#### **Welcome to New Members**

Alicia Reed & Matthew Finch

## Food! Entertainment!

Special Thanks to Mr. Lee and Westwood Liquors for continuous and generous support of GRO

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## The Peasants Are Back, Bigger and Better

Fresh vegetables can be yours all summer long through CSA.

What is a CSA?

Community Supported Agriculture is a way for people to know where their produce is coming from and how it is grown. Participating in a CSA farm means becoming a shareholder by investing in seed and labor prior to the growing season. Your investment pays off in the form of a regular delivery of fresh vegetables straight from the farm.

#### How Does It Work??

Each member pays the share cost in full and agrees to pick up their share before a certain time on their chosen pick-up day.

The individual share is appropriate for one person with a mostly vegetarian diet, although a household of two can be more than happy with the individual share. It has an average retail value of \$15/week. The family share is twice the size and would be **app**ropriate for 3-4 people.

Four to seven different types of freshly-harvested vegetables will be delivered each week for 20 weeks from (continued on p. 4)

#### **BLIZZARD 2011**

The big snow brought out the very best in our neighborhood. Residents wrote in asking that their thanks be conveyed in the newsletter.

The 2500 block of Wilson was plowed and shoveled by several Good Samaritans. Their names are Kirk, Brian & John (no last names), according to Judy and Maureen Ledger, who wanted to say thanks, and also to the young couple (we don't have their names, but you know who you are) who shoveled the other side of the street.

Becky Snider also thanks the gentleman who plows the area around Leland and Virginia, not just this time, but all season.

These are not the only ones, there were many neighbors who got together to shovel out alleys and each other's cars.

It is nice to know that there are still people out there that care and are willing to help others.

What a great neighborhood we live in!

#### **CAPS Meeting Focuses on Crime Prevention Tips**

The 19th District CAPS meeting was held on January 25 at Kindred hospital. P.O. Karen Lemon said that the police officers who formerly attended our Beat Meetings are still around, but have been assigned to the street, and that there are only three police officers who now are in the CAPS office in the 19th District. Sgt. Officer Lemon offered the following helpful hints:

- Women should put their purses under their coats or carry a fanny pack.
- Criminal damage to vehicles is still a big problem. Leave absolutely nothing in your car when you park it in the street. Lock your car even when you park it in your garage, and make sure your garage is also locked.
- Put address numbers on your garage door to hrlp emergency responders find the location faster. Address numbers are available at the Belmont Avenue Station free of charge. Call 312-744-5574 to arrange for pickup.
- Do not advertise what you have. Make sure to close your blinds so criminals cannot see what you have.
- Use an engraver to mark your valuables. In case of theft, this will help to identify them as your property. if they end up in a pawn shop. Sgt. Lemon added that there is now a rule that pawn shop owners are supposed to ask people who bring in items for a photo I.D.
- Make a list of your valuables which you can show to the police in case anything is stolen from you
- Install motion lights in your back yard and near garage.

GROnews is published by the Greater Rockwell Organization (GRO), a community group dedicated to making our neighborhood a safe and pleasant place in which to live. Tenants, homeowners, landlords, and business owners are welcome to join us in improving our community.

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# You're invited... to the GRO Neighborhood Potluck!

Food! Entertainment! Meet your neighbors!



**Greater Rockwell Organization** 

Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Luther Memorial Church (Campbell & Wilson)

Please bring a dish to share (about six servings)

If your last name begins with:

A-H bring an appetizer

I-O bring a main dish

P-Z bring a dessert

Please label your dish and list ingredients (for allergies)

Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up. Please e-mail gropotluck2011@greaterrockwell.org Visit us online at www.greaterrockwell.org, on Facebook, or @ gro\_org on Twitter (continued from p.1)

June – October, consisting of salad mixes, lettuce, radishes, arugula, spinach, chard, kale, kohlrabi, beets, broccoli, onions, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, zucchini, squash, cucumbers, peppers, garlic, dill, chives, cilantro and basil. Individual share cost: \$320/year Family share cost: \$640/year

Pick-up can be made Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. – noon at the Lincoln Square Farmers Market, Lincoln at Leland; Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Blue Sky Bakery and Cafe, 3720 N. Lincoln, across from Trader Jo.

### March Calendar

- 1 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 7 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 8 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. GRO Neighborhood Potlukk. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 8 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 14 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 17 St. Patrick's Day

GRO Garage and Yard Sales Coming Up June 11 &12

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Home Tel Work Tel	E-mail	Occupation	on
Categories (circle one): Individual \$20 Family \$30	Senior (65+) \$10	Senior Family \$15	Sustaining \$50
Business \$20 Friends of GRO \$20 (living outside GRO service area)			
I'm adding \$5 or \$ for the Corner Gardens			
I would like to see GRO address the following issues:			
I would like to participate in the following committees (please circle):			
Fundraising/Special Events Member Services/Welcome Newsletter Public Safety			
Streetscape/Beautification Streetscape/Greening Urban Development			
Make your check payable to GRO and bring it to a meeting, drop it off at Ruff Haus Pets, 4652 N. Rockwell			

, (just north of the el tracks), or mail it to GRO Membership. P.O. Box 25561, Chicago IL 60625-0561