

# Bowmanville Bee

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## Enjoying Summer in Bowmanville

By Mona Yaeger, BCO President

As we move into mid-summer, I hope you've been enjoying the warm (and sometimes hot, sometimes rainy) weather. Although at times a bit much, the rain has bought us greener lawns, beautiful flowers and sprouting veggie gardens.

### Great Summer Events!

On June 2 we had a successful **BCO Street Sale**, with over 100 homes participating. Thank you, Laura Schmidt, for everything you did to make this another great event. Thanks, too, to Barbara and Michael Kraetsch for all the work and support they gave Laura to help pull off this event.

At **Andersonville's Midsommarfest** in mid-June, BCO members volunteered to pour beer on Friday night — the busiest of the fest! We had so much fun last year, we decided to do it again. A big thank-you to all who gave up their Friday evening to help our neighbors to the East.

On July 14 our neighborhood celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Bowmanville Garden Walk**. We are very lucky to be one of the few

neighborhoods in Chicago that still has a garden walk. It's a great way to see all the work our neighbors put into making their outdoor spaces special. I hope you joined the many visitors from throughout the city and beyond to spend the day enjoying the beauty and getting inspired to enter your garden next year. Many thanks to Craig Hanenburg and Scott Smith, who helped put together all the pieces and make this milestone year's event well-attended and fun.

One of our best events is yet to come — the **BCO Summer Social on Saturday, August 11**. This neighborhood-wide summer party will take place along Bowmanville Avenue from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Come out and join your neighbors for morning yoga, ice cream, hot dogs and brats, live music, and a waterslide for the kids. If it's one thing we love in summer, it's a fun block party, and this will be one not to miss.

Taking part in these and other summer events strengthens our community. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered or participated — or plans to do so. I appreciate it!

### BCO Supports Local Students

For the first time, BCO this year sponsored two \$500 scholarships for high school graduating seniors who either attend Amundsen or live in Bowmanville. A neighborhood parent suggested having the BCO create a scholarship for seniors going off to college to assist costs. With that encouragement, Beth Emperor and Bill Ferguson, BCO Board members (both very passionate about education) took on the task.

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**FIRST FRIDAYS**  
Mark your calendar!

**FRIDAY August 3**  
5:00 - 8:00 pm  
At Joie De Vine  
1744 W Balmoral

**FRIDAY October 5**



**Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

1:00pm - 6:00pm  
Greenspace on Bowmanville Ave  
(between Leavitt & Oakley)  
<http://bcochicago.org/events/ice-cream-social>



## Communications Committee

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## Events Committee

## Gardening Committee

## Membership Makes it Happen!

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



## Public Art

Bowmanville's community newsletter, The Bowmanville Bee, is published quarterly with the goal of sharing the neighborhood buzz and promoting local business. Managing Editor Tim Noworyta, Layout Editor Claire Shingler and Ad Manager Ann Scholhamer work closely with BCO members and neighbors to gather and present the local stories that help make Bowmanville the unique and proud community it's become. The Bee urges the submission of relevant content to [news@bcochicago.org](mailto:news@bcochicago.org). **If you are good with layout and would like to get involved, we could use an extra set of hands. Current layout is done using MAC's PAGES software OR Microsoft Publisher.**

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 and email eBlasts for timely or urgent announcements. We also manage our BCO hotline (773) 349-2268 and have joined twitter! 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! Each year we continue our **Annual Street Sale in early June, Bowmanville Garden Walk in early July, and Summer Social Mid-August. If you can help let us know! We need help to make it happen.** We are always looking for new twists for annual events and new event ideas. Following our informal Bee Social concept, we also have a First Friday's happy hour series underway with the next one Aug 3. Contact [events@bcochicago.org](mailto:events@bcochicago.org) with an idea for a next Bee Social or to pitch in on any event.

The BCO Gardening Committee continues to enhance and maintain our community garden spaces. We are thankful for our volunteers and still need the help of the whole community as we endeavor to improve our natural surroundings. We look to the entire community to join our efforts in implementing a sensible and enduring stewardship plan for all of our open spaces. **For more details and to pitch in contact the garden committee at [gardening@bcochicago.org](mailto:gardening@bcochicago.org) or on our phone line (773) 349-2268. Please join any workdays when you see volunteers in the gardens.** The scheduled work dates are posted online and included in the Bee's calendar (back page). Join the gardening email list on the BCO website.

The Membership Committee focuses on ways to continually engage and support our community and grow our membership base. We reach out to new neighbors and new and renewing members to help match their interests with needs in the community. **Our next Open Meeting is October 25, 2018. In the meantime please join in to the great events the BCO organizes and help where you can.** Reach out via email at [membership@bcochicago.org](mailto:membership@bcochicago.org). **Get involved, you won't regret it!**

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 (P&D) committee gathers periodically to discuss issues of change, development and improvement of our fine community. P&D interacts with local residents, businesses, and the Alderman's office to influence the evolution of our community. The P&D committee meets as issues arise. **Reach out to the chair of P&D with ideas and feedback or to join the committee's email list [planning@bcochicago.org](mailto:planning@bcochicago.org).**

The BCO acts as a steward for the green space at 5384 N. Bowmanville Avenue and our community gardens along Bowmanville and Ravenswood Avenues. We also continue to look for opportunities to expand and improve on green space in our community. We need your help as we continue to move forward with our goal of ensuring Bowmanville is one of the greenest, most livable communities in Chicago. **We are currently working on the expanded Gateway Garden at Ravenswood. Please contact [green-space@bcochicago.org](mailto:green-space@bcochicago.org) to get involved.**

The Public Art committee was formed in 2010 to explore the idea of a mural in the Berwyn pedestrian tunnel at Ravenswood. That idea became reality very quickly! A restoration of the painted interior took place Summer 2016. If you see graffiti in that mural contact [berwynmural@gmail.com](mailto:berwynmural@gmail.com). You can also contact [publicart@bcochicago.org](mailto:publicart@bcochicago.org) to get involved or with new ideas.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## President's Corner

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They created essay questions, spoke to Principal Anna Pavichevich and guidance counselors at Amundsen about promoting the scholarship. We had more than 100 students submit their applications and essays. With the assistance of the BCO Board, we chose two very deserving graduates. For details, see story on page 11.

## More Is Better

In closing, I can't express enough how thankful I am that I live in such a great community! Many of the business owners I speak to choose Bowmanville because we are a strong, down-to-earth, community-centric neighborhood. I know that we ask a lot of our members when it comes to volunteering for events, but it's because volunteering brings people together, builds community and starts friendships.

So I would love to have more members become volunteers. If you'd like to get involved, please send me an email at [president@bcochicago.org](mailto:president@bcochicago.org) or to our Membership Committee at [membership@bcochicago.org](mailto:membership@bcochicago.org) and let me know what activities interest you. Like many of our volunteers, once you start, you'll do it again and again.

Thanks – see you around the neighborhood!

## West Andersonville Home Tour

On Sunday, September 16, our neighbors at the Edgewater Historical Society will present their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Tour in the West Andersonville neighborhood, the area bordered by Bryn Mawr, Foster, Ashland and Ravenswood Avenues.

To take the tour, register at the Edgewater Historical Society Museum (5358 North Ashland, at Balmoral) between noon and 4:00 p.m. Tour goers will guide themselves to the open homes using the tour map. The cost is \$25 per person and requires walking several blocks. No reservations are required. For more information visit the Society's website, [www.EdgewaterHistory.org](http://www.EdgewaterHistory.org).



## Bee Social

at

Bowmanville First Fridays!

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## GARDEN WALK NEWS

## BCO Garden Walk Celebrates 20 Years!

On July 14, crews of BCO volunteers welcomed some 250 neighbors and visitors to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bowmanville Garden Walk. In addition to seeing the 15 featured residential gardens, three BCO Community Gardens and the BCO GreenSpace, participants were able to get answers to gardening-related questions from a team of five Master Gardeners provided by the University of Illinois Extension Program.

Despite a morning shower and some light rain at times, groups of garden lovers roamed Bowmanville from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm, taking in the beauty of our neighborhood and its many lovely gardens. After the Walk ended, sponsors, volunteers, garden judges, and participating gardeners and photographers gathered for an awards party in the backyard of BCO Treasurer Craig Hanenburg that featured food from Sweet Virginia's Kitchen and



*Craig Hanenburg with Blue Ribbon winners Mike and Barbara Kraetsch, and Congressman Mike Quigley. Photo by Aaron Meeuwsen.*

Calo's, as well as beer from Half Acre and other refreshments and desserts.

## Truly a Blue-Ribbon Event

During the Walk, a Master Gardener review team consisting of Linda Blaser, Pat Morin and Pierre Poinsett reviewed six gardens for ribbon awards and provided consultations to four others. Jeff Graves and Suzanne Tenney guided the team through the neighborhood, and Diana Leifer hosted the Master Gardeners for lunch.

This year the was the first time that ALL of the gardens reviewed by the judges received Blue Ribbon Awards (90 to 100 points). Scoring is based on such criteria as design, creative use of plants, and neighborhood enhancement, using a 4-H type of system in which 100



*Best-in-Show winner Maria Velasquez is applauded at awards party. Photo by Greg Yaeger.*

points is tops. In addition, at the awards party three Special Recognition ribbons, the Best-In-Show ribbon, and the 2018 Photo Contest award — based on votes submitted at the party for the best photos— were presented to the winners.

**Garden Blue Ribbon:** Tom Kennedy and Leavett Wofford, Emanuel Lopez Santiago, Maria Elena Velasquez, Maria R. Velasquez, Mike and Barbara Kraetsch, and Patrick Brandell

**Best-in-Show Garden Purple Ribbon:** Maria Elena Velasquez, for the vibrant colors, unique planters and fine plant specimens in her front and backyard gardens at 1909 W. Farragut Avenue. This is her second Best-in-Show award, and the judges noted that she has transformed her garden by following the suggestions of the Master Gardeners over the past few years. (photos by Aaron Meeuwsen )



Best-in-Show front yard



Best-in-show backyard



Planter in Best-in-Show garden

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## BCO Garden Walk Celebrates 20 Years!

Special Recognition Garden Ribbons  
(Judges' Discretionary Awards)

Teal — Garden Excellence Consistency: Tom Kennedy and Leavett Wofford

Gold — Fearless Gardening: Emanuel Lopez Santiago

Pink-Maroon — Best Use of Space: Patrick Brandell

Also, two long-standing BCO members were recognized for their special efforts in making the Garden Walk such a great success: Judy Anderson, for founding the Walk in 1998 and producing the first one; and Craig Hanenburg, for serving as Garden Walk Chairman for the past 12 years and expanding the event with sponsors, promotions and the photo contest.

## Many Thanks to All Who Helped and Participated!

Successful like the Garden Walk don't just happen. They are the result of hours and hours of work by The Events

Committee and other volunteers, as well as the contributions of wonderful sponsors. Everyone on the BCO Board shouts out an especially hearty "Thank-you!" to the following:

**Garden Walk Sponsors:** Jeff Graves of North Edge Group, Angie Wines of Sweet Virginia's Kitchen, Barbara and Hilary O'Connor of Dreamtown, Gethsemane Gardens, and Thybony Paint and Wallpaper

**Master Gardener Team:** Beth Braun, Barbara Clark, Anna Kong, Sarah Staggs and Jackie Tanaka were at the Ask A Master Gardener table and Linda Blaser, Patricia Morin and Pierre Poinsett were the garden judges. The University of Illinois Extension Master gardener program has been a Garden Walk partner for the past twelve years and is an important resource in Illinois for promoting gardening and sustainable food sources.

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GARDEN PHOTO  
WINNERS

## Clockwise from Left

**Purple Ribbon:** Maria R. Velasquez, for *My Garden*. Her photo will be used in signage and promos for the next BCO Garden Walk in July 2019.

**1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up:** Kirsten Hefe, for *Island Paradise*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up:** Craig Hanenburg, for *Fourth of July Lilyworks*





## GARDEN WALK NEWS

### BCO Garden Walk Celebrates 20 Years!

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#### More thank you's!

**Garden Walk Hosts and Volunteers:** Jeff Graves, Suzanne Tenney, Diana Leifer, Billy Kuczek, and Robert Nicklas, as well as all those who helped clean up the community gardens for the Walk.

**Photographers:** Aaron Meeuwssen and Greg Yaeger

**Welcome Table Workers:** in the BCO GreenSpace at Bowmanville and Bell — Scott Smith, Josh Yates, Mona Yaeger, Sarah Johnson, Judy Andersen and Maggie O'Keefe; By the Gateway Garden at Ravenswood and Balmoral — Catherine McCulloch, Alex Riepl Broz, Ann Scholhamer, Debra Melbeye, and Ellen Jurczak.

**Event Workers:** Shelly Fane, Marty White, David Johnston, Beth Emperor, Jean Swoboda, Larry Delahanty, Mona Yaeger, Kirsten Hefele, David Michael, Kate Connor and Sophia Michael.

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**Large Format Posters:** Tom Kennedy

**Garden Walk program layout:** Barry Kafka

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## Urban Pooch Champion Corner



By Jeff Graves

2100 Summerdale Block resident

When my partner Jack Beaupied and I first decided to get a dog, we took it slowly and did our research. We decided a Soft-coated Wheaten Terrier would be a great fit for us.

Then out of the blue I received a voicemail message from a co-worker looking to find a home for his 3-year-old — wait for it — Wheaten Terrier!

She was named Katie, but once we received her paperwork from the American Kennel Club, we discovered her registered name was *Zippity Do Dah Katie*! Of course, we immediately fell in love with her. Wheatens are an old Irish breed meant to keep barns free of rabbits and the like. We are always amazed how she walks directly past birds and squirrels without notice. But spot a rabbit in someone's front yard and a totally different dog will emerge. We have never let her catch one, and while off-leash she luckily has been never been able to out-run one.

Katie has always been a very *chill* dog, great with kids and likely to have loved having a cat as a bestie. But alas no cat will trust her enthusiastic sprint towards them. No worry, on Summerdale, Katie has always had a ton of friends — Earl, Dolly, Floyd, Lynne and Toby to name just a few. Once a year many of them run free during our Block Party, going house to house, table to table but never leaving the block — and why would they want to?

Katie tolerates summer but loves winter! She can't get enough of snow and will stay out in a storm and roll in snow until she looks like the abominable snowdog.

Katie also loves going for rides — long rides. We often must drive over five hours for family events. She gets the entire back area of our SUV and handles the drives with ease.

Katie has hair, not fur, so grooming is important. When our friends Ed and Dan decided to open Urban Pooch Canine Life Center, we had to give them a shot. Katie has been beautifully cut and coiffed by Urban Pooch ever since. Not a fan of being handled, Katie gets nervous easily, but Urban Pooch's staff has always been able to calm her down and return a very happy dog back to us.

My favorite Urban Pooch story is when Ed and Dan asked if we would volunteer Katie to be a test dog for a new groomer they were interviewing. When we got Katie back she had the worse cut any dog has ever had — and Katie knew it. She threw total shade at us. Of course, the candidate did not get the job and Urban Pooch took Katie back, fixed her up as best as possible, and we all just waited for her hair to grow out! I still laugh about this today.



Katie turned 15 years old this past May — 105 in human years. She no longer bothers to chase rabbits, so we have a lot of them in the yard now. She sleeps a lot — I mean a *lot*! But we go for a walk every day, she still manages stairs, and she's still our Zippity Do Dah Katie!

*If you would like to have your dog, cat, bird or other pet featured in our next "Pet Profile," please submit a short article (500 words or less) about your pet and yourself, including things you like most about Bowmanville and two or three pictures of you and your pet, to [news@bcochicago.org](mailto:news@bcochicago.org) by September 10, 2018.*



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## Gateway Garden Plan Starts to Unfold

We are delighted to officially unveil the design plan for the Gateway Garden Expansion! The drawing on the next page demonstrates what this community amenity, located along Ravenswood Avenue south of Balmoral and west of the Metra tracks, will bring to Bowmanville residents:

- 48 raised beds, including some taller beds accessible to people with physical limitations
- A pathway that weaves through the garden, complementing the West Andersonville pathway on the east side of the Metra tracks
- Community gathering spaces
- Sustainable waste management including recycling and an improved compost system
- Public art
- Pollinator plants and community picking areas
- Hoop house for an extended season growing
- Fencing around allotment beds

The plan culminates a community design process that began with a design charrette last October. Working with the

community's feedback, a volunteer design committee met regularly, conducted site visits to other gardens, and consulted with subject matter experts on best practices. In April, the committee presented a preliminary plan to the community and gathered feedback. The site plan shown here reflects the results of this months-long collaborative process.

In arriving at the design, the committee balanced various aspirations with concerns for public safety, feasibility, and the physical "givens" of the space, such as available sunlight, drainage, and existing plantings.

The plan will be realized over a period of three years. This year, we're focusing on creating "full sun" growing areas on the east side of the parcel and building new and improved allotment beds in that area. In subsequent years, we'll integrate new community features and landscape areas, as budgetary and volunteer resources become available.

We'll need more help to make this vision a reality. Want to volunteer? Send us an email at [gardening@bcochicago.org](mailto:gardening@bcochicago.org). You'll not only help make Bowmanville more beautiful, you'll have a great time working with your neighbors!

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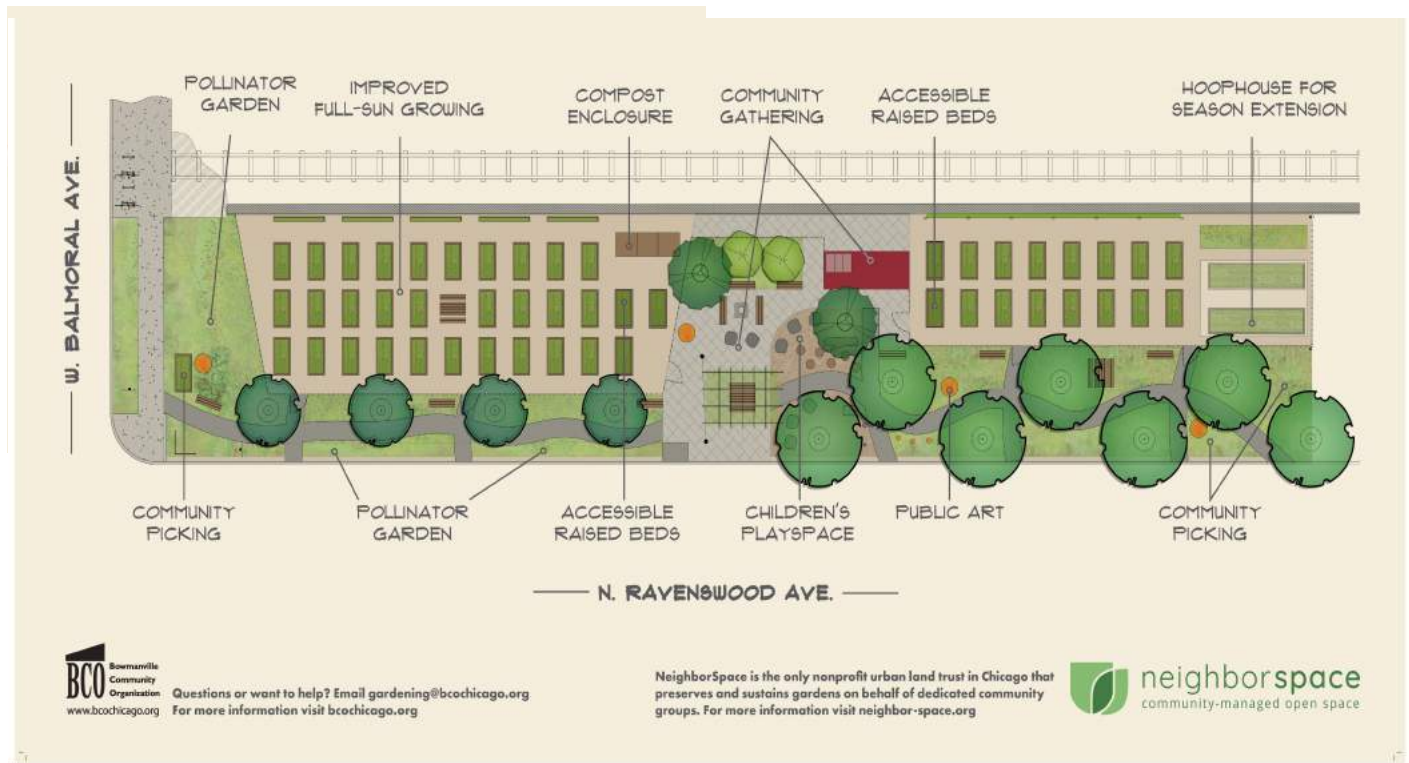
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## Gardening News

## Gateway Garden Expansion Plan



## THANK YOU MURAL MAGICIANS!

Neighbors Donna Martin and Stacey Shintani do real time graffiti clean up of the Berwyn Tunnel. They keep mural supplies in their garage in order to keep on top of graffiti, and recently did some pretty big cleanup when it was hit hard on June 22.

By the time the BCO contacted them about it the morning after, they had already cleaned it up and done the re-touching. They are AMAZING to stay on top of it like that, as a quick response is what prevents even more graffiti and long term damage.

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## Baobab BBQ Comes to the Neighborhood

By Mona Yaeger

We have a new BBQ restaurant just outside BCO boundaries at 2301 W. Foster Avenue that's inspired by the South African Baobab tree, which provides nourishment for families and communities. BCO President Mona Yaeger sat down with Baobab's chef, South African Andrew Dunlop, to learn about his new place, his approach to BBQ and his choice of location.

**Mona:** Can you tell me a little about your background?

**Chef:** I started my restaurant career at the Swiss Hotel in South Africa and have been a chef now for over 25 years. I fell in love with working in the "back of the house" (kitchen) in a restaurant in a high-end hotel. From there, I went to Hilton International, where I worked for two years in London, Wales and other European countries. I was the Banquet Chef at Chicago's Drake Hotel (a Hilton property) in 1999 and then went back overseas to the Netherlands and Curaçao for a few years. I came back to Chicago in 2005 and worked for two years at the Four Seasons Hotel. After that, I worked until February of this year in the catering division of the LM restaurant group with friends of mine who own it.

**Mona:** Why did you decide to open your own place, and why in this neighborhood?

**Chef:** I've always wanted my own place. I loved what I did but having my own restaurant was where my career was leading me. I wanted my place to be family owned. I'm involving my kids in the process of setting up and opening the restaurant. They will also work in the restaurant during the summer and school breaks. I searched for a place for a year and this area seem to fit what is important to me — family and community.

**Mona:** What does the name Baobab mean (pronounced "bay-o-bab")?

**Chef:** Baobab is South African's iconic "tree of life" that has been providing subsistence to families and whole communities for thousands of years. I want to give back to the community that we will be serving our food to. I live close by and my kids go to school close by and play baseball in a nearby park. So, this felt right.



**Mona:** That's great, because that is one of the cool things about being here in Bowmanville, we are a great community and pride ourselves in giving back and supporting local businesses. What can we expect from Baobab BBQ?

**Chef:** We will be a counter-service, BYOB type of place. We will not have TVs because we want people to come in with their families, meet other people and dine. As part of giving back, I will establish a program in which at certain times I will take a percentage

of the profits and give that money to teachers in local schools to help with supplies, events or whatever is needed in the classroom. We will strive for consistency, so you will have same type of good service and high-quality food each time you come. We want longevity, and to be a fixture in the neighborhood — just like the Baobab tree in South Africa.

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## Community News

## Congratulate the BCO Scholarship Recipients!

The BCO is pleased to announce the winners of the first annual Bowmanville Scholarship Program. The Board created the two \$500 scholarships earlier this year to help high school seniors living in Bowmanville and/or attending Amundsen High School to attend college. Applicants had to have been accepted by at least one post-secondary institution and to have submitted an essay demonstrating community service and outstanding scholastic achievement. A total of 125 students submitted applications and essays, and the BCO chose these two for the scholarships:

### Lisa Oti



A senior at Amundsen High School, who will attend the University of Illinois-Springfield as a biology major who plans to attend medical school. The BCO Scholarship Committee was impressed by Lisa's determination to get the resources needed to go to college by working at the YMCA and by her volunteer work at Sunday School.

### Samuel Dina



A senior at Lane Tech who lives in Bowmanville and will attend Bradley University. The Committee was impressed by the determination Samuel showed to succeed in college by taking a college-level course at a local community college last summer while also pursuing advanced placement classes, as well as by the great lengths he went to pursue his education alongside his brother.

Please join the BCO Board in congratulating these deserving students and wishing them much success in college and beyond.



## Street Sale Kicks off Summer!

On Saturday, June 2, the Annual BCO Street Sale took place with nearly 100 participants, turning Bowmanville into the best one-day “outdoor market” of the summer. Our streets filled with bargain-hunting shoppers and residents eager to unload their once-treasures for cold hard cash!

You could find just about anything at the Sale, including furniture, clothing, children’s toys, glassware, artwork, tools and more! But the best part of the event? After a long, cold winter (and cold spring), the Street Sale gets everyone out and chatting with fellow neighbors, greeting new residents and enjoying what makes Bowmanville so special – the people.

At the end of the day, everyone gathered at the after-party at Leadway Bay & Grill, generously hosted by Frank Ciucur. Everyone enjoyed drink specials (thanks, BCO!) and Frank cooked up a ton of food on the grill – all donated. Many thanks to Frank and his team for the lavish hospitality.

As we know, teamwork makes the dream work, and the Street Sale volunteers were definitely a dream team this year. Special thanks to Mike and Barbara Kraetsch, Bill and Laura Schmidt, Jean Neiderman, Greg Yaeger, Craig Hanenburg, Mona Yaeger, Scott Smith, Claire Shingler and the rest of the BCO board. We couldn’t do this without you!

Mark your calendars now for the 2019 Street Sale on Saturday, June 1. Remember, it’s never too early to create a “For Street Sale” box or two in your home – the easiest way to get ready for the big day. See you next year!



Colleen Scroll shopped the Sale with her son Joseph (JJ) but when she found a Fender guitar amp, guess which one got to ride in the stroller?

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## Community News

## Looking For Adventure?

If so, Bowmanville resident Aaron Sawyer has just what you're after: [Redline VR](#) at Ravenswood and Leland, where you, your friends and your family can experience a virtual reality adventure you'll long remember. Redline VR offers game arcades, parties, wine and paint nights, and escape rooms that can teleport you from body to body and room to room, so you can escape with Al Capone or become someone else.

Aaron, who also is a film and theatre director (the Red Theatre he founded in 2012 has won a Top Emerging Theatre Award) opened Redline VR this year with his business partner, Jonathan Irons, who works on the Emmy Award-winning preschool animated series *Tumble Leaf* from Amazon Studios.



Aaron lives in Bowmanville with his wife, Brindin Sawyer, a pug, and two children, ages 4 and 1. They can often be found on real adventures around the Tempel Steel Company and the Bowmanville community garden, where they inevitably end up enjoying a round of snacks at the picnic table.

## Community Outreach Idea? Let Us Know

We have formalized a process to encourage community members or groups with Bowmanville ties to suggest outreach projects that might be meaningful to Bowmanville residents and BCO.

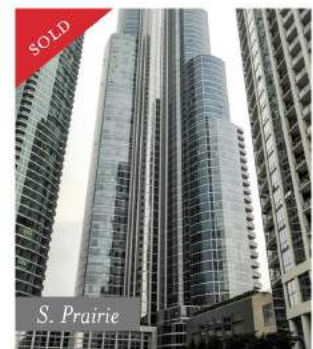
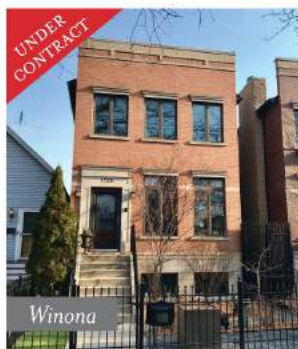
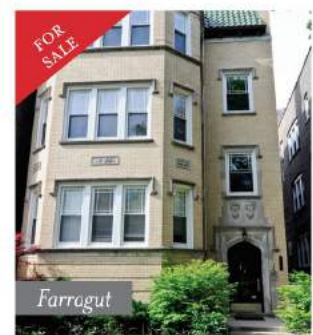
If you have a project idea you'd like BCO to consider, please fill out and submit a [BCO Community Outreach Support Request](#). Recent examples of things we have supported are the BCO Amundsen Arts Thank-You campaign and the Balmoral Nursing Home yard spruce-up.



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## Bowmanville Beauty

### Summer Snow

While walking down the path along the Metra tracks on east side of Ravenswood, Bowmanville neighbor Rebecca Meyers was so taken with the “snowy” scene created there by the downy seeds of the cottonwood tree that she had to snap this photo. The similarity to a fluffy snow made her think that the City needed a new sign there: “TOW ZONE — No Parking when Cottonwood Snow is Over 2 Inches.”

Thanks, Rebecca, for showing another lovely aspect of our neighborhood!



### Balmoral /Hoyne Beautifiers!

Neighbor Elizabeth Luxem keeps the corner of Berwyn and Hoyne delightful! Always blooming—this really brightens up the nearby Balmoral Nursing Home.

A secret neighbor has restored and repainted the birdhouses by the Balmoral Nursing home that were installed with a joint effort between Rogers Park Montessori and the BCO.



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## Welcome Our Lovely New Trees!

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On April 28, BCO planted 20 healthy new trees to "re-green" stretches of neighborhood parkway that had recently lost tree cover. The trees were provided free of charge through a generous grant from Openlands, and the planting was done in cooperation with a group of volunteer tree stewards from Openland's Treekeepers program. The Treekeepers educated us not only on how to properly plant the trees, but also on how to care for them and help them thrive in beautiful Bowmanville.

We planted burr oaks, swamp white oaks, shingle oaks, and redbuds. All of these species are disease-resistant and will remain hardy even as climate change puts stress on Chicago's urban forest.

For more information about Openlands' Treekeeper program, go to: <https://openlands.org/trees/treekeepers/>



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### Areas where I can help out in the coming year:

Event Planning ☐

Street Sale ☐

☐ Garden Walk

☐ Summer Social

☐ Other Festivals

☐ Bee Social

☐ Other Events

☐ Finance

☐ Gardening

☐ Bee Delivery

☐ Membership Outreach

☐ Planning & Development

☐ Greenspace Initiatives

☐ Public Art Initiatives

☐ Communications (Newsletters, website, email, Facebook)

**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 /2 Flat ☐ Multi-Unit >2 Units

In your household, please tell us **how many** residents are:

Adults (18-65) # \_\_\_\_\_ Seniors (over 65) # \_\_\_\_\_ Children (Under 18) # \_\_\_\_\_

What types of new BCO programming would interest you?

Comment or Feedback: \_\_\_\_\_

### BCO Calendar of Events

Committee updates on page 2, check website for schedule updates

Aug 3	First Friday!	5-8 pm	Joie De Vine 1744 W Balmoral
Aug 11	BCO Summer Social	Afternoon	GreenSpace on Bowmanville
Aug 14	CAPS Meeting @ St. Gregory's Church/Gym	7 pm	1609 W Gregory (basement)
Oct 5	First Friday!	5-8 pm	TBD
Oct 25	BCO Open Meeting	7pm	TBD