$5 Jager Bombs/O Bombs \$4 Carlsberg
Wednesday \$5.95 Shepherd's Pie \$2.50 Bud Bottles	Sunday \$6.95 Steak & Eggs \$2 Domestic Draft
Thursday \$6.95 Steak Sandwich \$5 Domestic Pitchers \$5 Martinis	Irish Session every Sunday at 5pm

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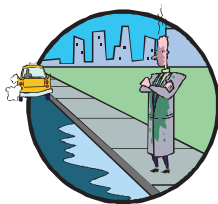
Shared Cost Sidewalk Program

The shared Cost Sidewalk Program is a voluntary program in which property owners and the City of Chicago share the cost of replacing sidewalks, while the city pays for additional required work, such as curb and gutter repairs. On non-commercial corner properties, four units or less, the City also pays for the non-address side of the property.

Property owners pay a set square foot cost: \$2.25. Qualifying senior citizens and those with disabilities pay half that rate: \$1.12 per square foot.

All property owners and occupants of non-vaulted sidewalks are eligible to participate in this program. Seniors must provide proof of age, ownership, and occupancy in order to receive the senior citizen or disabled rate.

If you have a sidewalk needing repair, report the sidewalk by calling 311 or Alderman O'Connor's office at 773-769-1140. The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) will survey the area to determine the scope of reconstruction and survey neighboring properties on the block. CDOT will send a detailed bill for work that is to be paid in advance and schedule the project. Sidewalks can be replaced free of charge if the sidewalk is reported in "dangerous condition" as determined by CDOT. Call 311 to report sidewalks requiring repair. For more information: <http://www.cityofchicago.org>



Seniors Ride Free Program Beginning March 17, 2008

As a part of the Regional Transit budget agreement, senior citizens will be eligible for free transit on fixed routes operated by the CTA, Metra, and Pace beginning on March 17, 2008. To take advantage of the free transit, seniors must have the senior reduced fare card. If you already have the reduced fare card, you are already registered. If you do not have a reduced fare card, please call the RTA at 312-836-7000 to get information about the nearest RTA Customer Service Center or visit the Metra website at www.rtachicago.com.



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The chart to the right shows the average sales prices in the Bowmanville neighborhood. Please note that in small geographies, year to year comparisons can vary greatly. Taking a longer view into consideration can give you a more realistic story. The facts demonstrate that having owned a home in Bowmanville for as little as 4 years could give owners an approximate 38% increase on their home's value - even in this challenging market.

Let me help you sort the facts out for YOUR home.



Sincerely,
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Knowledge is power: Know your facts

Bowmanville Real Estate Sales: 2006 vs. 2007

<i>Knowledge is power: Know your facts</i>					4 Year
Bowmanville Real Estate Sales: 2006 vs. 2007					Percentage Increase
	2006	2007	Price Ranges		2003 - 2007
			Low	High	
Single Family Homes					2003 = \$414,700
Number Sold:	19	19	2007 sales		
Average Sale Price:	\$875,500	\$574,400	\$375,000	\$916,000	38.50%
Average Days on Market:	115	133			
					2007 = \$574,400
Condo/Townhomes					2003 = \$273,500
Number Sold:	49	52	2007 sales		
Average Sale Price:	\$287,500	\$338,600	\$153,000	\$544,000	23.80%
Average Days on Market:	68	155			
					2007 = \$338,600
Dollar amounts have been rounded.					
Data Source: Multiple Listing Service of Northern Illinois					Average sales price increase

Dollar amounts have been rounded.

Date Source: Multiple Listing Service of Northern Illinois

Average sale price increases



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Bee Contributions

Welcome

Have a story to tell, a horn to toot about a good neighbor we should all know about, or an article to contribute? Submissions from all ages are welcome. Please contact us at news@bcochicago.org

Bee Counted - Advertise!

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For further information, or to reserve space in the next issue of the Bowmanville Bee, please contact Betty Redmond at (866)837-1006 or at ads@bcochicago.org.

Help Deliver the Bee!

Volunteers are always needed and welcome! Please call Scott Galassini at (866) 837-1006.



Need another Bee?

You can find them at the following local businesses:

- Curves
- North Community Bank
- Pauline's Restaurant
- Claddagh Ring



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BCO Calendar of Events

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.

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 p.m. to dusk, and 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., March through October.

12th Annual Yard Sale, Saturday, June 7, 2008 - 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

10th Annual Garden Walk, Saturday, July 12, 2008 - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

BCO Ice Cream Social, Sunday, August 17, 2008 - exact time TBA

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, Attn. Elba Acevedo, 5391 N. Bowmanville Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60625. Questions? Call Elba at (866)837-1006 or email membership@bcochicago.org. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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☐ Renewal ☐ New Member Committee I'd serve on: _____

Please take a moment to answer the questions below. Your answers will help us focus our efforts on your behalf:

1. How long have you lived in Bowmanville? _____

2. Do you rent or own your home? _____

3. How many people are in your household? _____

4. What are their ages? _____

5. What are your hobbies and interests? _____