

Thanks to Sustaining Members

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Thanks to Corner Garden Contributor

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



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December Holiday Decorations Contest Winners

These are the winners of the second annual GRO holiday decoration contest selected by our crack staff of judges:

- 1st Place: 4720 N. Rockwell*
- 2nd Place: 4728 N. Talman*
- 3rd Place: 2445 West Leland*

Winners received gift cards.

The boundaries are the GRO area; south side of Lawrence to Wilson and west side of Western to the river.

Thanks to everyone who braved the cold to get out and decorate!

Holiday Food Drive Results

The GRO Holiday Food drive that took place in December pulled in a hefty 57.3 pounds of food and assorted personal items for the Common Pantry.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to neighbors who needed a little help. You can support Common Pantry by donating online at commonpantry.org.

March Calendar

- 5 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council, Nick's Pizza & Pub, 2434 W. Montrose
- 6 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Wilson & Campbell**
- 13 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 First day of spring, primary election day.
- 20 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Beat 1911 CAPS meeting. Sulzer Library, Lincoln & Sunnyside

April Calendar

- 2 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council, Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 3 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Wilson & Campbell**
- 9 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 21 Saturday, 9:00 – noon. Earth day clean up at Jacob playlot

COMING UP! GRO YARD SALES June 9 &10

Tale of Two Meals

Two new grab-n-go food places have opened recently at the opposite edges of the GRO neighborhood, as far apart from each other in every way as you could imagine. They are Best Sub Corner, at 2407 W. Lawrence, and Steingold Station, next to the Francisco Brown line stop.

Steingold's, a mini-spinoff of a nouveau-deli at 1840 W. Irving Park, has all the pros and cons of upscale eating: the coffee is excellent (Sparrow's), the turkey and corned beef are very high quality, and they even have Dr. Brown's sodas. On the downside, it is quite pricey, portions are small, the selections are very limited (two or three kinds of bagel and cream cheeses, four kinds of sandwiches), and the creative use of spices is so strong that the basic tastes of the whitefish salad and the turkey salad are buried. With only a single counter with three seats, you are clearly supposed to buy to-go/

At the other end of the spectrum is Best Sub Corner, a five-table shop open seven days a week for 14 to 16 hours a day. Prices are reasonable, portions large and the variety is immense, essentially every fast food you could think of: nine subs, chicken, burgers, sandwiches, pizza puffs. The downside: like most fast food venues, everything but the subs is frozen, and of middling quality.

Life is a series of trade-offs, and each of these places has staked out its market. You get to choose.

Abbey Botkin

Mr. Lee Moving

Maybe some of you have wondered what the blurb at the top of the front page thanking Mr. Lee for support is about.

For years, Mr. Lee of Westwood Liquors on Western and Eastwood, has faithfully sent GRO a contribution every month.

Quite possibly, his contribution has paid for your hot dog at the summer street party, or bought mulch to beautify the corner garden on your block.

We thank him for his support of GRO and wish him all the best in the next chapter in his life.

Why I GRO

When my family and I moved into the Lincoln Square neighborhood in Fall 2016, I was psyched to learn there was a neighborhood organization, GRO, looking out for my little piece of Chicago. I never made it a point to officially join or attend any meetings until after the 2016 elections. At the time, I didn't feel like there was very much I could do to make an impact on my country, state, or city. Then I remembered GRO. I joined, attended my first meeting, and quickly realized that GRO might be small, but its efforts immediately and positively impact my life. Jacob Park is clean and beautiful, I have a little Corner Garden to care for, and I know so many more neighbors, all because of GRO.

Being an active member of GRO makes me feel more connected to my city, and it makes me feel like I can make our little piece of Chicago just a little kinder, a little more welcoming, and maybe even a little more beautiful.

Dana Dougherty

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