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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Welcome, Fall! The Season of Color and Change

Fall is my second most favorite time of the year in Bowmanville. But summer for me is still the best, but fall means that the kids go back to school, the weather is cooler, the trees start turning colors, Halloween takes place, and the winter holidays will soon follow.

I know that I've said this a lot this year, but I want to again give a huge shout-out to everyone who volunteered this year for BCO activities. From the Spring cleanup in April and the June Street Sale to pouring beer at Midsommarfest, the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BCO Garden Walk, and the wildly successful Summer Social, our BCO events had great turnout. Your ideas and efforts made them happen and showed how much you love and care about our neighborhood. Thank you, everyone, very much!

### Great Fall Events:

The 40<sup>th</sup> Ward Candidate Forum was held on Tuesday, October 16, at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. Our community, along with West Andersonville Neighbors Together and Lincoln Square North Neighbors, brought together all of the candidates, including our current Alderman Pat O'Connor, to give neighbors a chance to learn more about their platforms, why they want the job and why they want your vote. I hope everyone interested was able to attend. The recorded live feed is available on the BCO website.

The BCO Open took place on Thursday, October 18 at the Rogers Park Montessori School. We are excited to welcome five new members to our Board, but saddened to say good-bye to Claire

Shingler, Kate Clark, Bill Ferguson, Dan Lias, and Stew Weiss. They have done a lot over the years and will be greatly missed. Thank you — every one of you — for all the hard work you have done.

Our last 1<sup>st</sup> Friday gathering for 2018 is Friday, December 7. Details on the location are still being worked out. But mark your calendars to come out and celebrate the holiday season with our neighbors.

I look forward to changes of the season, to the new members on the Board, and to the many great things we hope to do in the new year. I hope to see you all at the Open meeting, and if not, I'll see you around the neighborhood!

Mona Yaeger

BCO President



*Indigo Bunting at West Ridge Nature Preserve. Photo by Frank Murphy*

## FIRST FRIDAYS

**FRIDAY** December 7th  
5:00 - 8:00 pm  
Claddagh Ring Pub  
2306 W Foster Ave



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**FRIDAY** February 1st  
5:00 - 8:00 pm  
Location TBD

Check BCO FB/website for location info



### Communications Committee Stay Informed!

### 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—check the calendar on the last page for information. **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

## How A Bird Sees Bowmanville

Did you ever wonder what Bowmanville might look like to the many birds that live here and fly over our homes? Well, thanks to Beau Hale, who lives with his wife, Quinn Borshuk, on the 2100 block of Balmoral, you don't have to wonder any longer. You now can get a bird's-eye view of our neighborhood from the photo below.

Beau and Quinn have lived in Bowmanville for three years and love it here. "We have the best neighbors anyone could ever want," he says. Quinn works in advertising sales and Beau builds museum exhibits for a company in Lincolnwood. He also takes some interesting photos!

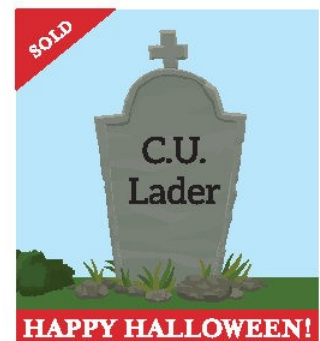
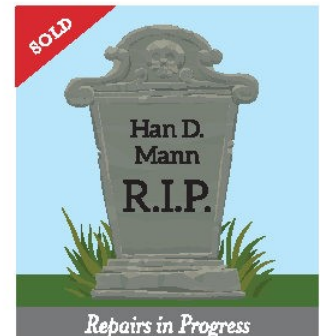
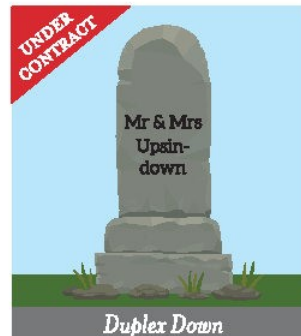
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COMMUNITY NEWS

## A Great Season of Growth

With the return of fall, Bowmanville community gardeners will soon be stowing away garden hoses, raking leaves, and preparing the gardens for winter. But not before celebrating a great season of growth, both in terms of the harvest and the Gateway Garden Expansion project.

The accompanying photo shows some of the produce that, thanks to BCO gardener Stephanie Cisneros, was donated to the Cornerstone Community Outreach Center in Uptown, which sent her a nice thank-you letter for it. Since 1989, Cornerstone has provided shelter, food and social services for the homeless in the area. As the growing season wraps up, BCO gardeners can donate their surplus produce to local food pantries and community or-

ganizations, such as Cornerstone and the Lincoln Square Friendship Center. It's another way in which the gardens give back to the community.



The Gateway Garden Expansion continues at an exciting pace. Months of planning, research, and coordination will finally come to fruition in the first buildout phase this October. Groundbreaking for the garden expansion will commence with professional grading work, as well as the installation of a secure storage shed. Garden leaders will host a series of volunteer workdays to help build and install new and improved beds for

next season's gardeners. (See photo on next page for a prototype.) We'll need your help to make this happen!

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## A Great Season of Growth

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To sign up, go to <https://tinyurl.com/VolunteerGatewayGarden> or check the BCO web site for upcoming dates.

As a community organization partner with NeighborSpace, BCO benefits from their stewardship and land ownership services, such as with the Gateway Garden Expansion. They also provide all the water resources for our gardens, which include the Bowmanville Avenue Garden, the Greenspace, and the Gateway Garden. (Note that these resources will be winterized in late October.) Feel free to contact them at [www.neighbor-space.org](http://www.neighbor-space.org) and let them know how much you appreciate their support.



*Garden volunteers build and test a demonstration bed for the garden expansion. L-R: David Johnston, Sam Undine, Nancy Polzin, Stew Weiss, Teresa Gale, Eden Weiss, Kordian Szczepkowski, Craig Hanenburg. Photo by Stephanie Cisneros.*

Throughout the year, the BCO Gardening Committee and garden volunteers work to maintain our community gardens for all to enjoy. The ornamental gardens and raised bed vegetable plots are a wonderful asset that would not exist without the contribution of many individuals. We deeply appreciate the hours our volunteers put in throughout the year and say “thank you all” for helping to make Bowmanville such a great neighborhood. If you’d like to get more involved with our gardening program, email [garden-ing@bcochicago.org](mailto:garden-ing@bcochicago.org).

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### BCO Summer Social Sizzled with Fun

The annual summer social, chaired by Sean Mullin, was another huge success. Games for adults and children, Free Ice Cream Courtesy of Pauline's, The Chicago Fire Department Ladder Truck 12/Engine 110 crew came out again to open up the hydrant, and the Water Slide, sponsored by Rogers Park Montessori, was again the big draw for hot kids.

Many thanks to Sean and his team for setting up another day of fun in the sun, with plenty of Chef Martin's Alpine Bratwurst, adult beverages, and picnicking on the lawn.

Special thanks to US Representative Mike Quigley for stopping by during set up (Yes, he was put to good use!)

*More Pictures on page 8!*



*Photos by Tom Bock*



*Photo by Jessica Merritt*



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Local School Report

Bowmanville is privileged to be served by an amazing variety of very good schools.

Here's a look at some of the great things going on at them.

## Amundsen High School

In addition to being a Level 1+ school (the highest rating achievable in the Chicago Public School system), Amundsen High School was designated earlier this year as a "Wall-to-Wall IB" school. This means that, beginning in fall 2019, its current International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program (MYP) will be expanded to include all students. As a result, Amundsen will be able to plan and coordinate instruction according to the philosophy and model of the International Baccalaureate Programme. This two-year educational program provides a diploma that's accepted for entry into higher education by many universities worldwide. Research shows that IB students are more likely than their peers to succeed in higher education.



The designation comes with a budget that will allow Amundsen to send a large number of teachers to IB training to learn IB educational principles, lesson plan design, assessment planning and evaluation, and other aspects of the program, whose mission is: "To develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who

help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right."

Amundsen embraces this mission with enthusiasm, because it is completely consistent with the school's core values of Accountability, Hon-

or, and Scholarship, which are expected to be manifested in everyone's conduct at AHS, including staff. The *IB Learner Profile* is an amplification of those values and strives to develop learners who are risk-takers, caring, principled, balanced, knowledgeable, reflective, communicators, inquirers, open-minded, and thinkers.

To find out more about Amundsen and the IB program there, you can attend the **Open House on Saturday, November 3, 2018**. The general open house will run from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm, and an information session about the IB program will run from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. For more information, call 773-534-2320 or visit the AHS website, [amundsenhs.org](http://amundsenhs.org).


If you'd like to get more involved in Amundsen, consider joining the Community Relations Committee of the Friends of Amundsen (FOA), or at least going to one of their meetings. FOA was founded in 2012 to support the educational mission of Amundsen High School. It's made up of parents, teachers, alumni, and community members who work together to help Amundsen continue to be an outstanding high school of choice in Chicago. Upcoming meetings will take place on October 15, November 19, and December 17. For more info, visit [friendsofamundsen.org](http://friendsofamundsen.org).

Chappell Elementary School

It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays!

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## Local School Report, Continued

For those who would like to learn more about this top-rated school (Level 1+), there will be a school tour at 4:30 pm on Monday, November 5. As a World Language Magnet Cluster School featuring Spanish, Chappell offers excellent educational opportunities for students in Ravenswood, Bowmanville and beyond. The school is supported by Friends of Chappell School (FOC), a nonprofit organization that organizes fundraisers and other events to benefit the school. For more information about FOC and the events it sponsors, visit [friendsofchappell.org](http://friendsofchappell.org) or follow FOC on Facebook and Instagram.



## Lycée Français de Chicago (LFC)

On **November 3**, LFC welcomes interested families to its **Open House** to learn about the school's academic



programs, after-school offerings, sports programs and tuition/financial aid options. Teachers, parents, students and staff will share their Lycée experiences

and be available to answer questions. LFC offers a rigorous bilingual education, preschool through grade 12, that draws on the best of the French, American and international educational systems to prepare students for success at the university level and beyond.

If you are interested in things French, you may want to



visit the **Lycée French Market, November 17 and 18**, hosted by the French International School at 1929 W. Wilson Avenue. This annual event transforms the school

into a bustling French market where local and French artisans sell fine and decorative arts, home decor, jewelry, apparel, accessories, gourmet food and more. Guests can also enjoy the school's Bistro, which offers a delicious menu of authentic French recipes. The market is open 10:00 am until 5:00 pm on Saturday, November 17, and from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 18. A \$5 donation is suggested at entry. For more information, call 773-665-0066 or visit the school's website, [www.lyceechicago.org](http://www.lyceechicago.org).

## Rogers Park Montessori School

RPMS held its annual **Pumpkinpalooza Festival on Saturday, October 20**, in the parking lot and gym of the

school at the corner of Ravenswood and Balmoral. Residents of the Bowmanville community participated in festivities including games with prizes, food, and family friendly entertainment. The famous "RPMS Pumpkin Patch" sold out of pumpkins of all sizes.

RPMS collected dozens of new and gently used winters coats and jackets for its Common Pantry Coat Drive. For more information about Rogers Park Montessori call (773) 271-1700.



The RPMS Board of Directors is delighted to announce that Ben Blair has succeeded long-time Principal Debbie Senoff-Langford to become the school's new Principal. Ben came to RPMS as a teacher fifteen years ago and has been Elementary Program Director since 2015. His belief in the potential of every child and trust in the school's mission and values promises to lead RPMS and its 400+ students into a bright new future.





## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Local School Report

## Waldorf School

On September 5, the Chicago Waldorf School (CWS) opened its doors to students for the first time at its new Andersonville Campus at Ashland and Foster, in the building that formerly housed Trumbull Elementary School. The day was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony to launch the next phase in the school's 45-year history, which includes plans to grow its high school programming. Formerly in Rogers Park, the school has an enrollment of more than 350 students (pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade), making it the largest Waldorf School in the Midwest.

Waldorf education aims to inspire life-long learning and help students develop their intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual capacities to be certain of their

paths and of service to the world. The arts are integrated with all academic disciplines to enhance and enrich learning. Math, music, dance, theater and literature are experienced, not just read about and tested.



CWS is excited to become a part of the community and has a number of public-facing events throughout the year. Mark your calendars for the school's annual **Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 1**. It's a great way to experience the festive season with friends

and family. Build, create, and shop for crafts and gifts while enjoying family activities, food and entertainment for all ages. For more information about CWS and upcoming events, visit [chicagowaldorf.org](http://chicagowaldorf.org).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Outreach    | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Development                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenspace Initiatives |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Art Initiatives | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

Dec 7	First Friday!	5-8 pm	TBD - watch Facebook and Email
Dec 11	CAPS Meeting @ St. Gregory's Church/Gym	7 pm	1609 W Gregory (basement)
Feb 1	First Friday!	5-8 pm	TBD - watch Facebook and Email
Feb 12	CAPS Meeting @ St. Gregory's Church/Gym	7 pm	1609 W Gregory (basement)