

**Welcome to New
Business Members**

On The Route Bicycles

In the next issue:
Dates for Potluck, Yard and Garage Sales

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Coming up in January

As is our custom, there was no monthly meeting scheduled for January 2017. The first GRO meeting of 2017 will be on Tuesday, February 7. Please join us as we host Gary Morrissey and Terry Prorok of the West Ridge Nature Preserve who will be filling us in on the wild in our midst (Western near Petersen).

Announcing: Winners of the first annual holiday decorations contest!

The judges of the annual holiday decorations contest have spoken, and here are the lucky winners- the ones who woke up to find, not Santa, but a sign proclaiming them a winner of the first annual holiday decorations contest!

Addresses of winners are:

1st place - 4739 N Talman

2nd place - 4720 N Rockwell

3rd place - 4728 N Talman

Photos of winning entries will be posted on the GRO website.

2017 To Be the Year of Public Art in Chicago!

The theme for the Year of Public Art is 50 x 50, which seeks to celebrate and create new public art in all 50 wards. In order to accomplish this, Mayor Rahm Emanuel has created a special program for Neighborhood Arts Projects.

Aldermen may opt in to the program by choosing to dedicate a portion of their 2017 menu allocation to commission public art for their ward. These menu funds will be matched up to \$10,000 by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE).

An open call process will invite artists, artist teams and arts organizations applying with a lead artist (Artists) to submit their qualifications for the project. DCASE and representatives from Chicago's cultural community will review the applications and create a pool of pre-qualified Artists for Aldermen to choose from. The selected Artists will work with DCASE, Aldermen and residents to develop public artworks.

We hope to include Artists from across the City, and so we need everyone's help to promote this opportunity. (CONTINUED ON P. 2)

Public Art (CONTINUED FROM P.1)

The goal is to commission a diverse range of projects that celebrate public art in our neighborhoods and in our everyday, civic lives.

Applications close:

Artist Selection: March 2017

Proposal Development: April - June

Project Execution: July -

September

Community Celebrations/Dedication Events: Fall 2017

For more information contact:

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Calendar

February

2 Thursday, Groundhog Day: Will we, or won't we, have more winter?

6 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council, Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California

7 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Wilson & Campbell**

14 Wednesday, Valentine's Day

20 Monday, President's Day

Watch for information about the Spring Potluck - coming in the next issue!

NATURE IN PLACE – IN WELLES PARK

Fundraising efforts are currently underway by the Welles Park Advisory Council for the remaining funds needed to create a natural area in Welles Park to replace the former playground near the intersection of Western and Montrose Avenues. The natural area would include quiet spaces and wandering prairie paths, as well as unstructured nature play elements such as rocks, boulders, logs, tree stumps, tunnels and materials for children to construct and create, as well as quiet spaces for grown-ups to relax and unwind, according to the council.

The Advisory Council's Greening Committee is currently applying for possible grant funds, as well as crowdfunding from our surrounding neighborhood residents. In nearly two months more than \$8,000 toward the goal of \$30,000 has been raised. If the necessary funds are raised soon, construction can begin in 2017.

For more information about how to donate or other ways to get involved, visit.

<https://wellespark.org/natureplace/>.