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## Let's Make This the Year of Volunteering!

Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone is finally getting to enjoy some spring weather, after a winter that seemed very unwilling to leave. In the last issue of the *Bee*, I talked about asking more of you to lean in, think about, and act on doing some volunteer work in our community. At our Spring Open Members Meeting, I mentioned that I'd like 2019 to be the Year of Volunteering. We have a lot of fun, cool events coming up in the next several months that offer many opportunities to volunteer.

I hope you will sign up and join your neighbors at one or more of these events.



Our Spring Open Meeting took place at Half Acre Brewery on March 14. About 70 neighbors came out to enjoy pizza, salad and beer. Next time you go there, be sure to tell them how much we appreciate their generous support of the BCO. We also invited our business owner neighbors to come out and host a table to showcase their services and products. One that did was AJ, owner of City Coffee on the SE corner of Damen and Foster. He wanted us to know they are now open, have a comfortable space (with board games) and serve great quick bites.

Congressman Quigley stopped by to give an interesting talk about the goings-on in Washington DC, which are never dull. Also, the [Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce](#) gave an overview of how they help neighborhood businesses operate more cost-effectively. They've just added Bowmanville to the area in which they provide such support, so our local businesses now have a great new resource.

As we swing into spring, here are some local events to keep in mind:

**Amundsen High School Career Day – Volunteers Needed.** On May 31, Amundsen will host a Career Day for the junior class, in collaboration with Gear Up and Junior Achievement. The goal is to increase exposure to individuals representing a variety of career fields, in a rotating, small group setting. They are seeking volunteers to talk about their current responsibilities and career paths. For more information or to volunteer, go to [Amundsen HS Career Day: Presenter Information](#).

**Bowmanville Community Organization 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BCO Scholarship.** Do you know a high school student in our community that is looking to attend college this fall? We are now accepting applications for the 2019 scholarship. To apply, go to <https://tinyurl.com/BCOScholarshipApp> and fill out the questions and essay section. **The deadline to apply is Wednesday, May 22 by 3:30 pm.** Winners will be announced during the first week of June. Good Luck!

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### Communications Committee Stay Informed!

### Events Committee

### Gardening Committee

### Membership Makes it Happen!

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



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, Ad Manager Ann Scholhamer, and Layout team Ann Scholhamer plus Claire Shingler 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 with templates in either PUBLISHER or MAC's PAGES

**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 are on Insta and Twitter! If you have an interest in writing or editing content we'd love help. Contact: [comm@bcochicago.org](mailto:comm@bcochicago.org).

**The Events Committee** is one of the best ways to meet neighbors throughout the community, and have a lot of fun while you're at it! Next up is our **Annual Street Sale and Bowmanville Garden Walk**. **If you can help let us know, we need your help to make it happen.** We are always looking for new twists for annual events and new event ideas. We also have a First Friday's happy hour series. Contact [events@bcochicago.org](mailto:events@bcochicago.org) with an idea or to pitch in for 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 by contacting [gardening@bcochicago.org](mailto:gardening@bcochicago.org). Garden plots are assigned in March, apply using the form on our 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 Community Meetings occur fall and spring, typically in March and October. Contact us via email at [membership@bcochicago.org](mailto:membership@bcochicago.org) or renew or join online or with the form on page 16. 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 for 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. Please contact [greenspace@bcochicago.org](mailto:greenspace@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 in took place in the Summer of 2016 and a small group of dedicated volunteers now monitor and remove graffiti in the mural. Contact [berwynmural@gmail.com](mailto:berwynmural@gmail.com) if you notice graffiti on the mural, and email [publicart@bcochicago.org](mailto:publicart@bcochicago.org) to get involved or with new ideas.

## President's letter (continued)

**Andersonville Midsommarfest, Friday Night, June 7.** We had so much fun pouring beer the last two years at this street festival of our neighbors to the east that we've decided to do it again. BCO volunteers will pour beer in two shifts of three hours each, one from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm and the other 7:00 pm to 10:15 pm. Because we get a portion of the beer sales, this event helps us raise funds for BCO activities and projects. Please join your neighbors by clicking on this link [Friday Night Beverage Volunteers](#) and signing up for a shift or contact [comms@bcochicago.org](mailto:comms@bcochicago.org).

**Bowmanville Street Sale.** The Bowmanville Street Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 1. This neighborhood-wide yard sale (and fun after-party), is designed to help you make a little extra cash while clearing out things you want to get rid of. Because this sale is advertised citywide in several newspapers, as well as on Facebook, Craigslist and Twitter, attendance is always good. [Signup online](#) or contact [events@bcochicago.org](mailto:events@bcochicago.org).

**Bowmanville Garden Walk and Photo Contest, Saturday, July 13.** This will be the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Garden Walk, which draws hundreds of neighbors, as well as visitors from throughout the area, to visit the lovely gardens and yards of participating residents. See page 7 for more on this outstanding BCO event.

Mark your calendars for these great events and plan to take part in as many as you can. I'll look forward to seeing you at some of them. Meanwhile, do your thing, spring, so summer can come to Bowmanville on time!

Until then, see you around the neighborhood!

Mona Yaeger, BCO President

### Bee Social at Bowmanville First Fridays!

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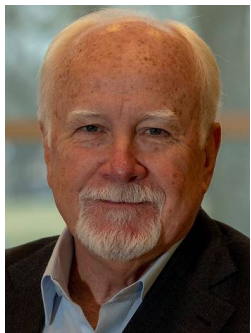
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Deadline for applications is May 22, 3pm.



## Thank you Alderman O'Connor!



As Patrick O'Connor's 36 years of service to our 40<sup>th</sup> Ward comes to an end, we would like to express our appreciation for all that he has done for Bowmanville and surrounding communities during his time in office. Over the years he has worked as a partner with the BCO to get our input on projects, assist with those we desired, and oppose or modify those that were not consistent with our neighborhood.

For example, in 1985 Alderman O'Connor supported ward residents who opposed a new Jewel Grocery store and shopping center on Western Avenue when Rosehill Cemetery was trying to sell some of its land. As a result of his sustained efforts, this parcel is now part of the 20-acre West Ridge Nature Preserve we can all enjoy.

Similarly, in 1988, when the townhouse development along Bowmanville and Balmoral was being considered, Alderman O'Connor started a long-standing relationship with the BCO Planning & Development Committee to get community input on proposed zoning changes. This first contact helped Pat understand our wishes to remain a low-rise neighborhood and to always have a voice in zoning decisions. This commitment to working with our community, as well as to working on ideas to improve it, was again evident in his persistent efforts to develop a new Metra station at Peterson and Ridge, for which plans have finally been developed and funding secured.

In his long relationship with the BCO, Pat was a straight shooter who met regularly with our Board and committees about neighborhood issues. These included traffic planning for Farragut Avenue, speed bumps, SCI and Rosehill Cemetery, charter schools, Andy's Construction, United Taxi Co., the Recycling Center, RSI Towing, Half Acre Brewery, and Rogers Park Montessori School.

Our community Greenspace on Bowmanville Avenue and our expanded Gateway Garden on Ravenswood would never have been possible without significant help from Alderman O'Connor. Similarly the Berwyn Mural project in the pedestrian tunnel under the Metra tracks came to fruition through his support and allocation of city resources to clean and prep the space. In each case, he helped the BCO by providing advice, being receptive to new ideas, providing support, and then critical city funding that made each of these urban green projects a reality. Many times, he also supported our community gardening efforts with grants and partner connections, often without our requesting his help.

Pat worked for years to make the 40th Ward one of the safest neighborhoods in the city and a great place to live, work and raise a family. We thank him for his service, support, and collaboration. We wish him well as he starts a new chapter of his life.

New City Council members are sworn in on May 20.

### Bowmanville welcomes 40th ward alderman-elect Andre Vasquez!

The BCO looks forward to future collaboration to keep Bowmanville beautiful, safe and thriving. Look for an interview with Andre in the next issue.

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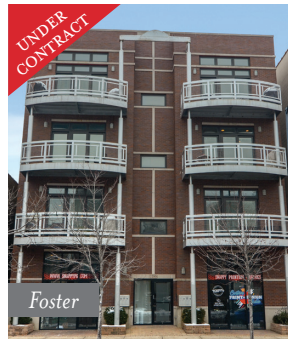


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## City Grange: Organic Gardening Made Easy

There's a new garden center at 5500 N. Western Avenue (at Catalpa) that offers Bowmanville residents everything they need to experience the joy of organic gardening: [City Grange](#). Started by LaManda Joy from [Peterson Garden Project](#), the woman-owned center opened this April with a mission to "Remove the Barriers to Gardening Success."



"We're here to offer a rooted, friendly, functional and community-building experience that brings to life our belief that 'United We Blossom' and that the world would be a better place with more gardeners in it — especially those who garden organically" says LaManda. "We do

this by creating jobs and hiring and training at-risk populations, as well as by being a role model of how to invest in our community as a business and train a new generation of garden leaders and educators in the process."

### Shop. Learn. Blossom.

To these ends, City Grange supports local organic growers and sources environmentally responsible (and when possible, American-made) products from small businesses. The center is committed to recycling its garden plastic and plans to work with artists to create one-of-a-kind garden products out of recycled materials.

The name of the center was inspired by the Granger movement, which fostered good agricultural practices in pioneer America. City Grange offers urban gardening solutions for whatever size space you have:

- Locally sourced (as possible) supplies
- Organic food plants and pollinator-friendly annuals and perennials, including some packaged in "no-brainer containers"
- Beautiful containers, including some that are self-watering
- A large selection of soil blends, including vegan options
- The right tools for a wide range of purposes
- Lots of growing know-how (we call it grow-how)
- Classes to help you become the gardener you want to be (see website for upcoming workshops, including Mini Movement Classes for Pain-Free Gardening)

To make shopping easy, the Center offers delivery, shipping and even (on the weekends) valet parking. It also offers groups of plants preselected by experts for an organic kitchen garden or to attract pollinators.

### A Great Community Asset

In addition, the center is committed to helping the BCO and our gardeners. City Grange will donate \$1 to the BCO for everyone who signs up at [citygrange.com](#) for our newsletter and writes BCO in the 'how did you hear about the center' field.

"At City Grange you're always a part of something bigger," says LaManda. "That's because everything you buy, plant, gift or share from us is thoughtfully selected to do the hard but important work of growing a more beautiful, healthy and connected world. That's why, when we say 'nothing grows alone,' we're not just talking about our gardens. We're talking about our communities, our consciousness, and our love for each other and this planet."

"And that's why when you shop at City Grange, we make it easy for your purchase to serve as many people as possible by giving a percentage to our partners

who are doing truly amazing work in this world, such as Peterson Garden Project, Bowmanville Gateway Garden, Green City Market, Slow Food Chicago, Chicago Market, Get Growing Foundation and the Urban Beekeeping Laboratory. Wherever you are on your gardening journey, you can always feel good at City Grange."

So check out this great new asset for Bowmanville and surrounding communities to see for yourself what it "United We Blossom" means. It can help you take your garden to the next level of success and sustainability.





2019

# Bowmanville Garden Walk

Summer is a magical time in Chicago, and our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Garden Walk and 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Contest this July will offer a great way to experience — and capture — lots of gardening magic. Throughout the day, Bowmanville residents will again welcome neighbors and visitors to see and photograph the beautiful gardens, yards and streets of our neighborhood and enjoy our local shops, breweries and restaurants. At the end of the day gardeners, volunteers and community members will gather for a celebration party at the Half Acre Brewery on Balmoral.

Residents who enter their home garden in the Walk can opt to have a free consultation with Master Gardeners from the University of Illinois Extension Program about garden design, creative use of plants, and neighborhood enhancement. The Bowmanville Garden Walk will feature 15 to 20 residential gardens and the three BCO community gardens: the newly expanded Gateway Garden at Ravenswood and Balmoral, the enhanced Bowmanville Garden along the cemetery wall near Leavitt, and the Westgate Garden at Berwyn and Bowmanville.

## Volunteer to Help

We are looking for volunteers to staff the welcome tables and greet visitors at the Gateway Garden and at the Bowmanville Greenspace at Bowmanville and Bell Avenues. If you would like to spend a few hours helping with the Walk and meeting with neighbors, email [events@bcochicago.org](mailto:events@bcochicago.org) or call 773-349-2268.

## Enter the Amateur Photography Contest!

This will be our 13<sup>th</sup> year for the photo contest. The winning photo this July will be used for the 2020 annual poster and Garden Walk publicity. Each year a garden photo is selected by visitors' votes and the photographer wins a Gethsemane Garden Center gift certificate prize.

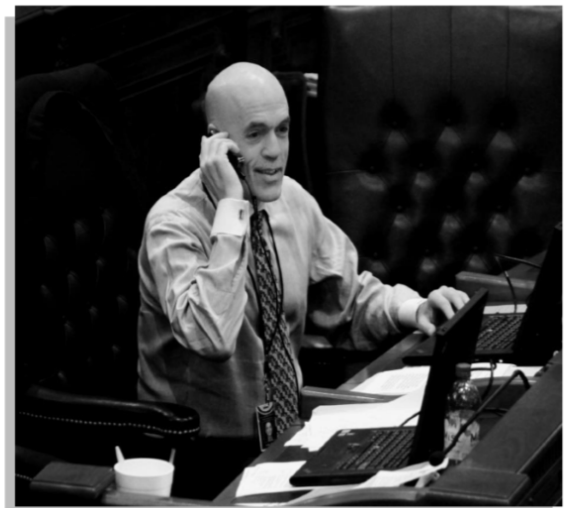
Last summer the winning photo was from Maria Velasquez, who also was awarded the 2018 Best in Show garden ribbon. Consider entering a local garden photo in this year's exhibit, it is easy, fun and a great way to participate. Maybe your photo will be this year's winner!



**"Maria's Garden"**  
by Maria Velasquez  
winning photo from 2018

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Thank you Bowmanville Community Organization for  
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## Things Are A-Growing at the BCO Gardens!

The 2019 BCO gardening season is off to a great start! A BIG THANK YOU to the more than 40 volunteers who helped move three dump truck's worth (66 tons!) of soil into raised beds at the Gateway Garden. What an amazing show of support!



Thanks, too, to those who helped clean up the Bowmanville and Gateway Gardens earlier this spring. Volunteer workdays are scheduled throughout the season for all of our garden spaces: Gateway, Bowmanville, Westgate, and the GreenSpace. See the back of this newsletter or visit the BCO website for upcoming dates: <http://bcochicago.org/gardening/garden-work-dates>. We'd love to see you on at least one of those work days!

Also, if you haven't already done so, email [gardening@bcochicago.org](mailto:gardening@bcochicago.org) to sign up for the Garden newsletter so you'll be in the know about BCO gardening activities. Happy gardening!



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## It All Started in Pinsk



Diana's dog Marigold relaxes in her garden.

### Neighbor Profile: Diana Leifer

by Robert Nagler Miller

Diana Leifer's magical garden, which a few years ago took first prize during the annual BCO Garden

Walk, calls to mind *The Secret Garden*, the charming Frances Hodgson Burnett novel adapted for stage and screen.

Hidden behind her vintage clapboard home on the 1900 block of Summerdale lies an enchanted world, an efflorescence of perennials that run their course for at least half the year: tulips, crocuses, daffodils, and hellebores in early spring; irises, hydrangeas and azaleas during the height of the season; peonies, lilies of the valley, Virginia bluebells, and pansies in late spring; clematis and honeysuckle in early summer; alliums, miscanthus, phlox, hosta, and larkspur during mid-summer; Annabelle hydrangeas and Chinese astilbe late in the season; and asters in the early fall.

Visitors to her garden marvel at the bursts of color — particularly the oranges, purples and chartreuses she favors — that pop up on her little plot of heaven.

"I always like to say that the garden was the first room I remodeled," said Diana, a retired Chicago Public Schools and City Colleges teacher, who bought her home with her late husband, William "Les" Brown — founder of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless — in 1993.

At that time, she noted, the garden consisted of "one peony, a flowering plum shrub, a row of yews, and grass."

Following the advice of a friend, an editor at a garden magazine who proclaimed that gardens with "straight lines were boring," Diana took a garden hose and created a configuration that she found pleasing — all loops, curves, and semicircles, nary a straight line.

Diana no longer inventories the flora in her garden, but "at one point, I had 75 perennials, a progression of blooms from spring to late fall."

A passion for the urban outdoors inspires her avocation, but she credits her success to a much more pragmatic and, well, pungent source: dried-up horse manure.

"If you have horse poop, it's the best," she said. "You will have wonderful results, an explosion of flowers. But the manure must be composted. Otherwise, it's going to be full of weed seeds, and you'll have weeds all over your garden."

### Following Grandmother's Footsteps

For centuries, the most magical of gardens have often been ascribed to the English and the Japanese, famous for their green thumbs and eye for landscape architecture. But Diana attributes her horticultural stirrings to her Jewish grandmother from the Belarusian city of Pinsk, Clara Sipperstein Gelbard, who had an old-fashioned garden at her two-flat in the Lakewood-Balmoral section of Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood. Among other blooms, the garden contained hollyhocks, pinks, dahlias and roses.

Diana, her brother, Lyon, and her parents, Abba and Eleanor Gelbard Leifer, who made their livings as organists and music directors in a number of synagogues, lived there on the second floor with her maternal grandparents. Her mother's sister, Anita, and her husband, Bill, lived on the first floor with their three children. Diana would watch her grandmother lovingly tend her garden. As soon as she went away to college in Wisconsin, Diana asked her landlord, Jean Holtz, whose family ran a farm, for a small patch of dirt on which to plant a nascent garden. So commenced her lifelong passion for all variety of flora.

Diana no longer competes in the Bowmanville Garden Walk, though she could well take home first prize year after year. "I feel that everyone [who enters the contest] should feel the joy" of earning a blue ribbon, she said.

But she does open her garden during the event so that her friends and neighbors can feast their eyes on her botanical cornucopia. It also allows her to indulge in another passion, cooking, as she whips up a multi-course gourmet-style meal for the garden walk's judges.

"Gardening is a celebration of the beauty of nature in its grand diversity," Diana enthused. "It is a lens on the seasons, a wonderful way to live along with the progression of the year ... and it sure beats concrete!"

*Editor's note: Robert Nagler Miller is a journalist and editor who writes frequently about arts- and Jewish-related topics from his home in Bowmanville. This article is reprinted with permission, a few edits, and much appreciation from the Jewish United Fund News, February 25, 2019. Thank you, Robert and JUF!*



## Who Are Those Urban Gardeners?

### Neighbor Profile: Patrick Brandell



Have you ever wondered who the people are you see working in BCO's community gardens? Or why they garden and what they grow? Well, here's a look at one of them, Patrick Brandell, who lives on the west side of Ravenswood Ave. a half block from BCO's Gateway Garden, and has gardened there for eight years.

Patrick graciously agreed to be interviewed for this article after we contacted him regarding some photos he submitted to the *Bee* showing what the garden looked like before and after the expansion. (You'll see the photos at the end of this article.) He was one of the wonderful volunteers who helped with the removal of the old garden bed framework last fall and with the 60-ton dirt distribution for the new beds this spring. Patrick is definitely a neighbor we're very glad to have in Bowmanville.

**What do you like about Gateway Garden, and what do you grow in your garden bed?** I love the feeling of walking my dog, Darwin, early in the morning, before most people are awake. I stop by the garden and Darwin lies down while I weed, water or harvest. It's a peaceful experience that I repeat as often as possible. When I first started, I tried to grow too many things. The harvest was diverse, but not very plentiful. The last few years I've kept things simple — just tomatoes, jalapenos, green beans, Swiss chard and

cucumbers — and have enjoyed getting a lot of a few things more than getting a few of many.

**Why do you garden and how did you get into it?** When I was seven years old, I tore apart my sandbox and turned the space into a garden. I guess that's when I knew. Faint memories, but I remember producing a few radishes and some corn on the cob. I'm the youngest of seven children, so the yield didn't go very far. When the Gateway Garden started, I knew I wanted to be a part of it. The community interaction it provides is great. And if I suddenly decide I need to add a jalapeno to my recipe, I can just walk down the street and get it — what a wonderful thing in an urban environment!

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**What brought you to Bowmanville and what do you like about living here?** Moving to Bowmanville was a bit of an accident. Like most people, I had never heard of it. I was living in Budlong Woods in a two-flat I owned with a friend, and we were in the process of selling. I had a rental property in Uptown that I planned to move back into once we closed on the two-flat. Then one day I went for a run. I was running south on California Ave., and where I would normally turn right, for some reason I turned left. Next thing I know, I'm at Berwyn and Ravenswood, and I see a condo building under construction. Everything just felt secluded and cozy and I decided on the spot that I wanted to live here. I told my tenants at the Uptown place that they could stay (they were thrilled) and I bought the place on Ravenswood. Sixteen years later, I'm still here, living now with my fiancé Marlon, who is excited about getting involved in gardening this year, and his dog, Stoli.

**What are your favorite local restaurants, shops, places to go?** I love Yes Thai, and am so glad it's in Bowmanville and walkable. Spiteful Brewing is a welcome addition — a great place to sip a beer while looking onto Balmoral Ave. I love that Bowmanville has become “Brewmanville” with brewpubs popping up in the neighborhood. Other favorite places nearby include Marty's in Andersonville and Hazel in Ravenswood (both the gift shop and clothing store).

**What type of work do you do, where are you from, what other interests do you have?** I'm a self-employed media producer and work mostly from home, although I have office space in the West Loop to use when necessary. Outside of gardening, I've been in a softball league for nearly 20 years. I play with the Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association (CMSA). I also play dodge ball with that organization. I grew up in Lansing, MI and graduated from Michigan State University. However, I've lived in Chicago for over 26 years now, and in Bowmanville for more than 16 years, so this is very much home, and I love being part of the community.

**Gateway Garden Then and Now**

To give you an idea of how much the site has been transformed over the past six years — and how much work was involved in improving it — here are the pictures Patrick took and submitted to the *Bee*. The one on the top is from February 2013. The one on the bottom is from April of this year. Thanks to all who helped make the expansion happen!



THEN:  
Gateway  
Garden  
2013



NOW:  
Gateway  
Garden  
2019

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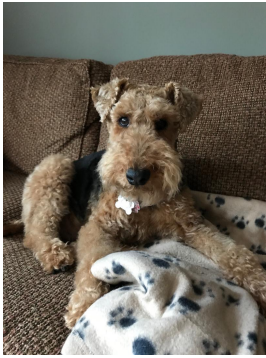
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Written by Brette Fiedelman, a resident of Bowmanville for just under a year. Catch me at Winnemac with my boy Bear or at the Community Garden, trying out gardening for the first time.

## Urban Pooch Champions Corner



Berwyn, our Welsh Terrier, was *the* inspiration for creating the Urban Pooch Canine Life Center. We built it for him, simple as that. This puppy changed our lives in so many ways, and always for the better!

He taught us how to play — to have the most fun possible with something as simple as a squeaky tennis ball — and how to love so deeply it becomes part of your soul. I personally loved Berwyn to such an incredible extent that our souls were truly connected.

I was his mommy in many ways, for which I am deeply honored, and he experienced life to its fullest every day with his “daddies,” me and my partner Dan. I sometimes wished I didn’t have to work so much, because Berwyn would often jump up, nestle next to me, and plop his paw onto my Mac as if to say “Time to play!” — which I did whenever I could. He loved adventuring around Bowmanville, up Balmoral, past Spiteful and Half Acre, all around each side of the block, and especially liked a good stroll down Summerdale.

Berwyn enjoyed the Agility lessons at Urban Pooch — running alongside me as I guided him around every obstacle. Sometimes, if I missed a cue or were a few seconds late, he would stop, look back at me and bark about my mistake before we continued. He always kept me on my toes! The

best part of it was that we experienced Agility together as a *team* — fun times!

Thank you Little B! Oh how I needed your influence! You made me a better man, always! We certainly all lived a very rich, loving life together filled with so many adventures. We were heartbroken when on January 15, at age 11 ½, you crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.

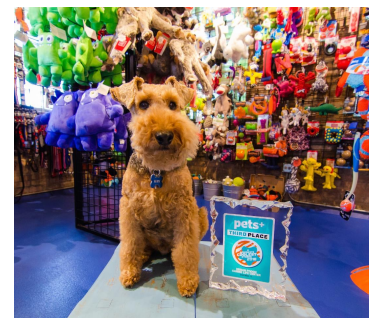
Earlier in January, we had noticed that something was wrong and took him to MedVet, where he was diagnosed with an extremely aggressive cancerous liver tumor, with a prognosis of 3-4 months to live. We were determined to make every day count. However, Berwyn was not able to make it home after surgery.

My parents, his Mam & Pap, drove 11 hours from Pennsylvania to see him. The doctor notified us things weren’t going well. Berwyn was so excited to see us and jumped up to get off the table and into my arms, with his other Daddy also by his side. He even had his beautiful smile on as they wheeled him in - delighting us with the Joy we could feel from him! And his



breathing was challenged - but loved all over all of us and sat in my lap and as I hugged him, his head dropped, and he died in my arms.

Ed Kaczmarek



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## Welcome, Neighbor!



We are pleased to have some new Bowmanville residents — Jennifer Hoskinson and her dog, Bandit. They recently moved from Lincoln Square to the 5300 block of Damen, where she is a neighbor of Elizabeth Luxem, who is pleased to introduce Jenny to us and who has lived in

Bowmanville for years with her dog, Glory.

Jenny's move to Bowmanville was motivated by a desire to enjoy a more peaceful, greener and quieter neighborhood. She works for a dental practice in downtown Chicago and when not working, can often be seen playing with Bandit in the BCO Green Space by Rosehill Cemetery or walking around Bowmanville looking at all the lovely homes and gardens.

"Bandit enjoys running around in the Green Space and getting treats at Bobbie's," Jenny says. "He loves checking out the different streets and can't wait to see all the beautiful gardens in bloom this summer."

So, say hi if you see them strolling around the neighborhood and show them what a friendly place Bowmanville is. They would both really enjoy that.



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## News From Chappell Elementary



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Want to meet other Chappell Parents, or support your local public school? Attend our Spring Fundraiser at 7:00 pm on May 16 at Octavio Cantina & Kitchen in Andersonville. Tickets include an open bar, amazing food and desserts, auction prizes, surprises, and more! For more information or to buy tickets, go to <http://tinyurl.com/FoCSpringFundraiser>.

Better still, become involved in Friends of Chappell, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Chappell School. A thriving neighborhood school is the shining beacon of a strong community. Friends of Chappell is proud of the soaring number of families that are choosing to send their children to their neighborhood school. Be sure to support FOC, which in turn, is supporting the strength of your own neighborhood. Volunteering is a great way to meet other parents and neighbors and help the school provide activities, such as the Gardener Program, it otherwise could not offer. For more information, visit <https://friendsofchappell.org> or email [friendsofchappell@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofchappell@gmail.com), and we'll match your skills, strengths, and time commitment to a committee or a volunteer need.



## Bowmanville Bee - Spring 2019

### Bee Contributions Welcome

Have a story to tell, a horn to toot about a good neighbor we should all know about, or an article to contribute? Submissions from all ages are welcome.

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Areas where I can help out in the coming year:

- 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)*



May 7	Gateway Gardening Evening	6:00 pm til dusk
May 22	BCO Scholarship Applications due	3:00 pm
May 25	Bowmanville Garden & Greenspace Gardening Day	10:00 am
May 30	Gateway Gardening Evening	6:00 pm til dusk
Jun 1	<b>Bowmanville Street Sale</b>	9:30 am
Jun 1	<b>Bee Social First Friday Happy Hour - this one on Saturday</b>	5:00 pm at Leadway Bar & Grill at the Street Sale after-party
Jun 5	Westgate Gardening Evening	6:00 pm til dusk
Jun 7	<b>BCO in the Beer Tent at Midsommarfest</b>	4:00 pm-10:00 pm
Jun 12	Police Beat 2012 CAPS Meeting	7:00 pm at 1609 W Gregory (312 742 8770)
Jun 15	Gateway Gardening Day	9:30 am
Jun 19	Bowmanville & GreenSpace Gardening Evening	6:00 pm til dusk
Jul 6	Bowmanville Garden & Greenspace Gardening Day (prep)	9:30 am
Jul 7	Gateway Gardening Evening (prep for Garden Walk)	5:30 pm til dusk
Jul 10	Bowmanville & GreenSpace Gardening Evening (prep)	6:30 pm til dusk
Jul 13	<b>Bowmanville Garden Walk</b>	9:00 am
Aug 2	<b>Bee Social First Friday Happy Hour</b>	5:00 pm - 8:00pm location TBD check Facebook/web
Aug 10	<b>Bowmanville Summer Social</b>	TBD

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