

“A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water.”

~ Carl Reiner

Online Portals for GRO:

Website:

<http://greaterrockwell.org>, our

Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/greaterrockwell>

Twitter stream:

http://twitter.com/GRO_Org

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Gardeners' Tea

What better way to fight off the winter doldrums than to think about spring flowers? If you maintain one of the GRO corner gardens or are interested in getting involved, please join us for a Gardeners' Tea on Sunday, February 16, at 3:00pm at the home of Tracy Bartholomew. For more information or to RSVP, please call Tracy at 773-329-5964

Public Safety Updates

Thieves sawing catalytic converters off cars and stealing them has occurred in our area. They use the sound of the train passing to mask the saw noise and work quickly. Also, there has been a rash of thefts on the Northwest side where robbers back a vehicle into garage doors to crumple them and then climb through the gap to get inside.

If you have observed any criminal, drug or gang activity in your area, Beat 1911 Meetings give you the opportunity to express your observations and concerns.

All citizens can help with crime reporting and crime prevention by lending the Chicago Police Department their ears and eyes. By working together, we can have a safer community.

For further information, please contact the 19th District Community Policing Office at 312-744-0064.

You can also email the CPD at: 23ehotline@chicagopolice.org

or

019District@chicagopolice.org.

EveryBlock Returns

Some years ago, a local resident developed and then founded the community data-aggregating service, EveryBlock. Here users could find out what was going on near to them in their own neighborhood - be it events, crime reports, city permits, restaurant reviews, and even the opinions and questions of their neighbors. But then, presumably when business numbers weren't made, EveryBlock was taken offline by its owner.

This month, EveryBlock returned from the dead at the same URL **<http://everyblock.com>** - and if you used before, it is exactly the same - even your login and saved postings from the past are still there. If you haven't tried out EveryBlock, you really should,

Maria Bappert

Beautify Our Alleys

While our alleys are generally lacking the lilac bushes and greenery of some neighborhoods, we can make them look neat and tidy by making sure the cart lids are all down. In order to make everything fit into the cart, we need to collapse cardboard boxes. Styrofoam is not recyclable--so put it in with garbage. They also prefer no plastic bags; place recyclables in loose and un-bagged.

B.J. Tersch

Expired Medication

Outdated meds can now be dropped off at any police station in Chicago. Residents in the GRO service area can also bring them to the Beat 1911 Meetings at Kindred Hospital, which are held at 7:00pm on the sixth floor every third Tuesday of the month. Or, bring them to a GRO meeting and give to Maria Bappert for delivery. They should not be flushed down the

February Calendar

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 3 Horner Park Advisory Council @ Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California, 7:00 pm
- 4 GRO Meeting @ Luther Memorial Church on the (corner of Campbell & Wilson), 7:30 pm
- 12 Gross Park Advisory Council @ Gross Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California, 7:00 pm
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Gardener's Tea, Tracy Bartholomew's home, 3:00 pm
- 17 President's Day
- 17 Manor Garden Club @ Luther Memorial Church on the (corner of Campbell & Wilson), 7:30 pm
- 18 Beat 1911 Meeting, Kindred Hospital (corner of Rockwell & Montrose) 6th floor, 7:00 pm

toilet or put in the trash cans as this only contaminates our environment. This is the only world we have, so let's take care of it.

EveryBlock *continued*

and you can even start with GRO's neighborhood map:

<http://bit.ly/GRO-EB>

to localize your information and then cast your net wider.

There's no shortage of places to

find information about our neighborhood online - most of our local businesses (Beans and Bagels, Rockwell's Neighborhood Grill, the Red Lion, and others) maintain active online presences on their own websites or Facebook.

Check out many local sites at:
<http://bit.ly/GRO-Links>

But EveryBlock does such a good job of aggregation, it's worth checking out for its frequent and informative updates.

Eric Sinclair

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