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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jumping into Fall

Well summer has ended, and cooler temps have taken over. As we head toward the end of the year, I hope that everyone had a great summer. It was so fun to see everyone outdoors, holding block parties throughout the community as well as seeing kids playing outside on a daily basis.

The BCO Summer Social was held in August at a new spot in the community, over at the Gateway Garden along Ravenswood. It was great to see so many new faces, new families and lots of kids. Thank you to Sean Mullen for hosting the kid's activities and to the residents of the condo on Ravenswood who allowed us to use their electricity for the bands and water for the balloon toss and unicorn sprinkler. ATK Taco sold their yummy BBQ ribs and brisket, we had free ice cream from Pauline's, and sold beer from our friends at Half Acre and Spiteful. Check out the photos on pages 8 and 9.

BCO Open Community Meeting

On October 16, we held our Fall Open Community Meeting in the GreenSpace on Bowmanville Ave. The BCO Board holds two Open Community Meetings each year, one in March and the other in October. We were lucky to have a sunny but cool day to host this event. We had U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley and Illinois State Senator Mike Simmons join us to give an overview of what has been happening in Washington and Springfield.

Also, the Planning and Development Committee Chair Jeff Graves gave an overview what our new neighbors, CFAN (Christian Fellowship for All Nations), plan to do with the four acres along Bowmanville Avenue they bought from Rosehill Cemetery. Jeff's article on page 4 presents their plan. The BCO has been in contact with the CFAN Board for a while, and some of their members stopped by at our Summer Social. They want to be good neighbors and get involved as much as they can with our community. We will invite church members to attend our Spring Open Meeting in March 2022.

GreenSpace Expansion

During the Open Community meeting, we brought up the unsold, empty green space that is between our lot line and the lot line of CFAN property; currently it's still for sale by Rosehill. We threw out the idea of seeing what it would take to make this space a part of current GreenSpace footprint. We have just started the process of having our garden partner, NeighborSpace officially take over "ownership" of the GreenSpace from the City of Chicago. Based on this, we think we would like to see how our community feels about adding to it.

So, what does that mean? Well, there are many things we would need to look into, but one of the first is to get a feel of what the residents of Bowmanville would like us to do: (a) Buy the land in partnership with NeighborSpace, or (b) Let it be and run the risk of Rosehill selling it or fencing it off — which would mean that no one could use the space, because it really belongs to the cemetery.

If the community is interested in adding this space to our current footprint, we will look into what that would entail from a financial standpoint. In the near future, look for a survey from us as we seek to get a feel of what all of you would want.

2022 Events

We are hoping that next year, all of your favorite summer BCO events, including pouring beer at Andersonville's Midsommerfest (fingers crossed), will be back in full swing. With that said, we are looking for a few people to help us with planning and running the BCO Garden Walk or any of our other events. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email membership@bcochicago.org or to me at president@bcochicago.org.

Until then, I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Mona

MEET YOUR BOWMANVILLE SMALL BUSINESS

Morpho Gallery, A Creative Business on Daman Ave

We are pleased to welcome our newest BCO Business Member, David Leigh, owner of Morpho Gallery at 5216 N. Damen Ave. We invite you to check out his shop.

Please tell us about the history of your business: I took a hiatus from my full-time culinary career to pursue additional creative outlets. The result is a space that's part retail business, part studio, and part creative garden. In June 2004, I opened Morpho Gallery in a storefront in Bowmanville. Afterwards, we added vintage stereo and records to our inventory. In 2020 we went full-time to records, since art exhibitions are on hold because of COVID. We buy records and stereo gear, offering minor repairs as well as evaluations for large collections of vinyl.



What motivated you to have your business in/near Bowmanville? I found the shops on the block where I have been since 2004 completely abandoned and had the idea of bringing in all art-related businesses. At one point we did, and even though things have changed, it's still quite a tight-knit block.

What should the community know about your services/products? Upon entering the gallery, Morpho's multifarious spirit immediately pops. Every inch of the space is brimming with art, and classic rock plays in the background. Morpho shows have included various media — etchings, small sculptures, framed architectural drawings, paintings, mobiles, and jewelry. The artwork even bubbles onto the sidewalk in front of the gallery. The garden functions as a raw green space filled with oddities, some anonymously placed by passersby — an ever-evolving project that now encompasses the vinyl record craze.

Since 2012 we have offered over 2,000 titles in stock, as well as new reissued records from newer artists such as Daft Punk, Jane's Addiction, and Tame Impala. Our art collection includes Henri Toulouse-Lautrec lithographs, J.J. Granville illustrations, Le Rire covers, and even botanical prints. Exhibiting artists at Morpho include Steven Hazard, David Alan Sisk, and Elizabeth Ockwell, all artists who share our philosophy of form. In addition to

exhibiting mid-career artists, Morpho Gallery provides a rich program of special events and is host to the annual "Emerging Artist's Month" that allows less well-known artists to display their work.

How would you like to engage with the BCO and our community? Other events at Morpho include wine tastings, glass blowing demonstrations, fashion shows, and live music performances. Check out our website for more information. We would love to have you visit!

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Let's Welcome the LeGrand Family!

Hello Bowmanville!

My husband, daughter, pup and I moved to the 1900 block of Farragut this past month, and we have enjoyed exploring all the new (for us) nooks, shops and restaurants in the area.

Although we were in Horner park until just recently, we've spent years hanging out in Bowmanville because our aunt, uncle and cousins live here. Now they are only two blocks away from us, making this neighborhood quickly feel like home. Also, we've been taking advantage of BCO's annual garage sale for years, and we know how much fun Bowmanville block parties are!

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves: I'm Danielle, and I work as an ICU nurse at Northwestern, and have recently graduated with a Master of Science in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

On my days off, I'm studying for boards and getting some R&R while I work on growing baby #2 (due in December). Adam works in advertising for some well-known breakfast food brands. He's a bit of a woodworker in his downtime. Our daughter, Lake, is three years old and has just started at JCYS, where she enjoys making new friends.

We all love going for family walks in the neighborhood with our dog, Wally, and have fallen in love with the coffee shops and breakfast spots in the area.

Feel free to introduce yourself if you see us out and about – we look forward to meeting you!



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We'll see how we can integrate into Bowmanville as time goes by."

During the Zoom meeting, CFAN-Chicago indicated that they will still need to raise the funds for building the new church. Until it is completed, they will remain in their current facility. They also stated that they will keep the BCO updated as their plans progress. Pastor Abraham Adesayo noted “...how excited we are about coming into Bowmanville Community and how we are looking forward to being good neighbors and making positive contributions to the community. The church is 19 years old, and we’ve been in the Uptown neighborhood for the most part.



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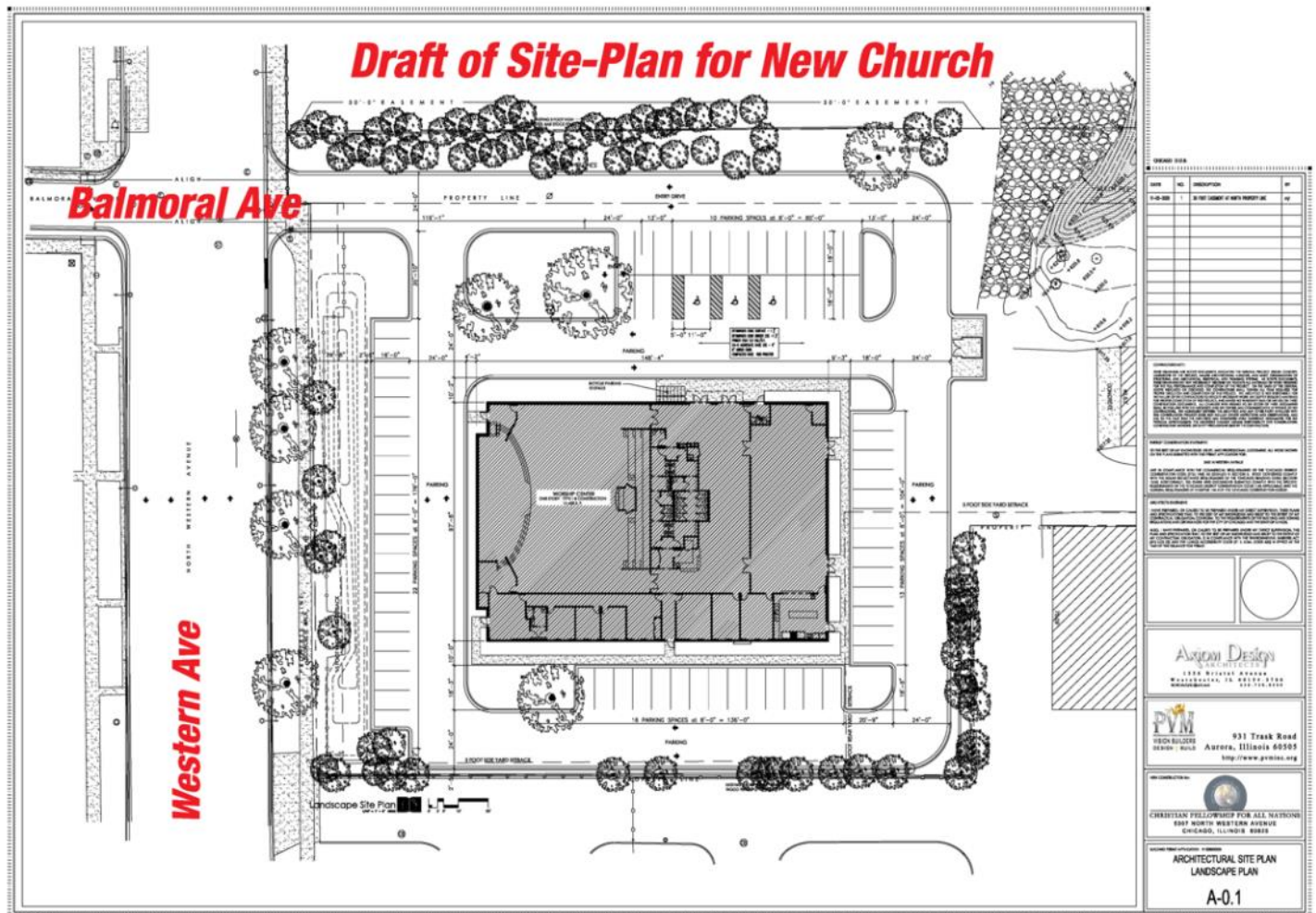
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Pet Profile – Piper



My name is Piper. This October, I am celebrating my three-year gotcha day of living in Bowmanville with my family! I arrived here from Alabama via Felines and Canines (F&C) when I was 10 months old. I was a scrawny 30 pounds and my F&C description stated, "Needs groceries." Luckily, my family fed me lots, and I am now a 75-80 pound chunk of love. I live with my mom (Alysia), dad, (Brian) and human siblings, Ailey and Patrick.

I am a 50% Great Pyrenees and 50% herding/guard dog mutt. Because of this mix, you may know me when you walk by my house on Farragut with your four-legged friends, because I will bark hysterically. This embarrasses my mom to no end, but I can't help the need I feel to protect my house — it's in my DNA! If you get to know me, however, I won't bark so much. Because of my past history as a stray, I also get frightened of some people. But the smaller you are, the less likely I will get scared — I am great with kids, but not with big men at night.

I love living in Bowmanville and have a bunch of doggy friends that I see on walks, including Jimmy, Ava, Bowman and even little Foxy. I also have some nemeses, the main one being my orange cat neighbor, Cous-Cous. We have

some epic battles through the fence, with mom shooing me away like it's my fault. Ailey cat-sits Cous-Cous and says he is the sweetest kitty, but I think he's just fooling them.

Being in East Bowmanville, I walk every day on the Gateway Garden path. I love it because it attracts bunnies and squirrels for me to chase.

Sometimes on longer walks I venture over to the Bowmanville Garden path and the GreenSpace. I also have been going to Urban Pooch for day-care since I first got here, and their classes have been instrumental in teaching me to be better behaved. My family says they will get me a treat from Urban Pooch for my gotcha day.



In case you think I am all bark, let me tell you that I also provide a great service to the neighborhood: I am great at breaking down and carrying branches back home to keep them off the parkway. On my walks, once I find the perfect stick, I high-tail it back home as fast as mom will let me go. We pile them up under the porch and use them for kindling for our fireplace. My neighbor kids even borrowed some to build a stick teepee.

I am hopeful that the Winnemac Dog Park becomes a reality, because I am okay meeting other dogs only when I'm on leash, and I can't run there off leash, as I won't come back to mom. I'm stubborn that way. But I do love to run with other pups in the dog parks and would love one I could walk to. Hope to see you around soon!



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This summer the BCO held their annual summer event at a new location—Gateway Garden.

The BCO was excited to bring this neighborhood event back. We had ice cream from Pauline's, beer from Half Acre and Spiteful, BBQ from ATX Tacos, and doggie ice cream from Urban Pooch.

Many new and long-term residents came out with their families to enjoy the sun, games, and 2 bands. Early in the day, we were lucky enough to see some of the planes fly over from the Chicago Air show.

We are hoping to continue to hold this event at the Gateway Garden in 2022!



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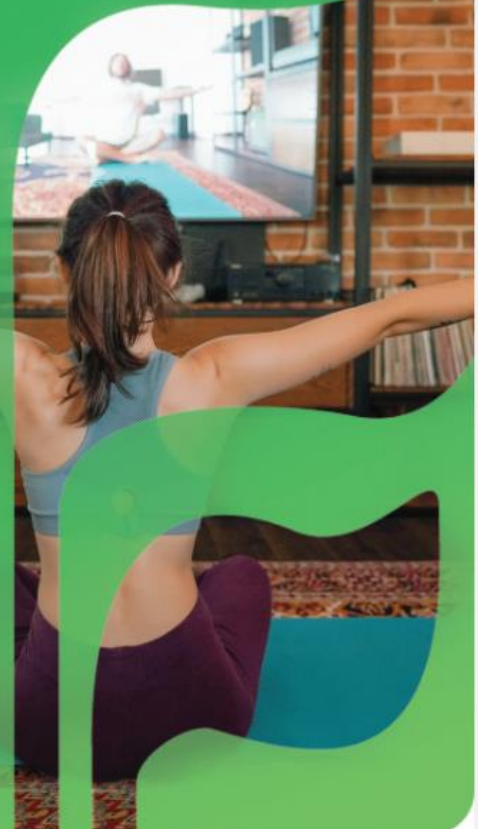
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Who's Who in Rosehill Cemetery

Part One: Frances Elizabeth Willard

Rosehill Cemetery is a national gem! Many prominent Americans and notable Chicagoans have been laid to rest within the walls. This is the first article in a new series for the Bowmanville Bee, which will feature these revered citizens of our past.



On February 17, 1898, in a New York City hotel room, Frances Elizabeth Willard died in her sleep. Her body was returned to Chicago, days later, to be met by crowds of her admirers, who came to mourn their heroine. Chicago's flags flew at half mast and thousands of citizens stood for hours in wet falling snow for an opportunity to pay homage and quietly file by her casket, where it was placed at Willard Hall in the Chicago Loop's Temple office building. Frances Willard's final resting place is Rosehill Cemetery.

More than a hundred years ago, Frances Willard was the national president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) and champion of other causes such as women's suffrage and education. According to Ruth Bordin, author of *Frances Willard, A Biography**, the WCTU was the



first mass organization of all American women, especially joining women of the North and South in the post Civil War era. The WCTU offered a platform for launching women, and women's issues, into public life and the national debate, for the first time in American history. Though most well known for building organizations dedicated to prohibition of alcoholic beverages, her dedication and life's work produced results that have become part of the social fabric of our nation, such as women's voting rights, public kindergartens and separate correctional institutions for women.

Surrounded by the natural beauties of Rosehill Cemetery, take some time to stroll this sacred ground and appreciate the American History lesson it has to offer! A photo of Willard's gravestone can also be seen at www.graveyards.com/IL/Cook/Rosehill.

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Berwyn-Hoyne Corner
to Get Facelift

The long-vacant and boarded-up courtyard buildings at the southwest corner of Hoyne and Berwyn are finally receiving some positive attention! Both the Alderman's office and CAF Management (Chicago Apartment Finders) confirmed to the BCO's Planning and Development Chairman, Jeff Graves, that CAF had purchased these two buildings and that permits have been granted to completely renovate them into apartments. It is CAF's plan to have them ready for rent by summer 2012. There will be a mixture of 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units within these two buildings.

Additionally, concerns about uninvited loitering on that corner are being addressed by The Chicago Police Department, Ald. O'Connor's office and area residents. A blue-light camera has been installed on that corner, initiated, according to 20th District Sgt. Norman Kwon, by O'Connor's office. Neighbors have commented that they do feel safer. Continue to keep your eyes open, and call 911 for any suspicious activity.

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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, the Bowmanville Bee, Instagram and email eBlasts. 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! Each year we continue our Annual Street Sale in June, Bowmanville Garden Walk in July, and Summer Social in 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. Contact events@bcochicago.org.



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.**



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. Contact greenspace@bcochicago.org



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. Not a BCO member, go to our the BCO website to join. Contact membership@bcochicago.org. **Get involved, you won't regret it!**



The Planning & Development 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. Contact planning@bcochicago.org.



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. Want more public art? Contact publicart@bcochicago.org to get involved or with new ideas.

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