A fun time at the 2015 Masquerade Ball

by Nancy Velazquez

Being a member of Bickerdike for over 10 years, and an employee for even longer, my experience with the Resident’s Council Dance has always been great. I have enjoyed the dance so much I’ve never hesitated to volunteer for their dance events.

The night always begins with a kind smile greeting you at the front door from the very responsible and friendly people working at the registration table.

This year’s theme was a Masquerade Ball and it was beautiful! The food and drinks were great and the music was beyond entertaining.

My entire family came to support the Resident’s Council and we all had a great time, dancing and enjoying the event all through the night. We took a lot of pictures. Guests were dressed so nice and all had beautiful masks.

It was truly great to get together and socialize with neighbors and coworkers. I really hope to see more of our residents at events like this in the future so they can enjoy the dance the way my family and friends did.

I enjoyed myself so much, I can’t wait for the next dance.

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2015 Masquerade Ball: Un evento divertido

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Siendo miembro de Bickerdike por más de 10 años, y empleada durante más tiempo, mi experiencia con el baile del Concilio de Residentes de Bickerdike siempre ha sido genial. He disfrutado tanto del baile que nunca he dado lugar de voluntaria para sus eventos.

La noche siempre comienza con una sonrisa amable de salud en la puerta principal ofrecida por las personas muy responsables y respetuosas trabajando en la mesa de registro.

El tema de este año era un baile de máscaras y fue bello! La comida y las bebidas eran geniales y la música era más allá de entretenida.

Toda mi familia vino a apoyar el Concilio de Residentes y todos nos pasamos muy bien, bailando y disfrutando del evento durante toda la noche. Tomamos un montón de fotos. Los invitados fueron vestidos tan agradable y todos tenían hermosas máscaras.

Fue realmente genial reunirse y socializar con vecinos y con los compañeros de trabajo. Realmente espero ver más de nuestros residentes en eventos como este en el futuro, para que puedan disfrutar del baile de la forma en que mi familia y amigos hicieron.
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Those visiting the trail in the days that have followed will have been joined by others on bikes, skates and skateboards, as well as those out for their fitness walks, runs and even just casual strolls and commute to work. As with anything new, some issues are still being worked out. This work will be carried out with the guidance of the new Park Advisory Council, a continuation of the work began by the advocacy group, Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail.

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“Con más de 50.000 personas que asistieron durante el evento de inauguración el 6 de junio, el rastro de Bloomingdale / El 606 parece ser una adición bienvenida a sus comunidades de los alrededores. El personal y los voluntarios Bickerdike fueron parte de la celebración de distribución “Coma Mover Be Healthy” camiseta s y otros artículos relacionados con la salud para los visitantes de la tienda Bickerdike.

Los visitantes de la pista en los días que siguieron se habrán sumado a otros en bicicletas, patines y patinetas, así como aquellos a pasear su estado físico, se ejecuta e incluso paseos simplemente casuales y viaje al trabajo. Como con cualquier cosa nueva, algunas cuestiones todavía se están elaborando. Este trabajo se llevará a cabo con la orientación del nuevo Consejo Asesor Park, una continuación del trabajo comenzó por el grupo de defensa, Amigos del Camino Bloomingdale.

Bickerdike se ha comprometido a ser parte de ese trabajo. Además de ser una parte de la ceremonia de inauguración, el primero del Consejo fue organizada por Bickerdike con más de 40 personas en la asistencia. Durante la reunión, los miembros del consejo, que incluyen a los residentes Bickerdike, y otros invitados discutieron planes futuros para el Trail y formas que la comunidad puede involucrarse comenzando con el compromiso de las personas a ser defensores del espacio usándolo con cortesía y animar a otros a hacer lo mismo.

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The joy of garden shopping

by Jackie Padilla

I have always enjoyed the beauty in things. I am capable of creating. My garden is proof that I always put my best foot forward in beautifying my home. I have been fortunate enough to do so with the help of Bickerdike and garden club members. Every year my planting is a mix of delicious vegetables and beautiful flowers and I had decided to continue that tradition this year.

We went to Adams & Sons Gardens again this year after a very informative meeting at Bickerdike. As we arrived, I saw that Adams & Sons was filled with many options to choose from. The staff is a helpful group of gardening associates. Their knowledge of what they have to offer and of how to successfully create your garden is beyond amazing. They were able to answer any question asked and assist properly.

As it pertains to the deliciousness of my garden, I planted what I know my family and I would enjoy. I decided I would plant tomatoes, cucumbers, jalapeño peppers, bell peppers and serrano peppers. I had cilantro and mint that grew back. I decided I would plant both perennials and annuals to beautify my home. I planted easy blue and purple wave petunias, along with dwarf blue and lilac morning glories, Pacifica XP burgundy halo vinca and violet, pink and red sugar daddy petunias.

I have pink, white and red roses as well as red lilies from gardening in previous years. It’s always a different experience but every year I seem to learn something new and become exposed to new plants and I look forward to what next year has in store. I encourage and invite all of those who haven’t attended a Bickerdike gardening experience to come on out next year.

La alegria en comprar para el jardín

por Jackie Padilla

Siempre he disfrutado de la belleza en las cosas que soy capaz de crear. Mi jardín es prueba de que siempre pongo mi mejor pie adelante en el embellecimiento de mi casa. He tenido la suerte de hacerlo con la ayuda de Bickerdike y Socios del Comité de jardín. Cada año mi plantío es una mezcla de deliciosas verduras y flores hermosas y decidí continuar esa tradición este año.

Después de una reunión informativa en Bickerdike fuimos a Adams & Sons Gardens de nuevo este año.

Cuando llegamos, vi que Adams & Sons estaba llenó de opciones para elegir. El personal de la tienda es un grupo de asociados expertos en jardinería. Su conocimiento de lo que tienen que ofrecer y de cómo crear un jardín con éxito es más que increíble. Ellos fueron capaces de responder a cualquier pregunta y asistir adecuadamente.

En referencia a la delicia de mi jardín, planté lo que yo sé que mi familia y yo disfrutaríamos. Decidí plantar tomates, pepinos, jalapeños, y chiles serranos. Tuve el cilantro y menta que volvió a crecer. Decidí plantar dos plantas perennes y anuales para embellecer mi casa. Yo planté easy wave petunias de color azul y púrpura, junto con enanas azules y lilas campanillas, Pacifica XP vinca halo de color burdeos, y petunias rojas, violetas y rosas.

Tengo rosas blancas, rosadas y rojas, así como lirios rojos de jardinería en años anteriores. Siempre es una experiencia diferente, pero cada año me parece que aprendo algo nuevo y estoy expuesta a nuevas plantas y espero a lo que el próximo año tiene en el almacén. Os animo e invito a todos los que no han asistido a una experiencia de jardinería Bickerdike venir en el próximo año.
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