

**Thanks to Sustaining Member**

Lucinda Dieker

**A big thank you to Rick Wineberg and his son Ethan for snow plowing sidewalks in West GRO and far beyond!**

**... and also the Good Samaritans east of Rockwell - you know who you are!**

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

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**Update on Jacob Playlot**

In September, the Chicago Park District purchased the vacant CTA parcel situated between Jacob Park and the train tracks. In January, the park received a \$206,000 grant for design, grading, landscaping, and fencing. This is a significant addition of public open space and will allow Jacob Park to be a greater asset to the community, so thank you to everyone who supported this effort over the past seven years. There will be some opportunity for community input, but the specifics of when, where or how aren't clear yet. The process could begin as early as this Spring, so stay tuned.

A special thanks to Alderman O'Connor for his advocacy in both the land acquisition and the grant. Thanks also to Tom McManamon (supervisor of Horner Park), Alderman Pawar, Friends of the Parks, and the good folks at Horner Park Advisory Council for making this happen.

**Spring and the GRO Potluck,  
Just Around the Corner!**

What better way to celebrate the arrival of spring but at the GRO Potluck? The equinox, when the plane of the Earth's equator passes the center of the Sun, occurs on Thursday, March 20 at 11:57 a.m. Chicago time, but we thought Friday night would be a better time to celebrate more daylight hours and the "in like a Lion and out like a Lamb" weather thing that happens in March.

The potluck will be held in Luther Memorial's all-purpose auditorium on Friday, March 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (see page 3 for details).

If you would like to help with planning, set up, clean up or have an entertainment or kid activity idea, please contact Patti at [president@greaterrockwell.org](mailto:president@greaterrockwell.org).

## GRO Corner Gardeners Plan for Spring

At their annual tea on February 16, the GRO Corner Gardeners discussed plans for making GRO's 25 corner gardens more beautiful than ever this year. Composting, planting and mulching are on the list of activities. The committee will be also be taking an inventory to find out which gardens need caretakers.

Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters and on the GRO website. Help is always needed with planting, weeding, and watering, so if you'd like to get involved, please contact Shonagh Merits at 312-208-3130.

*Tracy Bartholomew*

## LET'S RECYCLE – IT'S THE THING TO DO!

Join the Kiwanis Clubs of the Chicago area in collecting the aluminum pull tabs from cans of beer or soda, as well as from the cans of cat food. Please bring them along to the GRO meetings and give them to Maria Bappert for delivery to Ken Kincaid of the Lake View Kiwanis Club. It is Ken's goal to collect one million of them, and he's pretty close to making it, with our help. Ken, in turn, delivers them to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago (formerly the Ronald McDonald House). They get good hard cash for this 100% recyclable aluminum. It's something all of us can support without having to dig into our pockets for cash.

Do you have any Christmas or other greeting cards laying around? The Queen of Angels Girl Scouts collect them and recycle them by using them in craft projects, like attractive gift tags for next year's presents by punching a little hole in one corner for the string and writing the "To" and "From" on the reverse of the card. You can even do that yourself. Place your cards in a plastic bag, mark them for the Girl Scouts and drop them off at Queen of Angels Church or at the First Lady Beauty Salon at Western & Sunnyside during regular business hours.

*Maria Bappert*

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 2014 GRO Neighborhood Potluck!**

**Friday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.  
Luther Memorial Church (Campbell & Wilson)**

**Food!  
Entertainment!  
Excitement!  
Meet your neighbors!**



**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 [president@greaterrockwell.org](mailto:president@greaterrockwell.org)  
to volunteer.**

**Visit us online at [www.greaterrockwell.org](http://www.greaterrockwell.org), on Facebook, or [@gro\\_org](https://twitter.com/gro_org) on Twitter**

## Dog-Friendly Permits

The Administrator of the Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control has mandated that the Park District issue permits for all off-leash dogs using Dog Friendly Areas. This regulation will be enforced by Deputies of the Department of Animal and Rabies Control. Anyone using a Dog Friendly Area (DFA) without a permit is subject to a \$500 fine.

The owner or other responsible person bringing any dog into a DFA must have a permit and tag issued by a participating veterinarian for each dog.

Dog Friendly Area Permit Applications are available at participating veterinarian offices. The Chicago Park District, with the cooperation of the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association, developed a process for distributing permits for our Dog

## March Calendar

- 3 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 4 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting . Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 9 Sunday. Set your clocks ahead - Daylight Saving Time begins
- 11 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 17 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Beat 1911 Meeting, Kindred Hospital, Montrose & Rockwell
- 20 Thursday. Spring Equinox
- 21 Friday, 6:30 p.m. 12th Annual GRO Potluck, Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson

Watch for the next Food Drive  
to be held  
the weekend of April 18-20

Friendly Areas (DFAs). Permits are available at the offices of participating veterinarians for a cost of \$5 per dog.

In addition, please remember to pick up after your dog — it's the law! Just because there's snow doesn't mean you can leave dog waste behind.

Some enterprising person has developed a DNA testing for dog waste called PooPrints, and many condo associations are using it to determine who is picking up their dogs' waste.

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Memberships run from October 1 through September 30

New member \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_

### GRO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Work Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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**