

Bowmanville Bee



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Winter 2015

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New BCO President Welcomes Growth

A farm boy from South Dakota who practiced law in his home state for a decade before moving to Chicago didn't have President of The Bowmanville Community Organization on his list of career goals, but the fates have intervened and he has no regrets.

Dan Lias stepped into the position in October 2014, after living in the neighborhood for about five years, eight years after leaving The Mt. Rushmore State. He works now as a Midwest business consultant, sharing his Bowmanville home with "a very pushy cat named Senator."

Dan's commitment to Bowmanville is clear, and his vision for the BCO is "all about building and not really (about) changing."

Recognizing that the BCO has a strong base to begin with, Dan says, "... expanding our contacts with area groups is important in not only sharing information, but also growing our own membership."

He is also mindful of the environmental values of the community, and has an eye out for ways to expand on other interests of the residents of Bowmanville.

"Our focus will always have a 'green' tint to it, but we should explore other activities that will help keep our community strong and close."

Dan welcomes all Bowmanville residents and friends to become involved in the BCO. His assurance is that it's a great group of people doing good things for the neighborhood.



BCO OPEN MEETING

Open to all residents and friends of Bowmanville
Potluck snacks - bring something to share!

March 19, 7pm, @ Chappell Gymnasium 2135 W. Foster Ave
Guest Speakers: Principal Anna Pavichevich of Amundsen High School
Principal Joseph Peila of Chappell Elementary



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH IS ELECTION DAY

CHICAGO'S MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
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Bowmanville's community newsletter, The Bowmanville Bee, is published quarterly with the goal of sharing the neighborhood buzz and promoting local business. Managing Editor Peggy Cassidy, Layout Editor Joey Chiappetta and Ad Manager Paula Palmentera 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.



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 toll free BCO hotline 1-866-837-1006 and have joined twitter! **We are seeking a new volunteer to act as editor for the email eBlasts 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. We also have an ongoing series of informal 'Bee Social' meet-ups taking place around the community to bring neighbors together. **Contact events@bcochicago.org with an idea for a next Bee Social or to pitch in on any event.** We'd love to hear from you. Over the winter we'll hold some informal Bee Social events at local venues or homes, and start planning for our 2015 event lineup.



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 or on our toll free line 1-866-837-1006. 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).



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 March 19. Reach out via email at 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: planning@bcochicago.org.



The BCO GreenSpace Committee strives to complete development and creating a maintenance plan for the green space at 5384 N. Bowmanville. This committee also continues to look for opportunities to expand the space. 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. 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.

Trumbull Survey Narrows Notions

by Peggy Cassidy



Chicago Development Partners Sketch

Results of a survey conducted by Ald. Pat O'Connor's office and regarding the repurposing of Trumbull School are in and the path to any final determination, while having begun, appears to stretch out before us.

Details of the findings are on O'Connor's web site and indicate that of the 310 residents who participated in the survey, most are in favor of either a proposal from The Waldorf School or one from the Chicago Development Partners in conjunction with Timeline Theater.

"It was meant to be a school; it should be a school," Waldorf's Administrative Director Luke Goodwin told DNAinfo recently. He explained, however, that Waldorf, which has been looking to expand for years, is also pursuing the possibility of building a new structure close to its current Rogers Park location.

The other community-supported use of the space, a plan from Chicago Development Partners, is "to build out a first-floor theater for TimeLine and 47 condos or apartment units above (which) would keep most of the property on

the tax rolls."

"We had always tried to conceive a project that had numerous community benefits and preserved the school," said Chicago Development principal Howard Weiner.

But neither proposal (like the other 33 considered) is official. These are preliminary conversations. The next step will be for the Chicago Board of Education to formally open the proposal process.

"First and foremost," O'Connor's site says, "the building will be saved and the RFP (request for proposal) will include a requirement that the user seek landmark status for the property." The alderman says that the survey showed that keeping the structure is "a clear priority of the community."

Special thanks to DNAinfo reporter Benjamin Woodard, author of "Waldorf School, TimeLine Theatre Favored for Trumbull, Survey Shows."

Supporting Local Schools



Our corner of Chicago has much to offer, including some ever improving public schools. Are you familiar with our local schools, Amundsen High School and Chappell Elementary, and what they have to offer? If not, it's time to get knowledgeable. Come meet the principals when they are guest speakers at the March 19 BCO Open Meeting (details on page 1).



There are many ways to engage with the local schools and even more ways to support them. Just do it! The BCO recently voted at the December board meeting to show some tangible support by

donating \$400 to a DonorsChoose campaign setup by an Amundsen math teacher. The BCO donation and those from others that came in along with it helped Ms. Prappas level the playing field for her students in math classes by purchasing graphing calculators. Can you imagine they had only one graphing calculator per every five students in one advanced class? In response to the December gift, Ms Prappas responded, "Thank you so much! It is less than ideal to share calculators. I've got bigger plans but I needed to start small. It is so wonderful to have the community supporting the school! Thank you to all the people involved with the Bowmanville Community Organization. What a great gift on the last school day of 2014! It is truly my plan to level the playing field. I hope to get my students working with these calculators immediately and hope they will be wowed with their discoveries while using them."

The BCO is proud to be a friend and supporter of both Amundsen High School and Chappell Elementary. Next up, mark your calendar for a BOWLmanville Rock & Bowl event on March 3 benefitting Chappell Elementary (details on page 11). You can follow Amundsen's activities via a [Friends of Amundsen group and Facebook page](#), and follow Chappell via their website: www.chappellelementaryschool.org.

Garden Plots Available, Helping Hands Wanted

by David Johnson

The BCO Gardening Committee met in late January to plan for 2015 projects. Winter and spring "clean up" days are approaching and, by the time this Bee goes to print, the veggie plot application process will have begun. All are welcome to join in the gardening activities, where the invitation stands: *"Come when you can, leave when you must."*



The 2015 Veggie Plot Application Form and Rules/Guidelines Form are now available on the BCO web site. Go to the ["Vegetable Gardens"](#) tab in the Garden pages to find the forms. Prospective veggie gardeners are reminded to **sign and submit both** the Application form and the Rules and Guidelines form, to **not submit fees** until after plot assignments are completed, and to plan to **follow through** with volunteer commitments to garden maintenance.

Projects for the **Westgate Garden** (Berwyn at Bowmanville near Western), the **Gateway Garden** (Ravenswood at Balmoral), the **Bowmanville Garden** and the **Greenspace** (along Bowmanville Avenue) are planned. To stay informed, visit the gardening pages on the BCO website and locate the [link to join the Gardening email list](#).

The gardening calendar includes outdoor events such as a Winter Pruning day (Feb. 28), Westgate CleanUp day (March 28), and Bowmanville Clean-Up Day (April 11). Other dates to note are Veggie Plot Application Deadline (March 1st), Garden Committee Meeting (March 11), and Veggie Gardener Orientation (April 16). Mark your calendars and join the fun!

2015 BCO Event Dates

BCO Street Sale	June 6
Bowmanville Garden Walk	July 11
BCO Summer Social	August 15
BCO Oktoberfest	Date TBD

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B-Villagers Welcome New Year With Fundraiser

by Craig Hanenburg

More than 100 neighbors and friends of the BCO GreenSpace and the Bowmanville Garden Walk gathered at the home of Craig Hanenburg and Billy Kuczek to celebrate the 2015 New Year. The Jan. 2 house party raised \$670.00 for the GreenSpace, and was an opportunity to welcome new neighbors and enjoy time with residents and friends.

If you were not able to attend and want to help support the BCO with a contribution, please visit the BCO website www.bcochicago.org, go to the GreenSpace tab and click on [Donate Now](#). All contributions to the BCO GreenSpace are tax deductible and go to support the single-lot park at 5384 N. Bowmanville.

2015 Garden Walk – You Needn't Wait For Summer

While the ground is frozen and spring seems a long way off, plans have begun for the 2015 Bowmanville Garden Walk. This year's event will be on Sat., July 11. If you want to help with planning, become a volunteer by emailing events@bcochicago.org.

Don't forget to check out one of our partners, The Chicago Flower and Garden Show, March 14-22, at Navy Pier. For more information, visit www.chicagoflower.com. Gardening events in Chicago pop up all year long, and a visit to the city's great indoor gardens -- Lincoln Park and Garfield Park Conservatories, Chicago Botanic Garden -- can be a much-needed reminder that local gardens will return.



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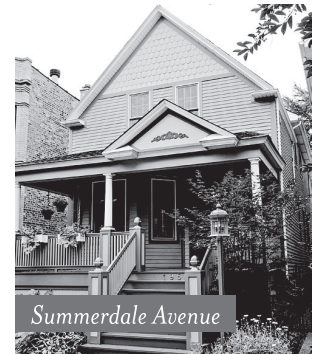
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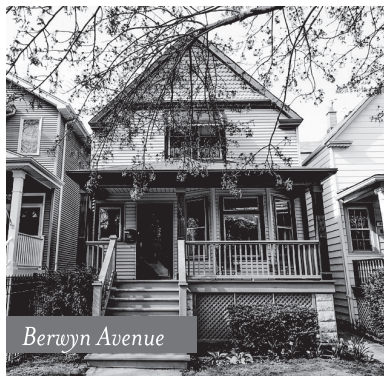
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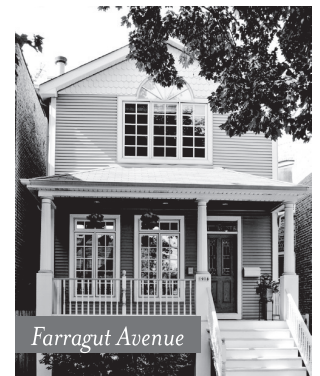
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Half Acre Moving Toward Taproom

by Lori Morlock



In March of 2014, Half Acre Brewery purchased the building at 2050 W. Balmoral Ave., formerly The Duray Lighting Company. Zoned M1-2 at the time of purchase, it is a permissible location for restaurants, taverns, food and beverage sales, as well as for most manufacturing, warehousing, and wholesaling.

During public meetings last year, Half Acre President Gabriel Magliaro said the brewery's expansion into Bowmanville would significantly broaden Half Acre's brewing capacity and provide enough space for an indoor taproom and outdoor beer garden. Magliaro also said the brewery planned to apply for a zoning change from M1-2 to C3, which would increase the amount of dedicated retail space beyond 4000 square feet. He also plans to pursue appropriate licensing to enable sale and serving of beer on site.

Half Acre began producing beer in the Balmoral facility in January and expects to pursue the rezoning process soon. Though the larger, production-related aspects of the brewery are in place, construction on the office space in the facility needs to be completed and construction of the tap room/restaurant has not yet begun. Magliaro hopes to open the on-site, retail portions of the brewery in the fall of 2015.

Community Responds to Victim's Plight

By Peggy Cassidy

In response to a frightening assault on a Bowmanville woman in December, resident Daliah Mehdi reached out to community members to help the victim emotionally and financially.

Just days before Christmas, the victim, who lives on Farragut, was robbed at knife-point. As described on the BCO web site at the time, the robbery happened at about 8 PM on Dec. 19.

"Two masked men came out of the alley that runs between Berwyn and Farragut on the 2100 block and held up a woman who was walking west on Farragut."

The thugs took all of the victim's cash, which, she told Mehdi shortly thereafter, was about \$200 and "her Christmas money." Mehdi sat and comforted the shaken, but unharmed, woman while they waited for police to arrive. In the days that followed, Mehdi, with the help of BCO member Claire Shingler, put out a call to neighbors for donations to help the victim. They collected \$190 and delivered it to the very grateful woman.

It's a nice ending to a not nice story. While Bowmanville has one of the lowest crime rates in Chicago, this happened here, as it could anywhere, anytime. Please be alert and careful.

2015 STREET SALE

Saturday, June 6, 2015

Start Preparing your Goods!



Nod To Noodles Not Quite Right



Last summer, The Bee reported on Noodles, a nearby resident canine who had won a Good Morning America competition in front of a national TV audience. While the story expressed a sincere pride in a local pup making it in the big time, we erred on some important details of the story, not the least of which was the name of Noodles' companion. With apologies for the error, we acknowledge Evan Singer and Lori Buerger (not Lloyd Berger) as the

folks who love, feed and train Noodles. Without him, he'd be just another pooch, not the touring talent he's become. Or, without Noodles, Evan and Lori might just be another great couple from the hood. For more about Noodles and his various public appearance, visit his Facebook page, [Noodles the Wonder Dog](#).

Neighbors Up in Arms About Losing Limbs



Alderman O'Conner listened to community voices about neighborhood trees needing attention. After bumping some streets of concern up the list, the Department of Forestry came out in force in recent weeks. The problem: it seems that a trim has turned into a hack. Some neighbors are referring to the incident as **TreeGate**.

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Weary of the cold and snow? So are we! Come join your **Bowmanville neighbors** and friends of **Chappell Elementary School** for a casual evening at **Lincoln Square Lanes**. Warm up with the fun, high-energy music of local band **Empire State Express** and grab a beverage while you choose between bowling, pool, video games, or just hanging out with your awesome neighbors and friends.

Live Band!

Fun Activities!

Get out of
the cold!!

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Lincoln Square Lanes

4874 N. Lincoln Ave.

7pm to 9pm

\$5 suggested donation

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local CPS
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- Contact Laura Schmidt at VP@bcochicago.org to **register your team** – or do it at the door
- **\$25** per team donation (for Chappell musical instrument fund)
- **Brackets** will be created on-site

Questions? Contact Laura Schmidt (BCO) at VP@bcochicago.org or Brandee Travano (Chappell) at brandeetavano@yahoo.com

The Chappell Elementary School musical instrument fund helps to provide school-owned instruments for students who could not otherwise participate in the new school band.

The Bowmanville Community Organization (BCO) is the community's officially recognized Chicago Neighborhood Organization. It is run by a volunteer group committed to maintaining and improving the quality of life for Bowmanville residents.

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- Event Planning: ☐ Street Sale ☐ Garden Walk ☐ Summer Social ☐ Fall Event (TBD)
- ☐ Membership outreach ☐ Gardening ☐ Finance
- ☐ GreenSpace initiatives ☐ Planning and Development ☐ Bee delivery
- ☐ 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 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)



Feb 11	Police Beat 2012 CAPS meeting	7pm @ 1609 W Gregory
Feb 19	BCO Board Meeting - annual budget review	
Feb 28	Winter Pruning - Gardening Day	9:30am @ Bowmanville
Mar 1	Veggie Plot Applications due	
Mar 3	BOWLmanville Rock & Bowl for Chappell	7pm @ Lincoln Lanes
Mar 11	Gardening Committee Meeting	6:30pm @ Leadway
Mar 19	BCO Spring Open Mtg	7pm @ Chappell Gym
Mar 28	Westgate Garden cleanup day	9:30-3:30
Apr 8	Police Beat 2012 CAPS meeting	7pm @ 1609 W Gregory
Apr 11	Spring Bee Deadline	
Apr 11	Bowmanville Garden cleanup day	9:30-3:30
Apr 16	Veggie Garden Orientation meeting	7pm, TBD
Apr 16	BCO Board Meeting	7pm

*Contact secy@bcochicago.org for BCO Board meeting locations as they change monthly

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