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## Community Comes Alive With Spring's Arrival

*by Peggy Cassidy*

"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another," wrote American writer Henry Van Dyke. Indeed, we waited with varying degrees of patience for spring to arrive, and it has — in all its finery — clear skies, sweet showers, luscious scents, popping buds and green, green, green all around us. We've made it through another winter and spring is exploding before our eyes.

Surely, it's none too soon for Bruce Bowers of Lincoln Square. Bruce is the lucky winner of the GreenSpace Scooter Raffle, and has likely been anxious to take his new Buddy for a spin. He bought his winning ticket from eager volunteers at the Lincoln Ave. Dominick's store. Special thanks to Scooterworks, our volunteers and all who supported this effort.



**Bruce Bowers holds his winning ticket as he sits atop his new scooter.**

With more than 600 tickets sold, the Scooter Raffle added more than \$4,000 to GreenSpace funds, not to mention the fun shared by those at the BCO's March Open Meeting at Scooterworks, where the ticket was drawn amid much anticipation and merriment.

The dedicated GreenSpace Committee goes into spring with its continued feverish efforts to raise funds for the community greenspace; collecting green to better green and grow Bowmanville's newest open land. Thus far, volunteers (clocking over 1,500 hours) have collected \$17,000 in (green) donations and welcome more. Fundraising plans throughout the summer will bring the burg closer to its goal.

Spring also means that the community gardens are taking shape. Volunteers are busy digging and planting and readying their mulch. Buds and flowers and new life are popping up in a pallet of vibrant greens across each of the community gardens and hopes for a season of great bounty are alive.

Spring welcomes the return to the mural project in the Berwyn tunnel. A winter-time tile workshop at "Let Them Eat Chocolate" netted a stunning new collection of hand-painted tiles to be included in the next phase of the mural, covering the walls on the east end of the walkway. Check



**Gardeners gathered in early April for the first of the season's many work days.**

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Winter, spring, summer or fall, the BCO welcomes new members. "Membership Makes It Happen," BCO President Claire Shingler says on page 3 — and the more the merrier, of course.

With the fresh, new season comes a new issue of The Bowmanville Bee. Enclosed find more news from the 'hood. Then, consider sharing your own stories for the next issue, due out at the end of July.



The Bowmanville Bee continues to serve as the neighborhood's "go to" for local news and announcements, relying on the eBee to pick up the in-between pieces and direct residents to immediate online access to information. Managing Editor Peggy Cassidy looks to Bowmanville residents to keep her abreast of what important and relevant news is best suited to the newsletter. A big welcome and thank you for this issue goes out to new advertising coordinator Paula Palmentera, and new lay out assistant Joey Chiappetta. And of course, thank you to the host of BCO members and neighbors who have submitted content and photos to keep the Bee 'buzzing'. Send us your news at [news@bcochicago.org](mailto:news@bcochicago.org).



The Communications Committee provides many ways for the BCO to connect to the community and for the community to make its voice heard through the BCO. These include our website, Facebook page, quarterly newsletter (the Bowmanville Bee), online e-Bee, and e-Blasts via e-mail for timely or urgent announcements. We also manage our toll free BCO hotline 1-866-837-1006. We are seeking a new volunteer to act as editor for the online newsletters and e-blasts and people who can help keep our website current. If you have an interest in writing or editing we'd love the help. Contact: [comm@bcochicago.org](mailto:comm@bcochicago.org).



The Events Committee is one of the best ways to meet neighbors throughout the community, and have a lot of fun while you're at it! We are looking for a chairperson for the August 14 Ice Cream Social – someone to coordinate the details of this easy to plan event. We also are always looking for new twists for the events and new event ideas. If you can help out please contact us at [events@bcochicago.org](mailto:events@bcochicago.org). **Next BCO event: June 4<sup>th</sup> Street Sale & after party.** Volunteer now! The BCO needs your help.



Join the BCO Garden Committee and carry on a 15 year tradition of keeping Bowmanville Beautiful! Garden workdays are the 4th Saturday of each month, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM, and the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6 PM until dusk. It takes a village to maintain our 3 gardens. The team is headed by chairperson Betty Redmond, and supported by hardworking volunteers and garden site leaders: Anthony O'Reilly, Dave Johnston, Anne Boyle, Ellen Jurczak, Tom Kennedy, B. A. Church and Billy Kuczek. Many thanks to all who help!



The Membership Committee focuses on ways to continually engage and support our community and grow our membership base. This is definitely an area where you can see your new ideas take flight. One of the 2011 membership initiatives is to continue to nurture the 'Know Your Neighbors' BCO Block Club program which is connecting neighbors for increased information sharing, security, and socializing. Contact [membership@bcochicago.org](mailto:membership@bcochicago.org) to help us.

Like public radio, all of our neighbors can freely enjoy the benefits of the hard work of the BCO. But in the end, "Membership makes it happen"! Join or renew today, we'd love to have you! Over 200 community members recognize the value of what the BCO does for this community, and know that it doesn't happen without financial and volunteer support. BCO membership fees increase to \$20 annually beginning June 1, 2011. Read more on page 3.



The Planning & Development committee gathers to discuss issues of change, development, and improvement of our fine community. We interact with local residents, businesses, and the Alderman's office to advantageously grow our community. There are many areas you can influence and help us keep tabs on. If you are able to help out please contact chairman Jeff Graves at [planning@bcochicago.org](mailto:planning@bcochicago.org).



The BCO GreenSpace Committee continues its focus on fundraising and site planning for the newly acquired green space at 5384 N. Bowmanville. This committee is also working hard to expand the space. We need your help as we continue to move forward with our goal of making Bowmanville one of the greenest, most livable communities in Chicago. Please join us in this effort! To get involved, please contact [greenspace@bcochicago.org](mailto:greenspace@bcochicago.org).



The Public Art committee was formed in 2010 to explore the idea of a mural in the Berwyn pedestrian tunnel. That idea became reality very quickly! Work is underway to complete the East entryway and finish the interior. Check the website for details or contact [publicart@bcochicago.org](mailto:publicart@bcochicago.org) to get involved.

## Community News

# BCO Mantra: Membership Makes It Happen

by BCO President Claire Shingler

It's become a mantra for the Bowmanville Community Organization in recent years – **Membership Makes It Happen**. It's absolutely true. Paid membership, coupled with volunteerism, is a cornerstone of this organization and continues to be instrumental to our success. The BCO, a strong organization with a solid reputation, bolsters the community of Bowmanville, a wonderful, safe and diverse neighborhood we are all proud to have ties to.

The BCO's income supports the organization's activities, enabling us to do both wonderful and essential things for the community. To assure continued success, there is a need now to increase the BCO's annual income.

The plan is to use new funds to evolve our infrastructure. Various communication tools are in need of upgrades to improve the efficiency of our volunteers, and funding for an online payment mechanism has become essential. The board continues to discuss making funds available to fill volunteer gaps in critical roles within the organization, and we hope to expand community outreach through new programming. To meet the costs of our increasing needs, the BCO is evaluating all of its income sources – grants, donors, members, advertisers and targeted fundraising.

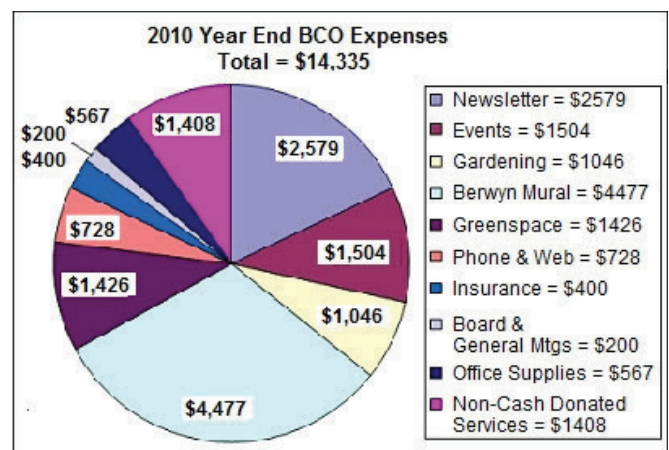
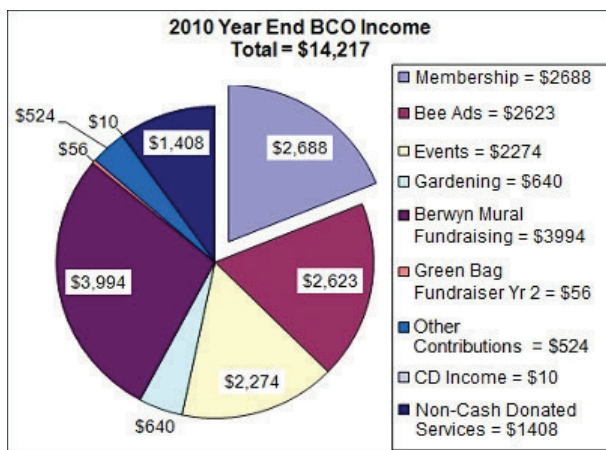
Since BCO membership fees typically make up about 25 percent of the organization's annual income, we've taken the step of raising the annual BCO membership fee to \$20, effective June 1, 2011. This fee change was recommended by the BCO Board and ratified by the general membership at the March 24 Open Meeting. The BCO executive team validated the vote following the meeting.

The Board recognizes that this change is a jump from the previous long-standing rate. We believe, however, that it is warranted and that BCO membership remains an extremely good value at \$20 annually (\$1.67/month).

I hope you've seen and felt the benefits of our neighbors' hard work through the BCO, whether you are directly involved or not. Together we have accomplished some amazing things. We've built relationships and shared lots of good times along the way. Funding and volunteerism are critical to these successes and we welcome your support.

Thank you for your continued support of your community and the BCO. I welcome your feedback (and volunteerism) relative to the BCO – feel free to email me anytime at [president@bcochicago.org](mailto:president@bcochicago.org).

Become a BCO member. It's easy!  
Online payment is available  
at [www.bcochicago.org](http://www.bcochicago.org)



**Note: The GreenSpace Income and Expenses shown here represent accounting prior to July 2010. Beyond that, any info related to GreenSpace is tracked via a separate BCO GreenSpace Chicago balance sheet and managed in a physically separate bank account. See page 12 for more info on those fundraising totals.**



## Community News

### Building Blocks In A New Bowmanville

by Noelle Braun Etheridge



#### ***Do you know your neighbors?***

If not, you can! Bowmanville is a small, growing community, that's changing every day! Look around at all the enhancements to our neighborhood, some even as close as next door.

#### ***The heart of this community is the people.***

It is rich with talented, generous and friendly people. Stop to consider the changes on your block and in the community, and think about how you make a difference, too. ***You do – and you can!***

Getting to know the people who live nearby is a great way to begin making a positive impact on your immediate community. Building relationships with your neighbors and BCO members will give you and your block an opportunity to be better connected on the issues that matter to you. The advantages are endless.

Improvements may be as simple as a shared "hello" with the people across the street or as elaborate as building a team to plan a fabulous block party. On a practical level, having active communication with your block will help keep everyone aware of local concerns, such as safety and security.

This past winter's intense snowstorm presented a good example of a block coming together. Many neighbors teamed up to overcome the obvious challenges most of us faced when several feet of snow made the simplest things more challenging. On the Bowmanville blocks where communication and relationships have been a priority, we witnessed a tremendous outreach of help resulting in streets AND alleys being cleared of snow so families could get out of their homes. It was amazing!

Another safety-related example dates back a few months. A few Bowmanville homeowners were startled by knocks at their doors late at night (one at 10 PM and another as late as 1:30 AM). Outside, a frantic woman claimed she needed help with her mother who had suffered a heart attack and was at a hospital on the south side. She said she was looking for money to get to this hospital. Suspicions were that her story was untrue, and neighbors were alerted.

The message is this; without active communication and relationships with the neighbors on your immediate block, this sort of information can not be readily shared with others, allowing for a potentially dangerous situation for another homeowner. Fortunately, the BCO has a program that is geared toward building block relations via our Block Captains (BCs). We have 39 blocks and 13 BCs who are actively



**Magician Mr. Ash entertains awed guests at the 2010 block party on the 2300 block of Farragut last summer.**

working to collect neighbor information their respective blocks. The intention is to communicate with everyone as events and safety issues occur.

If you have any interest in assuming a role to further develop this program, contact [membership@bcochicago.org](mailto:membership@bcochicago.org).

***Spring is here and summer is around the corner. Let the season begin with a neighborly "Hello," and end with a Block Party!***

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### C.A.P.S. Doesn't Miss a Beat

Rumors of Program's Demise "Greatly Exaggerated"

by Jeff Graves

With respects and apologies to Mark Twain; The rumors of the demise of CAPS have been greatly exaggerated.

In the fall of 2010, numerous people at various BCO meetings and events were talking about the "fact" that the Chicago Police Department had put an end to the CAPS program, The Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy. CAPS is a community program in which neighbors and their Beat Officers meet to have direct talks about local crime and safety concerns, and I am here to tell you that the rumors of the program's demise are simply not true.

Bowmanville shares the CAPS Beat 2012 with West Andersonville. I talked to some of the police officers present at the Feb. 9 meeting, seeking to find the truth about CAPS' future. According to those officers, there were staffing changes, but no neighborhood meetings were canceled and all CAPS programs remain unchanged.

One officer specifically explained that, while each beat had previously been staffed by seven officers and one sergeant, the city now assigns two officers and one sergeant to each beat's CAPS program. These police officers attend the meetings and provide local reports and "ClearMap" statistics on the previous two months. They'll also provide follow-up on major issues from previous meetings.

While CAPS meetings are a great opportunity for any citizen to better understand current issues within their communities, these meetings are especially useful for Block Captains. Information received at the CAPS meetings becomes even more valuable when it's passed on to neighbors.

Additionally, crime statistics are available anytime online: A great and easy-to-use source for the ClearMap stats and more is at [chicago.everyblock.com](http://chicago.everyblock.com). Type "Bowmanville" in the search engine and filter for "Crime Only." Or find it on the Chicago Police site at: [www.chicagopolice.org](http://www.chicagopolice.org). Click on "Get Involved With CAPS," then "What's going on in my neighborhood," specifically the 20th District. Spend a few minutes getting familiar with the info and then share your findings with friends and neighbors.

While no city or neighborhood is free of crime, it's comforting to know that the 20th District is still reported to be one of the city's safest neighborhoods. Let's keep it safe by being diligent, proactive and involved in CAPS and our community. **Hope to see you at the next CAPS meeting.**

#### Remaining 2011 CAPS Meetings:



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- August 10
- October 12
- December 14

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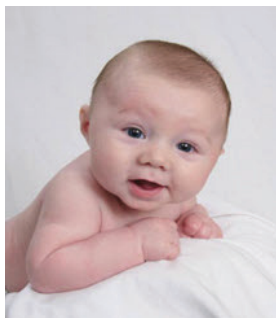


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## Stroller Watch: Precious, New Arrivals

by Peggy Cassidy



**Colin Michael Adler**

Amazing things happen in those quiet winter months when faces are hidden under scarves and the swollen bellies of pregnant neighbors go unnoticed while wrapped in heavy, warm coats. But the better weather may mean you'll be lucky enough to get a glimpse at one of these beautiful new neighbors, and share a congratulations with their proud parents.

Amid holiday cheer, Annie and Jason Adler welcomed their son, Colin Michael, into the world. On Dec. 16, Annie gave birth to the couple's 8 pound, 1 ounce 2010 tax deduction.

About seven weeks later, just before kickoff on Super Bowl Sunday, Scott and Dana Lair welcomed Avery Grace to their family. Big brother Evan (2) loves his little sister and is enjoying his new role.



**Avery Grace Lair**

Just weeks ago, Ryan and Christy Foran brought 7 pound, 6 ounce Evan Sommer home for the first time. Evan rounded out the "My Three Sons" scenario at the Foran home, with big brothers, Mason and Tyler, excitedly welcoming their baby brother to the brood.



**Evan Sommer Foran**

Congratulations, parents, siblings and proud family members. The neighbors look forward to meeting your new Bowman-Villagers.



## Keeping Track Of Metra Work

by David Johnston

Metra does not have a start date yet for the 40th Ward, according to word from the Ward Office. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is only allowing their contractor to start work at Lawrence Avenue and continue south. The portion of the project north of Lawrence will not start until some vibration issues are resolved with some homeowners at Winnemac Avenue. Once that issue is resolved, Metra will start work at Balmoral Avenue."

The public meeting held on March 29th showed before/after plans for the corridor but did not show any details north of Foster Avenue.

As of this writing, the contractor is planning to start work south of Lawrence and is guessing that they would not be in the Balmoral area until summer or fall at the earliest.

At this point, all the BCO Gateway Garden plots are assigned to gardeners. The three dismantled beds closest to Balmoral are being planted with the understanding that they may not be available for the full season.

Support the Gardens!

Plant Sale, May 21st, at  
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## Arts & Culture

### Sylvia's Having a Yard Sale

by Joyce Litoff



Witty Nicole Hollander, of the "Sylvia" cartoon fame, will be at Avram Eisen Gallery, 5204 N. Damen, on Sat., June 4, 10 AM to 2 PM, and Sun., June 5, from noon to 4 PM.

She will be selling one-of-a-kind cartoons, printer's proofs of newspaper panels and framed enlargements from her most popular strips—at affordable prices. Don't miss the raffle for a fabulous Sylvia doll!

Nicole will also just be hanging out, visiting with the neighbors and autographing her book—you know, regular garage sale action. Drop in!



### Griffin Offers a Neighborly Theater Discount For May 22



Bring your kids and join your neighbors for a Griffin Theatre show on May 22. The matinee of "No More Dead Dogs," performed by future Bowmanville neighbors the Griffin Theatre Company, is available at a special rate of \$20 for area residents and friends that day.

A comedy about the "Horrors of Literature" – read more at [Griffintheatre.com](http://Griffintheatre.com) – the show is appropriate for adults and kids age 7 and up. Call the box office (773-975-8150) and use the discount code "Bowmanville." Performance location is Theatre Wit on Belmont.

### Beginnings and Endings –

Public Invited to Free Springtime Choral Concert

by Juliette Carlson

Bowmanville's neighboring community, Edgewater, boasts its own community chorus, **The Edgewater Singers**.

On Sat., May 21, at 7:30 PM, the chorus is offering its free spring concert – "**Endings and Beginnings**," at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1244 W. Thorndale Ave.



The program will offer something for everyone, including pop tunes, show tunes, 16th century madrigals and a compliment of short poetry readings to enhance the performance.

The Edgewater Singers began 25 years ago as a small group of singing friends who got together in each other's homes. Soon, family and neighbors were getting recitals, and now, with about 22-25 members and their first paid director, the group still enjoys making music together, while focusing on making music accessible to whomever wants to enjoy it.

The choir welcomes new members, so come to this free concert and see if you'd like to add your voice to the glee.

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## Arts & Culture

### 15th Annual Summer Street Sale Set For June 4

by Barbara Wolke



Fifteen years ago – at right about this time – Bowmanville residents began doing some spring cleaning, inadvertently giving birth to the Bowmanville Annual Street Sale.

Mark your calendars for **June 4, from 9 AM 'til 4 PM**, for the 15th Annual Street Sale, and in the weeks leading

to it, check your closets, basements, attics, and garages for resale-ables.

Last year's 80 participants and hundreds of shoppers are likely to be outnumbered this year, as participation increases with every sale. The variety of "stuff" for sale has made this a "must shop" for avid garage-salers, and sellers enjoy the profits as well as the "After Party" at Leadway Bar & Grill, at Damen and Farragut.

Sellers must **complete the application online** ([bcochicago.org](http://bcochicago.org)) by May 21 to be on the sale map.

So, sell well, but don't forget to shop the blocks, too!



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2. **Set-up** - Consider putting the tables out the night before and carry sorted boxes of items out the morning of the sale. **Avoid amounts with odd pricing** so you will only be handling bills and quarters. Wear an apron or pouch so your money is with you at all times.
3. **Pricing** - Price your items fairly and let people receive the bargain they expect. Remember, you can lower prices later in the day.
4. **Supplies** - Bags, newspaper, cash (singles and coins), long extension cord (if selling electrical equipment), pen and paper to record sales.
5. **Safety** - Be aware. Lock your house. Protect your money in a safe place.
6. **Get the word out** - Post copies of the Street Sale flyer at work, church, health club, etc.. Don't post on private property without owner's consent.

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## Gardening

### Summer Stroll Through Local Gardens Approaching

by Craig Hanenburg

The 13th Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk is Saturday, July 9, and is open to all!

Whether you are a beginner, or have lots of experience, we hope you'll participate in this lively community event.

The Garden Walk offers a great opportunity for those interested in landscaping, local prairie plants, growing flowers and vegetables, or taking photographs. Featured among the day's activities is an amateur photography contest in which a garden photo is selected to be used in the following year's event publicity.

From a spectator's point of view, walkers will have a chance to tour and view local residential gardens, as well as the three BCO community gardens.



reviewed by Master Gardeners on criteria including design, creative use of plants, and neighborhood enhancement.

The day ends with a Garden Party, which includes a presentation of awards and accolades to participating gardeners.

Participating Bowmanville residents welcome their neighbors into lush yards featuring well-tended gardens, creating a venue of friendly hospitality and shared curiosity about gardening.

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## Volunteers Growing In Local Gardens

by Betty Redmond

Interest in vegetable plot gardening has once again exceeded the expectations of the Garden Committee, demonstrated by record numbers of vegetable plot applications from Bowmanville residents, and communities near and far.

Increased demand has led to the building of raised vegetable beds on Bowmanville Avenue. Thanks to BCO garden funds, and a contribution of timbers and soil from neighbor, Liz Gabbard, we have been able to squeeze in six more plots at that location, feeding eight more households!



Vegetable plot gardeners are required to provide 12 hours of community garden service each season. This year we have a bumper crop of enthusiastic vegetable gardeners and veteran volunteers, along with many new faces who just want to pitch in! Our first few workdays and meetings have seen record turnouts for this time of year. Potluck snacks are regular fare, and a bountiful lunch was contributed and delivered one day by Mike Itto, of Piatto Pronto.

**See Back Page For Gardening Dates!**

## CSAs Offer Non-Gardeners Fresh Option

by Sue McCoy

Growing your own vegetables is a great way to assure access to pesticide-free, fresh food, but when your life doesn't allow time for gardening, consider a CSA. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms are usually small enterprises, often family farms, growing food sustainably and committed to fresh, high-quality products. Consumers purchase a share of the farm's harvest at the beginning of the season and the farmer delivers (usually weekly) boxes or "shares" containing the best of what the growing season offers.

There are a variety of options for participation in a CSA. Meat, dairy, produce and packaged goods are all available, depending on the program you choose. And there are a number of reasons to make such a choice:

**Food is fresher and more nutritious.** Reducing the time from farm to table ensures that food flavors are at their peak and that it's fresher and ripper because it is picked closer to peak. Studies show that nutrient levels of food are highest closer to harvest time.

**You can reduce your carbon footprint.** Growing more food locally can reduce the need for long-distance trucking, thus reducing greenhouse gas contributions.

**Support family farmers and the regional economy.** Buying locally helps farmers and food producers thrive. This supports the regional economy by building demand for supplies and services from other regional companies, thus contributing tremendously to regional economic development. To sign up and/or learn more about CSAs available in our area, visit [familyfarmed.org](http://familyfarmed.org) or [localharvest.org](http://localharvest.org).



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## Bowmanville Gardeners' Wish List:

We're looking for ...



>Restaurants, grocers and other businesses who can partner with the BCO to provide refreshments, paper goods and utensils for garden workdays, in exchange for promoting their businesses at the event or in the Bee.

>Professional landscape businesses

that can partner with the BCO to provide tree trimming, removal and pruning services.

>330 ft. of 3/4" PVC, connectors, "T's" and valves – to improve the watering system in the garden.

>Trees - evergreen and deciduous (leaf shedding) – for our newest green site.

>Flowering or evergreen shrubs, medium and large size, to reinforce the "bones" of our gardens.

>Perennials, herbs, groundcover, grapevines and other climbers

>Soil, mulch and woodchips

>Wood timbers and hardware to improve vegetable plots and raised garden beds.

>Lumber and hardware to build tool storage, benches, birdhouses and arbors.

>Carpenters and woodworkers to build and improve our hardscape.

If you have resources to share, perennials to divide, or connections to someone who does, you can make a difference in our gardens and to BCO. **Please contact us at 1-866-837-1006 or at [gardening@bcochicago.org](mailto:gardening@bcochicago.org)**

## A Greener Sustainable Bowmanville

### Efforts Continue as GreenSpace Initiative Inches Closer to Goal

#### Safety Concerns Addressed in Greenspace Development

The Active Transportation Alliance, famous for **Bike the Drive**, advocates for transportation that encourages and promotes safety. The Alliance conducts surveys of heavily trafficked areas to assess safety issues. After jointly participating in the Park Advisory Conference, hosted by Friends of the Parks and the Chicago Park District on March 19, The GreenSpace Committee plans to invite the Alliance to Bowmanville to conduct a safety survey of Bowmanville Avenue, particularly as it relates to future use of the new greenspace area. With results of the survey in hand, the GreenSpace Committee will then be able to advocate for proper safety features as the area is planned and developed.

#### Calling All Bowmanville Kids for Greenspace!

Kids of all ages are needed to operate lemonade stands to benefit our community greenspace this summer. If you can count, draw, smile, sell or pour, we need you! We'll provide materials for signs, jugs for lemonade, and, if needed, tables and chairs, and lemonade-making supplies. Volunteers needed for BCO events – the June 4th Yard Sale; The Garden Walk, July 19; The Ice Cream Social in August; at neighborhood block parties or on any hot summer day!! Interested in helping? E-mail [greenspace@bcochicago.org](mailto:greenspace@bcochicago.org).

#### Expansion Design Competition:

The BCO is working on further expansion of the new greenspace (Phase II). Stay tuned for news about a design competition to help imagine what that could look like.

#### Funding Facts

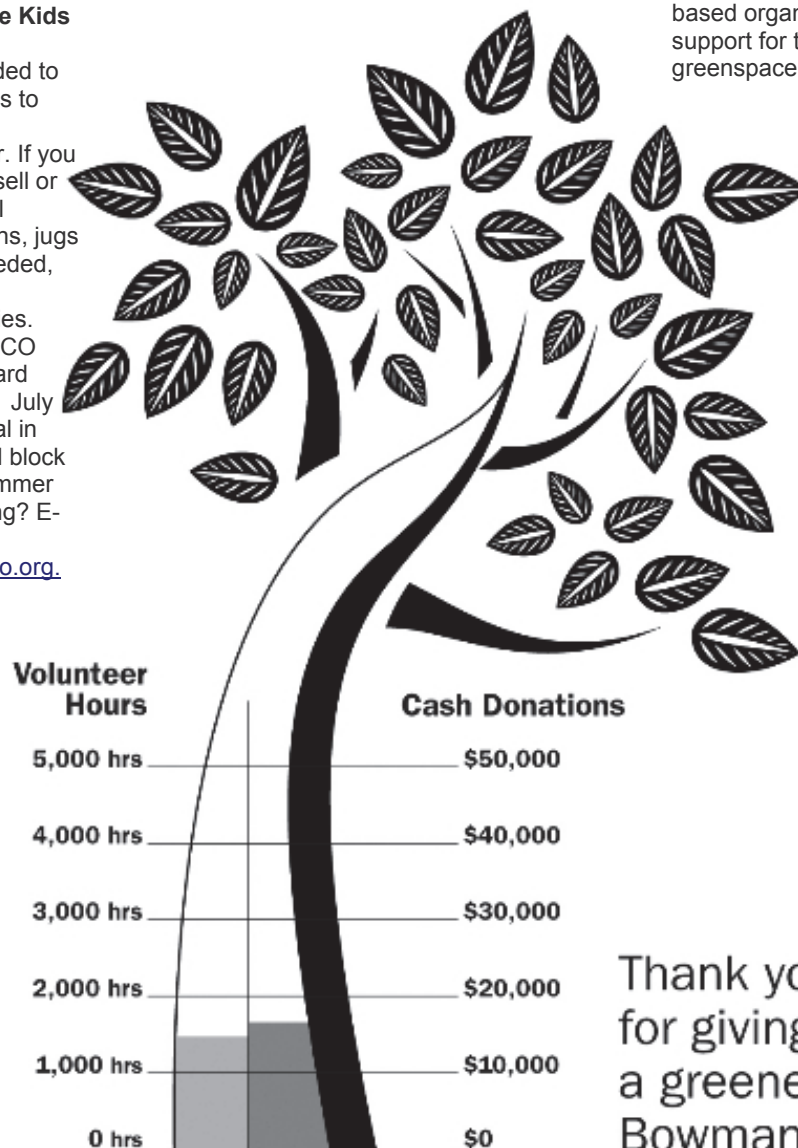
Contributions to the BCO GreenSpace Initiative have reached \$17,141 (goal: \$50,000) in donations and grants, with nearly 1,500 volunteer hours logged since the campaign was launched just nine months ago.

#### Grant Application Submitted

A grant application has been made to Nature Hills Nursery for \$1000 - \$2500 in plant goods for the new greenspace area. If you've got grant-writing skills or connections to granting agencies? We sure could use your help! The GreenSpace Committee is focusing on grants from local, state and nationally-based organizations to boost funding support for the development of our new greenspace.

#### Seed Grant Awarded:

A seed grant from Friends of the Parks has been awarded to the BCO GreenSpace Initiative to fund an arbor in the community's new greenspace. Friends of the Parks has worked to preserve, protect, improve and promote Chicago's parks since 1975. It has been instrumental in guiding and supporting efforts to secure permanent greenspace in the Bowmanville community over the past 18 months.



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## A Greener Sustainable Bowmanville

### Local Businesses Step Up To Support GreenSpace

by Donna Urbikas



The newest business initiative to help raise funds for Bowmanville's new green space comes from our very own neighborhood chocolatier, **Let Them Eat Chocolate**.

Owner Debra Gregory-Voss kicks off a June 'Chocolate for GreenSpace' promotion at the Bowmanville Street Sale on June 4. Mention BCO GreenSpace when

you buy chocolate during June and she will donate 10 percent of the proceeds to our cause (minimum purchase is \$15). Buy online ([www.letsco.com](http://www.letsco.com)) or from her spacious, art-filled store and cafe at 5306 N. Damen Avenue.

If you've not tasted the delectably creamy Belgian chocolate delights, or sipped the aromatic coffees served in real ceramic mugs, or tried the sumptuous lunch fare and rich gelato, or enjoyed the festive atmosphere of musical performances, or taken a chocolate class, you are in for a treat! Debra fills her monthly calendar with everything from a comedy showcase, to storytelling, to jazz and folk music. There's something for everyone, including the kids.

The store and café opens at 11a.m. with seasonal closing times, but is always closed on Tuesdays.

Other neighborhood business fundraising initiatives that continue are:

**North Community Bank** – Need a new bank account? You can support the BCO GreenSpace by opening a new transactional account at the Bowmanville, Andersonville, or Lincoln Square locations. Thanks to manager John Paraoan, the bank will donate \$25 to BCO GreenSpace for each new account.

**Prudential Rubloff** – Know anyone looking to buy or sell? Agent and neighbor Donna Urbikas will donate 15 percent of her commission on deals closed in 2011 for any referrals or clients mentioning BCO GreenSpace.

**Pampered Chef** – Need new kitchen gear or great gifts? Consultant and neighbor Sue McCoy will be hosting a Pampered Chef party in the neighborhood, where 30 percent of sales will go to BCO GreenSpace. Contact [events@bcochicago.org](mailto:events@bcochicago.org) for more information, and watch your email for dates!

If you or someone you know has a business that can contribute to BCO GreenSpace in any small or larger way, please email [greenspace@bcochicago.org](mailto:greenspace@bcochicago.org).

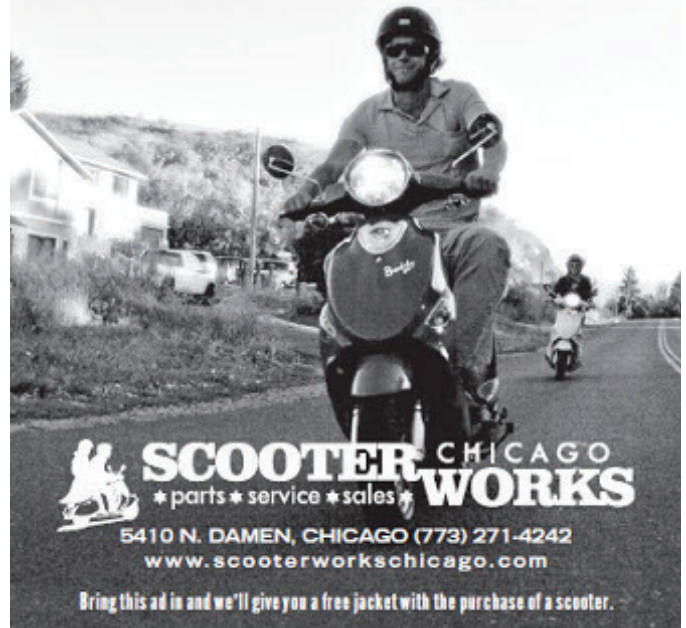


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### Green House Parties To Rock B-Ville

by Anne Boyle

One of the hottest tickets in Bowmanville this summer is an invitation to one of several house parties that are being planned to benefit development of the community's new greenspace.

Neighbors throughout Bowmanville are signing up to host gatherings designed for fun, while supporting the GreenSpace initiative.

Party themes are as lively and varied as the people who live here – a "\$25 for 25" Cocktail Party with a lottery toward the end of the evening where the winner takes half and the remaining proceeds benefit greenspace, a Chili Cook-off, a Chocolate Martini Party, and a Progressive Party with multiple neighborhood hosts serving different courses throughout the evening.

If you would like to host a party – or secure an invitation to join in the festivities -- contact [greenspace@bcochicago.org](mailto:greenspace@bcochicago.org) or call 866-837-1006.

## A Greener Sustainable Bowmanville

### I want to be part of the Bowmanville Green Team!

Please add me to the volunteer list. I would like to help with:

- ☐ Fundraising (hosting house parties, helping with special events, writing grants)
- ☐ Communications (writing articles for the Bee, eBee and BCO website, press releases)
- ☐ Land Development
- ☐ Phase II Acquisition & Funding
- ☐ Money Management
  
- ☐ Contact me about in-kind donations for live auctions, silent raffles, parties and special events.
  
- ☐ I WANT TO HELP by making a tax-deductible donation at the following level:

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BCO GreenSpace can create a giving strategy designed to meet your financial needs. For more information, check the box below.  
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## Snapshots



**THE BCO IN ACTION:** Work on the Berwyn Tunnel is exhilarating, time-consuming and enormously satisfying. Ask **Laura Novy**, one of the creative minds behind the project (photo 1). While raising funds to cover that project is clearly exhausting, it's essential to the project's success (photo 2). Also hard at work is **Jeff Graves** (photo 3), who pulled the winning scooter raffle ticket after **Craig Hanenburg** tossed the more than 600 entries to assure a fair result. The winner, **Bruce Bowers** (pictured on Page 1), of Lincoln Square, claims he hasn't won a thing since the Gnip Gnop game in 5th Grade. Bruce is the owner of The Active Pet, 5441 N. Lincoln Ave. He just couldn't resist the urgings of BCO volunteers who sold him his ticket at Dominick's in March. Those volunteers, including **Paula Palmentera**, **Jeff Graves** and **Cate Shingler**, charmed many a grocery shopper into buying raffle tickets (photo 4). On April 16, BCO President **Claire Shingler** joined in the 40th Ward Farewell to City of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley at Mather High School, where she shared the stage with **Alderman Patrick O'Connor** (photo 5). Claire thanked O'Connor and the Mayor for their steadfast support over the years, in particular, for their encouragement and financial contributions toward the GreenSpace Initiative, the Berwyn Pedestrian Tunnel art project, the Griffin Theatre relocation and Bowmanville's award-winning Community Gardens.



### BEE PHOTO CONTEST:

Get out your cameras and head to the Annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 30, at 10 AM. The winning pics will be featured in the summer issue of The Bee. The parade heads into beautiful Rosehill Cemetery off of Ravenswood and ends in a ceremony on cemetery grounds. The public is invited to join the event and the fun afterwards, as the West Andersonville Neighbors Together (W.A.N.T.) host their annual fundraiser Pig Roast at Ravenswood Pub. Send your photo entries to [news@bcochicago.org](mailto:news@bcochicago.org). Photos from The (July 9) Garden Walk are also eligible for Bee and eBee publication (Page 10).

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## Deadline for the Next Bee: July 2

## Help Deliver the Bee!

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## Need another Bee?

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- The Book Cellar
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- Let Them Eat Chocolate
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Event Planning: ☐ Street Sale ☐ Garden Walk ☐ Ice Cream Social ☐ Fall Festival

☐ Membership outreach

☐ Gardening

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☐ GreenSpace initiatives

☐ Planning and Development

☐ Bee delivery

☐ Public Art initiatives

☐ Communications (newsletters and website)

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How many children (under 18) are in your household? \_\_\_\_

What type of new BCO programming would interest you? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments or feedback? \_\_\_\_\_

## BCO Calendar of Events

*(Committee contacts listed on page 1; check website for schedule updates)*



May 11	Wednesday garden work nights start – Bowmanville garden – join us! 6pm until dusk
May 21	Deadline to have your address on the Street Sale map – register online!
May 21	Gateway Garden workday – spring clean up – come out and join us! 9:30-3:30
May 21	Spring plant sale – Gateway Garden (Ravenswood Ave) – BCO Garden Fundraiser
May 22	Bowmanville goes to see Griffin Theatre's "No More Dead Dogs" at the 3pm matinee
Jun 4	<b>Annual Bowmanville Street Sale – shop at 1957 Summerdale to benefit the BCO Gardens!</b>
Jun 4	<b>Street Sale After Party at Leadway Bar &amp; Grill (5233 N Damen Ave), 5pm</b>
Jun 8	Wednesday garden work night – 6pm until dusk
Jun 11	2200 Farragut Block Party
Jun 25	Deadline to register for the Bowmanville Garden Walk (photo contest & gardens)
Jun 25	Garden workday 9:30 -3:30 – come when you can
Jun 25	1900 Berwyn Block Party
Jul 9	<b>Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk</b>
Jul 13	Wednesday garden work night – 6pm until dusk
Jul 23	Garden workday 9:30 -3:30 – come when you can
Aug 10	Wednesday garden work night – 6pm until dusk
Aug 14	<b>Annual Ice Cream Social</b>
Aug 27	Berwyn/Bell Block Party
Oct 15	<b>Bowmanville/RPMS Fall Festival &amp; Pumpkin Patch</b>
Oct 20	<b>BCO Fall Open Meeting &amp; Election</b>