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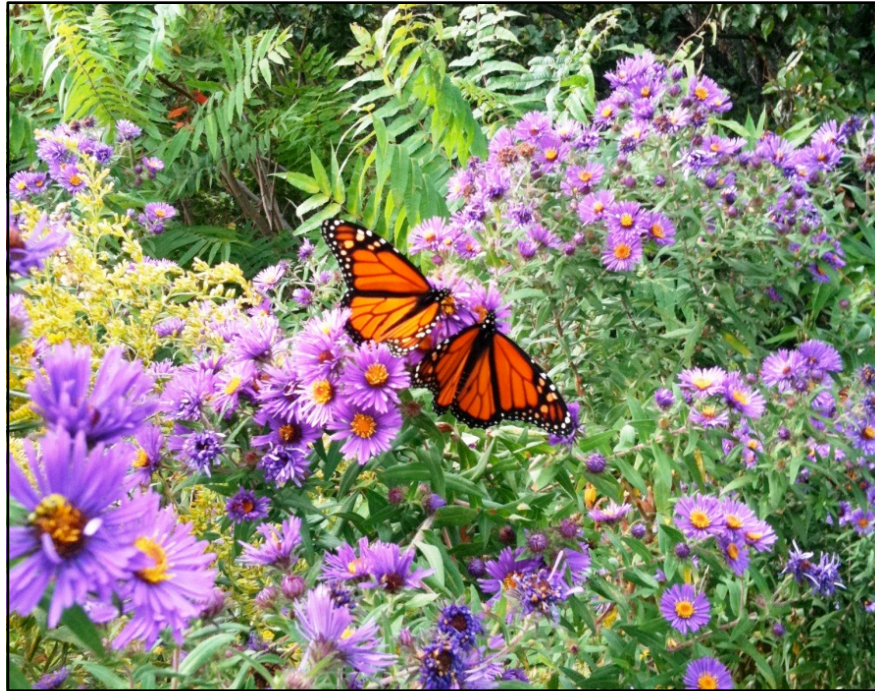
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2012's Winning Garden Walk

Another successful and well-scented Garden Walk brought hundreds of visitors to Bowmanville last month. This year's winning Garden Photo comes from Craig Hanenburg, who's "Garden Duet" captures an always fleeting moment in a summer garden (more on page 8).

Media Peeks in on Bowmanville Calm

by Claire Shingler

Bowmanville has had more than its fair share of media attention recently, shining a spotlight on our urban neighborhood beyond our traditional annual events. Bowmanville was featured in the May 25th Chicago Tribune Real Estate section, with a nice article by Leslie Mann and photos profiling the community. Subsequently many print and television news outlets descended on Bowmanville to cover the odd bird-napping story of Nick Butkovich's macaw Buford who was stolen from his fence on Leavitt Avenue in early June.

Following all of this attention, Chicago Tribune columnist Mary Schmich highlighted Bowmanville as one the '9 things I've liked lately' in her July 1st column. It seems Mary "was entranced by the shady streets, community gardens and pretty old houses." She noted that we are "near Ravenswood and Andersonville, and officially part of the Lincoln Square community, [though] it feels more remote and peaceful than those better-known places."

The cat may be out of the bag about why Bowmanville is such a wonderful home in the city. Shhhh, maybe no one has been paying attention.



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In an age of shrinking publications, The Bowmanville Bee is going strong. It's where neighbors come for the local buzz, including news, features and area announcements. The eBee fills in the blanks between our quarterly issues, and Managing Editor Peggy Cassidy works with Layout Editor Joey Chiappetta and Ad Manager Paula Palmentera to put the super local in local news. With a reliance and gratitude to area residents and businesses for sharing relevant and informative content, the Bee squad greatly appreciates advertiser support and local input. Send your news and editorial remarks to 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.



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 always looking for new twists for annual events and new event ideas. **Next BCO events: Bowmanville Ice Cream Social Aug 12th, 12-4pm in the greenspace on Bowmanville Ave at Bell Ave. All neighbors and friends of Bowmanville welcome – come enjoy Pauline's ice cream in our new green space! Pumpkinpalooza – the Bowmanville fall festival - is not far off, falling on Oct 13 this year. Contact vp@bcochicago.org to get involved in the planning for this great fall event.**



The BCO Gardening committee continues to face exciting and daunting challenges in 2012. We are thankful for our volunteers and still need the help of the whole community as we endeavor to improve our natural surroundings. The community's work has begun on the new greenspace, and the BCO Garden and Greenspace teams have joined forces to work on the installation of this great new addition to our community. In parallel, we continue to improve and maintain our existing three community gardens. At the Gateway garden, we are still responding to and working around the railroad bridge construction at Balmoral and Ravenswood. Can you help? Volunteer to help out, provide snacks, meals or beverages on workdays, and/or help coordinate volunteers. Contact the garden committee at gardening@bcochicago.org or 1-866-837-1006. See our work dates included in this edition of the Bee's calendar. Follow our progress and find more workday details on the BCO facebook page.



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. Two of our latest initiatives include a 'Welcome to Bowmanville' outreach to recent new home and condo owners in the area, as well as a BCO Bargains program – discounts for BCO members as one way we say thank you for supporting us. Contact 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 are low at \$20 annually.



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. Contact Chairman Jeff Graves for information: planning@bcochicago.org – all are welcome!



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.



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! Do you have a good idea for additional public art in Bowmanville? Put it out there. Contact publicart@bcochicago.org for more information.

Community News

Easy and Safe Access to Our Community GreenSpace

by Betty Redmond

At the BCO's General Membership Meeting on February 16, 2012, Tony Giron of the Active Transportation Alliance (ATA) listened to the community's concerns about safe crossing of Bowmanville Avenue, as more neighbors begin to use our new greenspace.

Currently, no nearby crosswalks exist between the north and south sides of Bowmanville.

In addition to collecting community input regarding problems and solutions, the ATA reviewed photos of the area, and did an "on the street" assessment.

On July 2, 2012, a team of BCO Planning & Development and GreenSpace committee members met with Alderman O'Connor to discuss the ATA assessment. The following problems and solutions were discussed:

1. **Issue:** Although stop signs exist at the intersection of Bowmanville Avenue and Bell Avenue there is no crosswalk allowing residents to safely cross Bowmanville.
Recommendation: Begin by painting crosswalks on the east and west sides of the intersection. As funds become available, upgrade the intersection to current ADA standards with curb ramps and curb extensions to decrease the amount of time a pedestrian is exposed to traffic.
2. **Issue:** There is no sidewalk on the north side of Bowmanville east of Bell Avenue. The missing sidewalk causes challenges for accessing the community greenspace and garden.
Recommendation: Repair and upgrade sidewalk to provide safe access to the gardens.
3. **Issue:** The intersection of Bowmanville and Leavitt lacks a crosswalk leading to the north side of Bowmanville to support safe access to the garden.

Recommendation: Begin by painting crosswalks on the east and west sides of the intersection. As funds become available, upgrade the intersection to current ADA standards with curb ramps and curb extensions to decrease the amount of time a pedestrian is exposed to traffic.

4. **Issue:** Bowmanville and Balmoral Avenues intersect at an awkward angle, leading to visibility issues for both pedestrians and drivers.

Recommendation: "Normalize" the intersection by changing the turning radius and encouraging slower, more cautious turns onto and off of Balmoral. To achieve this, begin by painting part of the intersection to encourage drivers to turn at a slower speed. As funds becomes available, construct a curb extension to make the change in turning radius permanent.

5. **Issue:** Provide signage at crosswalks to indicate access to the greenspace and garden.

Recommendation: Post "universal crosswalk" signs at intersections with painted crosswalks.

Bowmanville is currently under construction for new water mains. Curb ramps, crosswalk paintings, and signage may be among the first elements implemented from this assessment.



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Gateway Gardens Not Thrown Off Track

by David Johnston

The Metra / UP North bridge replacement work at Balmoral Avenue continues to impact local travel and the community gardens along Ravenswood. With the completion of construction of the new bridge abutments, the viaduct has re-opened to traffic, and installation of structural steel is expected to begin in late July/early August. Excavation of the embankment and installation of the retaining wall from Balmoral to Foster is expected later this year.

A temporary construction fence was installed to separate the remaining Gateway Garden vegetable plots from the work areas, providing safe access for Bowmanville's gardeners. Though the construction has created extra challenges, volunteers continue to work hard, maintaining their plots and the Gateway Garden common areas. Where there's a will, there's a way, and the Gateway Gardens are growing tall and mighty, despite the construction and the intense heat the area's suffered.

GreenSpace

THANK YOU for bringing our greenspace plan to life!



Over the summer, Bowmanville neighbors and friends ranging in age from 5 to 86 gathered to help bring our new community greenspace to life. Thanks to everyone who joined the effort, the new playmounds were weeded and raised by more than two feet with 58,000 pounds of soil and then covered with 1.5 pallets fresh sod, a natural trench was dug around the Stump Stomp area, three donated junipers and a maturing redbud were transferred and planted, water pipes were run to reach the far corners of our new space, river stones were spread as a base for the new Rock Walk and some great ideas for the gigantic donated terra cotta pots were discussed. Special thanks to GreenSpace Committee member **Kris Neurauter** for her conceptual design plan, materials research and countless calls to get the goods delivered. We will continue to bring our plan to life in the coming months. Call 866-837-1006 or email greenspace@bcochicago.org to find out how you can **join the Bowmanville Green Team!**

June 13, 2012

Weeding, edging, spreading mulch

Sarge Andrews
Anne Boyle
Joe Charles
James Grant-Suttie
Liz Gabbard

Teresa Gale

Maria Gullo
Carlo Lini
Momone Maley
Kris Neurauter
Ben Nick
Holly Nick
Jessie Nick

Mike Nick

Bob Nicklas
Anna Olson
Mary Jude Ramirez
Todd Shingler
Claire Shingler
Cate Shingler
Helena Shingler

Eamonn Shingler

Jill Stanchfield
Martin Wallner
Sue Wallner
Adele Wallner
Christian Wallner
Eden Weiss
Stew Weiss

June 16, 2012

Juniper and Redbud transfer & transplant, watering, weeding

Dan Conners
Maria Gullo
Dave Johnston
Alysia Stiles Kinsella
Brian Kinsella
Dan Lias
Kris Neurauter
Bob Nicklas
Betty Redmond
Jeff Stanfield
Gus Wuersig



Billy Kuczek
Matt McCallum
Max McCallum
Kris Neurauter
Bob Nicklas
John Paraoan
Betty Redmond
Katy Rico
Karine Roettgers
Poonam Thaker
Dena Van der Wal
Leavett Wofford
Gus Wuersig



July 3, 2012

Install weed barrier and spread river rock

Kelly Chester
Liz Gabbard
Kris Neurauter
Bob Nicklas
Diane Wagner

June 23, 2012

Create berms with 58,000 lbs of soil and 1.5 pallets of sod, spread mulch

Sarge Andrews
Anne Boyle
Jenny Clark
Liz Gabbard
Craig Hanenburg
Aaron Hosman
Hilary Jordan
Pete Jozwiak
Ellen Jurczak
Tom Kennedy

June & July, 2012

Install water pipes from the garden; water newly transplanted redbud and new sod

Billy Kuczak
Bob Nicklas
Stew Weiss
Gus Wuersig



GreenSpace

How much is the Bowmanville park worth to you?

by Betty Redmond, longtime Bowmanville resident and member of the BCO GreenSpace Committee

How often have you strolled through our new community greenspace with your kids or grandkids? Watched the sunset? Rolled down the new berms? Played frisbee, baseball, golf or football? Sat down for a picnic with friends or had a birthday party or scavenger hunt for 10-year olds out in the fresh air?

Even as a brand new openspace park, we've already already attracted new neighbors such as deer, frogs, and heron! We have a **valuable treasure in our neighborhood**, and must do what we can to sustain it!

Thanks to many generous neighbors, we have exceeded the halfway mark on our \$50,000 giving tree. Congratulations Bowmanville! That means we **need only \$24,000 to complete the greenspace installation** of plants, trees and hardscape to make our park the fabulous gathering space and interactive landscape we planned it to be.

Does that seem like a lot? It isn't really, when you think of it.

I did some rough math...if we need \$24K and there are 1,500 households in the neighborhood, we'd only need \$16 from each household to reach our goal. Of course, some of those households may be vacant, some are transient apartment dwellers, but many of those households are occupied by wonderful Bowmanville neighbors. So, take out 500 households...that leaves us with a thousand, and **if each household gave \$24, we'd reach our \$50,000 goal.**

Times are hard, not everyone is working, not everyone can give money. Please take a minute to think about what the park means to you, and give as generously as you can.

Please give time, write a check, join the team, and help achieve our final \$24,000. Help us preserve our treasure!

Donate online at www.bcochicago.org or mail your check to BCO GreenSpace Chicago, 5361 North Bowmanville Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625 — or call 866-837-1006 to volunteer today!



BINGO for BOWMANVILLE!

It was so much fun, we're doing it again! Join neighbors and friends for a wild and crazy night out eating, drinking and playing BINGO. You'll also be supporting the BCO GreenSpace Initiative — what a great combination!

HambBINGO will be held at Hamburger Mary's (5400 N. Clark Street — Clark and Balmoral) on **Monday, August 27, 2012** starting at 9 PM in the downstairs Dining Room.

Bingo cards will cost \$5 each. These cards are reused for all BINGO games that evening. **Prizes will be plentiful.**

Proceeds will directly help support the development of the 5384 North Bowmanville greenspace project.

Invite your friends, family, neighbors and strangers on the street for a fun night out for a good cause — support of the Bowmanville GreenSpace.



Bring your appetite so you can, as Hamburger Mary's says best, **"Eat, drink and be...Mary!"**

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Proceeds benefit our community greenspace



News Buzz

Babies and Birthdays in Bowmanville



Please share a smile with Bowmanvillagers Maurya Delaney, Will Gunlicks and big brother, Aidan, all of whom are thrilled to have welcomed Emmet Delaney Gunlicks to the team on May 12.



As birthdays go, Vega McCoy will be celebrated her 1st birthday on Aug 7. Vega, the daughter of Brian and Susan McCoy of the 2300 block of Farragut, also has a brother, Malcolm, who celebrated his 4th birthday with a party at Winnemac Park on June 16. Susan McCoy is on the BCO board.

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Arts & Culture

Griffin Bungees Into Bowmanville

By Jeff Graves



A Euro Bungee trampoline, a Wizard Walk, a dunk tank, Tarot readings, face painting, Budweiser beer, brats from Fireside Restaurant and a lineup of music that included The Eli Story and Empire State Express were just some of the attractions to be found at the "Great Griffin Carnivale" on June 30. It may have been one of the hottest days on record for June, but that didn't stop almost 400 people of all ages from attending the event in the parking lot at the former 20th District Police Station, the future home of the Griffin Theatre Company, at 1940 West Foster Ave. The Carnivale kicked off the Griffin Theatre's entrance into the Bowmanville neighborhood by celebrating the Griffin Arts Center, scheduled to open in June of 2013. If the turnout on one of the hottest days of the year is any indication of the Griffin's future success in the neighborhood, then the 23 year-old theatre company -- dedicated to theatrical productions for both children and adults -- is in great shape. The Griffin plans to have a number of events at the property throughout the next year, leading up to the gala opening next summer. To find out about future events and to learn more about the Griffin Arts Center visit GriffinTheatre.com.

Tunnel Takes On New Role As Artist's Backdrop

by Peggy Cassidy

Morgan Anderson's photo studio is in West Andersonville, and the artist has found the public art at the pedestrian tunnel at Berwyn to be an added bonus to his creative work.

"We were ... searching for interesting portrait settings and came across the wonderful mosaic underpass!" Morgan said on his website. "Beautiful all on its own, the work of art creates a perfect setting and with all the variety of shapes and colors I can use just the right section to bring out the mood I'm after. It is definitely an asset to the studio and the neighborhood!"

A professional Chicago-based photographer with 20 years experience, Morgan's emphasis is on environmental portraits, location work, lifestyle pictures and anything that requires a creative eye. Morgan used the mural as a backdrop for a recent series of head shots for actress Stephanie Stroud. The affect is one of brilliant color behind Stroud (who hails from the Pacific Northwest and has performed locally at Lookingglass, Victory Gardens and Chicago Dramatists theaters), seen in a softly subtle but clearly recognizable frame.



Photo by Morgan Anderson

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The 14th Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk

by Craig Hanenburg

The 14th Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk was held on July 7 and featured 16 residential gardens and our 3 community gardens, and lots of messy construction! The Metra train bridge expansion at Ravenswood & Balmoral and the new water main on Bowmanville Avenue framed both the East and West ends of the neighborhood. Mother Nature pitched in with a beautiful cooling breeze that dropped Chicago record heat into the comfortable 80's. This helped the Garden Walk attract the largest attendance so far with almost 200 visitors.

Congratulations to Maria Velasquez !



Pierre Poinsett, Maria Velasquez, Reuben Rios, Patricia Morin

Maria was awarded the “Best in Show” ribbon for her garden and this is the second time Maria has gained this honor; she was previously honored with Best in Show in 2006. Our Master Gardener judges noted that Maria’s passion for her garden is apparent in that she is successful with many different kinds of plants and has brought together many unusual combinations. Pierre Poinsett, Reuben Rios and Patricia Morin were the Master Gardeners who reviewed the gardens and awarded the ribbons. The gardens were reviewed on various criteria including design, creative use of plants, and neighborhood enhancement. A criteria system with 100 points possible is used to award the prize ribbons.

The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program furnished four Master Gardeners who manned the “Ask a Master Gardener” table. Visitors could ask these specialists questions about plants and gardening and got suggestions on how to find resources for solving their gardening problems.



Our Congressman Michael Quigley toured many of the gardens including Maria's. He is seen here admiring Maria's handiwork.

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The 14th Annual Bowmanville Garden Walk

10 Review Ribbons were awarded at the 2012 Garden Walk:

BLUE RIBBON (90 to 100 points)

James Hannon
Maria R. Velazquez

RED RIBBON (80 to 89 point)

Patrick Brandell
Wendy Fairchild & Jim Kriegsmann
Craig Hanenburg & Billy Kuczek
Tom Kennedy & Leavett Wofford
Maria E. Velasquez

WHITE RIBBON (70 to 79 points)

Jeff Graves & Jack Beaupied
Russ Klettke
Shawn McCormick

GREEN RIBBON (69 points or lower)

There were no Green ribbons awarded this year

Pauline Messier Garden Hospitality Award

For the second year a new award was given in honor of Pauline Messier, who volunteered for many years on the Events Committee and regularly helped plan the food for the Garden Walk Awards Party. The award was given to Craig Hanenburg and Billy Kuczek. Thank you, Craig and Billy for sharing your garden, hosting the Awards Party and making visitors feel so welcome to Bowmanville.

Again this year, at the welcome table location next to the BCO GreenSpace on Bowmanville Avenue kids from the neighborhood sold lemonade to raise funds and awareness for BCO GreenSpace through our affiliations with Friends of the Parks.

Congratulations to Craig Hanenburg!

Winner of the 6th Annual Garden Walk Photography contest!

Visitors to the Garden Walk voted on 23 different photos this year and the winning photo is "Garden Duet" by Craig Hanenburg, his winning photo will be used in the publicity for the 15th Annual Garden Walk next year on July 13, 2013.

The Garden Walk Awards Party

Noreen Palinkas and Karine Roettgers were the official photographers of the day. They took over 200 pictures of all the gardens on display and you may view them by visiting the Garden Walk Photo page at BCOChicago.org. Food and beverages were enjoyed by all and was provided by Bens Noodles and Rice and Craig Hanenburg & Billy Kuczek.



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More Buzz

Amundsen High School Names New Principal

Edited by Peggy Cassidy, thanks to Patti Wetli, Center Square Journal

The Local School Council at Amundsen High School opted to reach outside of the known entities in selecting a new principal for the school in June. Anna Pavichevich's appointment came as a surprise to many who expected her opponent, Amundsen Vice Principal Brian Rogers, to be chosen for the spot.

Patti Wetli reported in the Center Square Journal, that Rogers was the clear favorite of the faculty at Amundsen, but the LSC voted to take the school in a different direction.

While new to Amundsen, Pavichevich is familiar with the school, having lived in the neighborhood for 16 years. According to the CSJ, she comes with strong credentials, including "instructional support director and director of teacher leadership development and support" and "20 years as a classroom teacher."

While recognizing that she faces significant challenges in taking over a school on academic probation, she told Wetli that she always wanted to be at Amundsen and that it was, in fact, the only school at which she applied for a principalship.

"My goal is to make this *the* school of choice for the neighborhood," Pavichevich told Wetli, and that can only be good for Bowmanville.

Host Families Sought For Foreign Exchange Students

Cara is a 15-year-old South African student who loves to sing and play piano. She's a BP Scholar and is hoping to come to Chicago to study this fall. Filippo is 16. He's from Italy and is interested in fencing and swimming. He, too, wants to spend some time here, as do 16-year-old Rosarin, from Thailand, Simon, 16, from Germany, and Yeongsu, 15, from Japan. In fact, there are currently 22 students from across the globe who are hoping to land at O'Hare Airport sometime before classes start at nearby schools.

AFS-USA is a non-profit organization that has been exchanging students throughout the world for more than 60 years. The organization is currently looking for families interested in **welcoming an exchange student for 6-12 weeks (starting in August) or host for a full academic year. There are currently 22 students -- from countries including Thailand, South Africa, Slovakia, and India -- awaiting placement in the Chicago area.**

If you want more information, contact Vicci Rodgers Keutzer, IP neighbor/AFS returnee/AFS volunteer, at 773-205-4170 or Traci Larson-Lee, AFS Team Development Specialist, Greater Chicago, email: tlarson-lee@afs.org, ph: (847) 329-4676, cell: (847) 877-3451 -- or visit www.afs.org/

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More Buzz

Sam and 'Bird Man' Persevere, Buford's Fate Remains Unknown

by Peggy Cassidy

Buford is still missing ... and being missed.

While much of the hub-bub over the bird napping in Bowmanville has died down, Nick Butkovich, Bowmanville's unofficial "Bird Man," continues to mourn.

A longtime area resident, Butkovich witnessed the abduction of his two hyacinth macaws from his backyard near Summerdale and Leavitt on June 3. He has been seen telling the story of one bird's disappearance and the other's heroism and ultimate escape in media outlets across town; local newspapers, radio broadcasts and television reports. He's talked about being in the yard with the birds, hearing them both start screaming loudly and turning to see a woman grab the birds and jump into a black Jeep Cherokee and take off down the alley. More recently, Butkovich told ChicagoTribune reporter, Mary Schmich, that he believes Buford will return.

"He's going to show up," Butkovich told Schmich for a Trib story on the abduction. "Maybe 20 years from now. Might be next week. But he'll show up."

The public fury and outrage – as in this comment posted to EveryBlock.com: "This is horrible. What's wrong with people? He and his birds are great members of our neighborhood!" – have quieted down, leaving Nick and the remaining bird, Sam, to miss their beloved Buford.

There have been no signs of Buford since the day he was taken. Some have said that he could be anywhere by now – sold into the black market, pawned off to an unsavory exotic animal collector or shipped overseas. Buford, like all healthy members of his species, is a valuable bird. Butkovich says his birds have microchips identifying him as their owner, but so far, no one has identified the missing bird.

At the recommendation of those familiar with macaws, Butkovich has accepted the loan of a third bird to keep Sam company, Bruno. Sam has been noticeably depressed in Buford's absence, since the two have been a pair for years. Butkovich reported that Sam had stopped talking after the incident, and it is hoped that Bruno will be a healthy distraction.

It's a difficult time for Nick Butkovich. In addition to the Buford drama, he's recently lost his aunt, with whom he'd been living for some time. But neighbors have seen him out recently, walking with two stunning parrots on his stroller – Sam and Bruno -- all of them, perhaps, hoping Buford will land on the stroller at any moment.

2010 Census Data – B-ville by the Numbers

Diversity abounds in Bowmanville. May our community continue to embrace it in all forms.

Lucky for us, there is a census tract (401) that covers the Bowmanville neighborhood exactly, so we get some great insight into our community and its diversity by dipping into the information that was gathered. In comparison to 2000, we saw that in 2010 our population has dropped, and the number of distinct households decreased. 13% of our housing units stood vacant as of 2010, but owner occupancy increased by 8%. Households with unmarried partners have increased, and 26% of all Bowmanville households have children under 18 years of age. Many residents speak languages other than English, and nearly 40% of Bowmanville residents ascribe to race or ethnicities other than 'white alone'.

Bowmanville in 2010

Population 3,985

1684 distinct households

People/Households:

832 of our residents (20.7%) are under the age of 20

327 (8.2%) are over the age of 65

35.9 years is the average age of residents

438 (26.3%) of households have children under 18yrs

188 (4.7%) of households include unmarried partners

Language:

Speak only English 73.6%

Speak a language other than English 26.4%

Spanish or Spanish Creole 13.2%

Other Indo-European languages 2.4%

Asian and Pacific Island languages 3.4%

Other languages 7.4%

Housing stock:

1913 total housing units in Bowmanville

249 (13%) vacant

749 (45%) owner occupied

915 (55%) renter occupied

Race/ethnicity:

White alone: 58%

Hispanic or Latino: 26.7%

Asian alone: 8.1%

Black or African American: 4.7%

Commute to work:

By car/truck/van: 62.3%

By public transport: 25.9%

Walk or bike: 3.1%

Work at home: 8.3%

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Granddaughters' Visit Makes Summer Just Right

from Barbara Wolke

If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first. ~Lois Wyes



Paige and Morgan Hurley came to spend the summer in Chicago with their grandparents.

Barbara and Ray Wolke drove to Wentzville, MO, to pick up the twins on June 26, the day of Morgan's last softball game of her season. Paige, who is involved in Acro, is off for the summer. Among the many activities planned during their stay was a trip to the Chicago Shakespeare Theater to see "Beauty and the Beast," a flight with the Young Eagles from the Experimental Aircraft Association, and, of course, Barbara said, "Many trips to the lake."

The girls celebrated their 12th birthday on Aug. 3, and returned to Missouri a couple of days later.

"We love to have the girls spend the summer with us," said Barbara.



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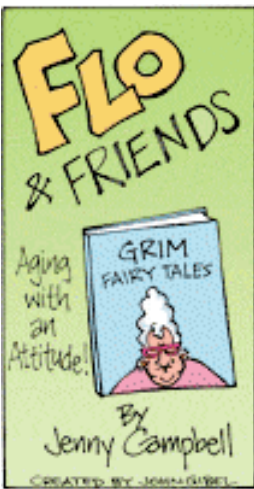
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Block Parties Bring Neighbors Together

It's hard to beat the kind of fun that friends and neighbors in the 1800 block of Farragut enjoyed when they gathered to share a sunny Saturday at their annual block party. The organizers pitched in and accepted donations to cover the cost of a rented water slide – which was not vacant at any point during the day. Kids and grown-ups alike howled with laughter as they took the plunge, growing appetites to suit the great pot luck-style foods that accompanied hours of grilled meats.

There was one of many parties hosted in the neighborhood this summer, with some yet to occur. Look for upcoming dates on the back page of this issue.



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Lifelong Resident Dies At 90

By Cindy Burgin

The 2100 block of Summerdale lost its most senior resident on July 14. Adele Butkovich (whose nephew Nick is known locally as "the man with the parrots") passed away after an intermittent period of illness. She was 90 years old and, according to Nick, has lived in the house at the corner of Summerdale and Leavitt nearly her entire life.

She will be missed by all who knew and loved her, and will leave a hole in the hearts of neighbors who have shared her life in Bowmanville over the decades. The community offers its condolences to those fortunate enough to have known Adele.

Sale Brings Sweet Smell of Success To Yard Sale 2012



In its 16th year, The Bowmanville Annual Street Sale came off with barely a hitch on Saturday, June 2.

"It's always on the first Saturday of June," said organizer Barbara Wolke. "That makes it very easy for buyers to remember us."

Barbara reported that competition from other neighborhood sales didn't keep the Bowmanville sale from an abundance of shoppers on what was a near-perfect weather day. The 74 merchants took shelter from a short shower in the afternoon, but sales remained brisk for most. The "After the Sale" party at Leadway, hosted by the bar owner, Frank, was great fun for all involved.

"Frank is a great cook and a wonderful host," Barbara said, adding that it was great to just sit back and enjoy after such a busy day.

Nature Preserve Construction Plans Take Shape

Ald. Pat O'Connor's office announced that the Rosehill Nature Preserve will see the beginning of construction by the end of the year with a new fence being installed by late 2012. Residents should be able to enjoy the serenity of the new preserve by mid to late 2013.



Suspected residents of the future Nature Preserve seen wandering on Summerdale. Photo courtesy of Frank Pipal.

2013 BCO Board Nominees Needed!!



Would you or a neighbor like to pitch in and join a fun, active and committed group to help keep Bowmanville thriving?

Send names or queries to vp@bcochicago.org

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The Dog Days of Bowmanville

By Peggy Cassidy

This is not a weather story. It is, instead, the launch of a new feature on the pets of B-ville – do you have a funny or great photo of your pet, or a story to share about them? Send to news@bcochicago.org and look for your family friend in a future issue of the Bee.



Elizabeth Luxem is sharing her household with a new companion, her first dog, Glory (pictured left).

A 4-year-old Golden-mix who came from Midwest Animal rescue, Glory has quickly settled right into Bowmanville and her new home. She and Elizabeth enjoy long walks up and down the neighborhood streets, looking at all the beautiful gardens.

Elizabeth says that Glory, “gets distracted if any squirrels or bunnies happen to cross her path,” but that the pooch likes to stop-in (at) the Leadway Bar every once in a while to say “hello” to all the friendly patrons. Glory is also fond of visits to Bobbie’s Tavern, where treats are liberally dispensed. We congratulate Elizabeth and Glory and wish them many years of gentle and caring cohabitation.

As long-time pet people know, there’s an unspoken deal that we make with our animals, knowing that their lifespans are not what ours are. We agree to say goodbye one day, and mostly choose not to think about it and the hurt that that day brings.



For Rex, Jean Niederman’s special dog, the day came in late March this year. Jean honored Rex (left) with the following piece:

Rex the Dog, a longtime resident of Bowmanville, took his last walk on Sunday March 23. He was fifteen. I think that he knew it was his last walk, as he moved slowly and with pride taking in the sights and smells he had loved for seven years.

Rex came to live with PoohToo and me shortly before Christmas in 2005. He was a “Perfect Pet” on Channel 7 when he found me. Two days later he was in the last home he would ever know.

During our time together, Rex became a beloved fixture of the neighborhood. During our walks he would stop and visit with children and adults alike. He was particularly fond of Ryan and Eric, seeming to know that they were as special as he was. Rex loved to visit the yards of his neighbors -- as Lavette and Tom, Russ, Nelson and Mardi Gras will all attest to. Auntie Wilma and Uncle Bob’s (and buddy Jake) were the places to stop for treats. Daily, Rex would bark hello to his across-the-alley friend Joe.

He also had a great many dog friends ... too many good friends and neighbors to mention, but know that you were in Rex’s thoughts, too. I like to think Rex is with Pooh, Eddie and Frank and with all the other pets who have graced Bowmanville with their love and play, and that they’re all watching over us in the “Forever Young Park.”



The Shinglers, too, sadly said goodbye to their companion, Doolin, early this summer. The beloved dog had joined Claire and Todd’s family before any of their children arrived and she is credited with having assisted in the rearing of the young ones.

Doolin, shown (left) enjoying the local dog beach, is greatly missed on Balmoral Ave.

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

What year did you move to Bowmanville? _____

Do you live in a house or multi-unit building? ☐ House ☐ Multi-unit (>2 units)

How many adults (18-65) are in your household? ____ How many seniors (over 65) are in your household? ____

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)



Aug 12	Annual Ice Cream Social in the greenspace	12pm-4pm
Aug 25	Berwyn / Bell Block Party	
Aug 27	HambINGO for Greenspace at Hamburger Mary's	7pm
Sept 29	BCO POKER RUN for Greenspace	6:30pm
Oct 13	Pumpkinpalooza: Bowmanville's Fall Festival	
Oct 25	BCO Open Meeting and Board Election	