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My Ravinia Fall 2008

# My Ravinia

## Your Lakefront: Imagine, Protect & Enjoy



By Kelly Huegel

Out of 1,200 communities in Illinois, only 14 are located on Lake Michigan. Highland Park is one. For over 100 years your lakefront—among the bluffs and ravines of the beautiful North Shore has provided local residents with a place to cool off with a swim, to launch a boat for an afternoon of sailing, or to sit, relax and appreciate nature. In recent years, however, the facilities along the lakefront have become old and tired.

For the last two years the Park District of Highland Park has been involved in a planning process that has included many members of the community and its leadership. The input received from public meetings, website comments and various other forms of communication has been the driving force behind the design and inspiration for the renovation and environmental improvements to Rosewood Beach and Central Park. Waterfront Planners JJR, LLC benefited from these ideas in developing the vibrant, green-inspired plan.

At Rosewood Beach the plan envisions rain water traveling through the ravine being cleansed by natural vegetation before reaching Lake Michigan. The plan also calls for a promenade along the foot of the restored bluff and the removal of the steel groins providing an uninterrupted walk along the beach. There will be natural breakwaters that not only protect the shoreline but also provide habitat for fish and wildlife, and the Jens Jensen

landscape at the upper park will be restored.

Central Park will be enhanced with swimming on the northern beach. Adjacent to the swimming beach there will be a coastal marsh that will filter water flowing from the ravines before it reaches the lake. A naturalized promenade and breakwater will

protect the fragile beachfront and provide a promenade to stroll as well as a harbor house and lakeside café. Expanded facilities for boats will welcome kayaks and sailboats. New programs offered at the proposed education center will inspire many to take to the water in new ways.

Highland Park's lakefront is a retreat away from the ordinary—a place close to home where you can play by day and enjoy a romantic dinner by night. Our lakeshore, bluffs and ravines present an ecologically sensitive landscape. Beyond the recreational opportunities the proposed lakefront plan will also focus on the environment, water quality, fish habitat, bluff restoration and green-sensitive building designs.

On November 4, with a “yes” or “no” on the ballot, we will be asked to support an annual tax increase of \$67 per \$100,000 of fair market value on our home for these improvements. The harbor will be funded separately through user fees. If the referendum passes, the Park District of Highland Park will take the largest fresh water lake within the United States and make it an example for restoration and environmental protection practices, as well as a unique place to explore and play.

It's our lakefront, our ideas and now our decision. If the referendum is successful, construction is anticipated to begin in 2010 with plans calling for the parks to open sometime in summer 2011.

## JENS JENSEN PARK UPDATE

By Paul Silverman

One year after the completion of the renovation of Jens Jensen Park, the green heart of Ravinia, we continue to see the park grow. The plantings are maturing and look lovely. With a recent essay in the magazine 60035, as well as an award and being featured in an article in *Landscape Architecture*, our Park has continued to receive rare praise. Quite impressive, considering that Jens Jensen Park is only about 1/8th of an acre in size, less than 1% of the land that the Park District of Highland Park manages.

The renovation of Jens Jensen Park was accomplished over several years by a partnership between the Friends of Jens Jensen Park and the Park District of Highland Park. The Ravinia Neighbors Association (RNA) was instrumental in providing support for the project, including incubating the idea, providing a forum at the member meetings, and donating a \$5000 gift to fund the restoration.

In July, a resident sent a note to the RNA inquiring about why the benches in Jensen Park didn't have backs. At the last RNA board meeting, we discussed this question. Following a presentation by Elliot Miller, a local historian and board member of the Highland Park Historical Society, a roundtable discussion included Rick Stumpf of the Park District, myself and several board members of the RNA. The discussion noted that among the hundreds of Jensen-designed landscapes and parks only one included stone benches with backs. His son-in-law Marshall Johnson did include backs on benches in some of his designs.

It is important to note that the original plan for Jens Jensen Park had no benches, it had only the stone council ring. Benches were added to the design by the landscape designers Nick Paterra and Amy Applegate. Their design added seven benches that blend harmoniously with Jensen's design and provide a space to survey the park and its meadows. It is a small park, and any loss of ground space will need to be carefully considered.

I think that the benches-with-backs question is part of a larger issue: how do we use our parks and open spaces? This question is timely, with the upcoming referendum on the lakefront plan. The proposed plan for the lakefront provides a once-in-a-generation chance to renovate and upgrade our lakefront and to consider how we will use this precious resource. As I use our parks, I'm struck by the bounty of natural areas that we have been entrusted with and appreciate the work that the Park District of HP, particularly the Commissioners and Rebecca Grill, the Natural Areas Coordinator, put into our public spaces.

I'd like to hear from interested members of the community. I will compile the results of this informal survey and present them to the Park District and the Board of the RNA and write a follow up article in My Ravinia. My E-mail is paul\_silverman@hotmail.com.

Paul Silverman is a member of the Friends of Jensen Park and a member of the RNA. The Friends of Jens Jensen Park is continuing to work on the preservation of Jens Jensen designed landscapes in the community. For more information, E-mail me or call (847)266-9950.

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## Giving Trees a Second Life

By Peggy Laemle

An elderly ash tree grows along our driveway. The Emerald Ash Borer has not yet appeared, but I have been harboring sad thoughts about losing this tree, which our daughter, now 30, climbed into with some of her favorite things when she ran away from home at about age 8.

Because of our fondness for this ash, I wanted to see if I could at least save its lumber and make something out of it, should it become infested. I contacted Bruce Horigan. An exhibitor at the June 5 Botanic Garden's World Environment Day, profiled this August on ABC TV's "Live Green" segment, and mentioned in an August 24th Chicago Tribune article on a Morton Arboretum exhibit. Horigan is an arborist on a mission to recycle trees cut down by development, disease or for a better view.

Since selling his tree care business and founding Horigan Urban Forest Products (<http://www.horiganufp.com/>) in 2003, Horigan has been trying to get the word out that beautiful hardwood trees cut down in the suburban landscape can have a second life as something more useful than wood chips, mulch or firewood. Horigan does not purchase wood. He facilitates its reuse for the homeowner. If your tree satisfies certain requirements in board length, width and species, Horigan can assist in a process involving the homeowner, specialty carpenters and tree removal companies. The cut tree is then delivered to Horigan's eco-friendly sawmill. There it is milled and kiln dried, a process that can take up to six months before it is ready for a new life as a table, chair, mantle, flooring, artwork or other useful and beautiful objects.

According to Horigan's August newsletter, 30% of lumber used in building could come from our urban forests. So next time a tree must be cut down for any reason, consider giving it a new life. For those who have no trees to provide, his Skokie warehouse has plenty of hardwood available for purchase, with most prices comparable to fresh cut lumber. Give Bruce a call (847-568-1340) to schedule a visit.

## MAKE EARTHDAY EVERYDAY

By Amy Lohmolder Davies, Festival Chairman

On Saturday May 3rd 2008, Ravinia Neighbors Association hosted the Highland Park Earth Festival at the Ravinia Train Station and Jens Jensen Park. By bringing the community together to learn more about environmental challenges and solutions, we hoped to promote green awareness and sustainability on a local level. Music, food, storytelling and people powered rickshaw rides added fun to the day. Forty-seven exhibitors and roughly a dozen more student groups displayed information, products and services to help area residents learn about greener life style options. Despite cold, wet weather, turnout was good, with approximately 400 people attending.

We received many positive comments regarding the festival. In particular, a number of people remarked on the quality and range of exhibitors which included numerous industry leaders throughout the Chicago area. Through February 20th of 2009, links to these exhibitors, and the important information and resources they offer, can be located on the festival website at [www.hpearthfestival.org](http://www.hpearthfestival.org). It is our way of saying a continued thank you to these groups for their generosity in making the event a success.

As we move beyond Earth Day, let's remember how vital our home truly is: the air we breathe, the water we drink, and every single necessity and comfort of life depends on its care. It is hoped that our community will continue to grow in awareness of environmental issues so we may all live in healthy and sustainable ways on our precious planet.

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## NEWS, VIEWS AND MUSINGS

By Don Miller, RNA President

It is sometimes asked what does the RNA do? This is an attempt, in perhaps rambling style, to address the question. First and foremost we try to carry out our mission statement to preserve and enhance the unique character of Ravinia.

Specifically, we continue to interface with representatives from the City of Highland Park, commercial real estate owners with properties in the Ravinia business district, maintain supportive relationships with business owners, and introduce new businesses as they open by featuring them in this newsletter. We have an annual general meeting open to all residents, with relevant speakers, and provide an open forum to hear neighbors' views and suggestions and answer questions. The board of RNA meets on a bi-monthly basis and any member is welcome. The place and time is e-mailed to all members in advance.

Currently, Dave Limardi, city manager, and several city staff members have proposed a series of bi-monthly meetings with RNA representatives to discuss best ways to utilize Tax Increment Financing funds (TIF) as they are generated. The last such meeting was at City Hall on September 25. The TIF is geared toward improvements along the Roger Williams business corridor such as streetscape, infrastructure, and other areas that might be identified as a result of a proposed market research effort. We will attempt to keep the community informed regarding proposals and plans that result from these discussions.

A breakfast meeting, hosted by *Trattoria Vale d'Itria*, September 17th, the first Ravinia Property Owners Meeting organized by Al Klairmont and Don Miller, addressed ongoing business development, the TIF, and received input from the Chamber of Commerce. Doug Purington, our publicity director, does a great job in disseminating information via e-mail to all our members regarding relevant information from these meetings.

As many of you have observed, the east side of the tracks on Roger Williams has been fully rented. There are some delightful new businesses there. As an aside, two of the owners indicated that being opposite Jens Jensen Park was a deciding factor in choosing their storefront! The RNA was fully in support of the Friends of Jens Jensen in its restoration plan through financial help and by promoting their efforts.

In regard to the west end of Roger Williams, Carolyn Hersch, Office of Economic Development, City of Highland Park, informs us that efforts are now being made to rent the space vacated by *Ravinia Plumbing* which, as noted in this newsletter, is moving west of Highway 41.

There is an idea germinating around the possibility of a boutique hotel in Ravinia, similar in concept to the Deerpath Inn in Lake Forest, but smaller in scale. If the seed gets closer to fruition I will report more. If you have any thoughts regarding the viability of such a venture, please email me: donaldjmillier@comcast.net. Comments regarding any of the foci of the RNA are also welcome.



Don Miller, Jeff Stern and Donald Knoll

## RNA HONORS RETIRING RAVINIA FIREFIGHTER

HIGHLAND PARK FIREFIGHTER Donald Knoll was honored in a ceremony at the Ravinia Fire Station upon his retirement July 11 after 40 years of service. No other firefighter has served the city longer, and for the occasion Knoll demonstrated a measure of his extensive experience by driving the department's antique American LaFrance pumper. It entered service when the Ravinia station opened in 1929 and is kept in operating condition for special events.

Chief Alan Wax presided over the ceremony, which was attended by some 40 fellow firefighters in dress uniform who presented Knoll with the flag that flew over the quarters of Engine 32 at Burton and Highland Avenues where he spent most of his years of service. Representing grateful community residents and business people, RNA President Don Miller and Recording Secretary Jeff Stern honored Knoll with a plaque highlighting the commitment every firefighter makes when he or she accepts the responsibilities that come with that challenging job.

Knoll's wife Sharon, their daughters and a new grandson were on hand for the tribute. Knoll's son Kevin already has shown his respect for his father's achievements by following in his footsteps. Kevin joined the Highland Park Fire Department in 2004 and is currently assigned to Engine 34 on Half Day Road.



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## **Business Reports: AROUND THE BUSINESS CORNER**

By *Lynne Jungman*

### **A PASSION FOR PILATES**

Some life experiences draw one into a life's work and for the lucky ones into their life's passion. Such seems the case for Marilee Papale who owns and instructs at ESSENCE PILATES on Roger Williams. This is Ms. Papale's third studio site, which speaks to her enthusiasm and professional success.

Originally from Colorado, Ms Papale was a college athlete and a runner of noted potential until a severe knee injury interrupted that path. She was told that she would not run again, much less competitively. Marilee then took up bicycling and trained with as much ardor but gradually noted that her back and shoulder muscles were painful from the prolonged biking posture. She began pilates exercises and experienced a marked change in her physical well being to the point of being able to run in the Boston Marathon! Her own personal success with the pilates motivated her to become more knowledgeable in its methods. Already embarked on a career in finance, she took an abrupt turn and began training and educating herself in all aspects of pilates exercises. She opened her first business in 2004 in Chicago and now has two additional studios, one in Deerfield and one now here in Ravinia.

The Ravinia area attracted Marilee when she saw Jens Jensen Park invitingly situated across from a vacant storefront that she thought might serve as a studio. Seeing the park's serene and lovely natural beauty was a selling point for the Colorado native. She made the leap for this third studio last December and views it as a very good decision.

Business is going well. Many new clients are introduced to her studio by word of mouth from pupils of Marilee. Some are referrals from medical practitioners who see the value of pilates for patients with various conditions where strengthening of major muscle groups is of benefit. Marilee selects her staff with care, noting that not only is expertise in pilates important, but also personality, to match the student with the appropriate instructor.

Marilee's enthusiasm and belief in the ameliorating benefits of pilates makes one want to put on exercise clothing and begin strengthening his or her own inner core. Offered is individual or small group packages. Allow yourself an introduction and work toward your own well being or personal marathon. (As a bonus, if you wish, Marilee can give you a history lesson about Joseph Pilates and how this method came to be—this is not advertised—but free of charge! Only for newsletter readers.)

*ESSENCE PILATES, 455 Roger Williams, 847.457.4756.*

### **ANOTHER ARTIST ATELIER**

KATHY HALPER and her eponymous GALLERY has taken residence on Roger Williams. She is occupying the former site of *Union Bay*. Like another recent business owner, the view of Jens Jensen Park across the street factored in to her decision to take the space and move from her home studio. As her art has become more recognized, she wanted a more accommodating place to work and display her work.

Kathy, a Ravinia resident, has been a practicing artist for many

years. She has exhibited at the Port Clinton Art Fair, the Artist Project in Chicago, among others, and is currently preparing for a large showing at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Having been a quilter with a love of cloth and pattern, the artist now works exclusively in acrylics and mixed media, but she carries over some aspects of that former medium in her interest in pattern. Kathy studied painting at the Highland Park Fine Arts Center and has continued to develop her skills and technique on her own.

The artist describes her style as expressionistic and emotion based. The running thread through her work is relationships in families and the larger community. In looking at the figures and faces, their juxtaposition, certain feelings and narratives are evoked in the viewer. Some figures are only outlines and not fully detailed; others fully realized such that the faces are portraits conveying a profound inner world and life story. This is especially true of the grouping that the artist is working on now which are of homeless people/panhandlers who have agreed to be photographed and their image used as the model in a painting. Each one has shared with Kathy some of their life history, the poignancy of which is captured in their expressive, soulful faces. Most of the paintings are of a large scale, but there are also drawings, wood block impressions and other interesting renderings of smaller dimension.

The Roger Williams studio is primarily a venue for the artist's own work, but on occasion other artists will be shown, perhaps three or four times a year. September 6th was a recent such event with works by Marketa Sivek and Kass Copeland. Also starting in September and the following first Friday of every month, the gallery will be open between 5pm and 8pm for wine and cheese, art and conversation. A bit of River North on Roger Williams! Don't delay your visit to this gallery and allow yourself time to study and appreciate.

*KATHY HALPER STUDIO & GALLERY 467 Roger Williams, Highland Park, 847.542.9793*

### **THE FRENCH TOUCH**

Some have a gift of making things happen and some have a special quality best described as *joie de vivre*. The proprietor of BELLE FLEUR, a hands on shopkeeper in the French style, seems to have both. Cheryl Richter opened her business in June, adding a touch of elegance on Roger Williams. This lovely little shop exudes charm and taste, a reflection of its owner.

Cheryl's background is not in business but she comes to it as many women do with extensive skills honed on the homefront. Cheryl, formerly of Glencoe, is the mother of five children, one adopted child and along with her husband was the foster parent to thirty four medically challenged children. Along the way she also started an Aids Foundation for children. With her abundant energy and engaging personality she organized friends and family around events to promote various charitable causes. After having brought much to fruition and her adult children launched, she thought it time for a new direction. Now a Ravinia resident for the last ten years, she has brought her considerable spirit here and opened this delightful shop.

The first impression in walking in the store is how lovely and

## Business Reports:

warm it feels and then musing... "I think this would look perfect in my house..." There are small side tables, hand made linens, ceramic ware, wall hangings, and unusual objects to liven up a corner or bare tabletop: truly "un peu de tout".

Items reflect a decided French provincial style. Surprisingly, they are priced very reasonably, reflecting Cheryl's astute buying skill. Many objects are purchased from wholesalers all over the United States whose catalogues Cheryl peruses for quality and price. A daughter with a keen eye for quality and value and fortunately lives in France, keeps her eyes open for pieces there that she knows will fit in with her mother's schema and sends them over. BELLE FLEUR is not an antique shop, although some items like the unusual European match holders are, but rather it features meticulous reproductions that put one in mind of the French countryside.

Please visit and let yourself be embraced by the surroundings and welcomed by Cheryl. It is doubtful you will leave empty handed. And if you are lucky and come toward the end of the day, you may be invited for a glass of wine.

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### RAVINIA PLUMBING & HEATING Moves from Ravinia

It is with great sadness that RAVINIA PLUMBING & HEATING CO. will be moving from the Ravinia Business District. The company started in the basement of the old hardware store east of the tracks in 1928 and moved to its current location in 1956. Owners Don and David Ariano doubled the size of the company over the last 10 years, which has made it increasingly more difficult to operate efficiently out of the same space. A search

for a larger facility started 4 years ago. David stated, "While we had a few opportunities to move over the last several years, those moves would have taken us out of Highland Park. We have been here for 80 years and did not want to leave a city that we are so fond of. When the old Highland Park Millwork building became available in the Briargate district, it was too good to pass up."

The new facility, a few doors south of *Williams Ski & Patio* and the Comcast building, will double their space and still contain a showroom for customers to obtain faucets, fixtures or repair parts. The big move will take place in the 4th quarter of this year.

The move will leave their current location, comprised of three storefronts, open for lease. The space at 595 Roger Williams Ave. is 1600 square feet; 597 Roger Williams is 865 square feet, and 599 Roger Williams is 820 square feet. All three spaces have full basements which are not included in the above square footage areas. The spaces can be leased together or separately. Please contact David at 847-432-5561 for any details on the buildings or leads for a possible tenant.

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### BOB'S IN BRAESIDE

Bob Crimo, formerly the manager of the popular *White Hen Pantry* in Ravinia, has relocated to Braeside across from the Railroad Station. The new place, BOB'S PANTRY AND DELI, plans to open by early October. The building space is being totally gutted and refurbished. The old façade gets a much-needed facelift, and the parking area will be resurfaced.

The upgrades continue with new offerings: expanded deli meats and other items, a coffee bar that will serve premium coffees and espresso, and seating for thirty patrons. Bob is bringing his former staff and plans 24-hour service. For all the Ravinia residents who have missed Bob he will be now readily accessible, with a little more cachet. Braeside will benefit by having him in the neighborhood.

We hope he plans a grand opening for his old and new friends!

### ACTIVITY AT ABIGAIL'S

Michael Paulsen,found sipping coffee at *Java Love* and pouring over blueprints, reports good news regarding his restaurant. Work has resumed and he hopes for an opening in November. The delay was due to installation of a sprinkler system, which was challenging, due to the age of the building. Unforeseen obstacles have not dampened Michael's optimism and he looks forward, as the neighborhood does, to ABIGAIL'S debut!

### REVISITING: TRATTORIA VALLE D'ITRIA

Business partner MaryAnn Carioscia reports business going well and "we are so pleased with how wonderful the neighborhood has been to us."

The restaurant hosted a complimentary continental breakfast on September 17th for representatives from RNA, Ravinia real

estate and business owners, City of Highland Park and Chamber of Commerce officials with the ongoing focus of furthering the development of the Ravinia business district.

### SLOPPY JO'S

Debi Gordon, owner of SLOPPY JO'S, held a fund raiser in September for Ravinia Elementary School with all profits from sales going back to the school. Thanks to both for being such good neighbors.



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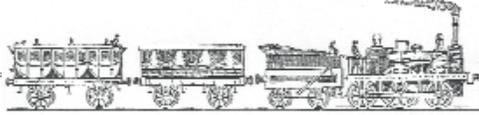
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at a local Ravinia venue.

Place will be announced in advance.  
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**Join your Neighbors — Add your Voice!**

The Ravinia Neighbors Association (RNA) is the only neighborhood organization on Chicago's North Shore. Over its 10 years of existence, the RNA activities have included:

- Keeping Ravinia and its improvement needs in front of City Council and its commissions
- Initiating TIF project to improve streetscape in the Roger Williams' business zone
- Having interface with developers regarding design issues in the business district
- Encouraging store front beautification
- Preventing the erection of antenna clusters and cell towers near Ravinia School and Brown Park
- Helping to bring about Gateway Park
- Providing framework for Jens Jensen Park restoration initiative
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