

Welcome to New Members
Paul Satzinger & Marlene Fasick

Spring Clean and Green
Saturday April 25
10:00 a.m.— noon
Meet at Rockwell Crossing
Join volunteers to keep our neighborhood clean and beautiful!

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Coming Up

Waters Elementary Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Market Day

Saturday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Keep it green, spring clean! Waters will hold its first annual event featuring a market, rummage sale, bake sale, e-waste dropoff (see listing at <https://waterstoday.org/campaign4.asp>), garden clean-up and international music celebration. Purchase a table to sell your rummage items, art and crafts by April 15 or donate items to be sold, or come join the neighborhood on the 25th by attending this eco-friendly event.

*4540 N. Campbell Ave, market@waterstoday.org
www.waterstoday.org*

Kids in the Square

Saturday, April 25, 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

*Participating businesses are hosting free activities, giving away treats and offering other specials throughout the day. Get ready for summer and enjoy a great day in Lincoln Square
www.lincolnsquare.org*

Ward 47 Spring Clean and Green

Saturday, April 25

Join your neighbors in cleaning and beautifying our neighborhood through this city-sponsored event.

Coming Up At The April GRO Meeting

Who doesn't want to know more about where they live? The GRO April meeting offers a chance to learn little-known facts about our neighborhood to impress, delight and amaze your friends and relatives. Dick Bjorklund, past President of the Ravenswood Lake View Historical Association, will be speaking on the history of the Greater Rockwell area on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

**REMEMBER TO VOTE
ON APRIL 7!**

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Ravenswood Run

Sunday, April 26, 8:00 am

This 13th annual neighborhood 5K for Hunger and Health benefits local charities and offers a fat, fast course. The race is open to 3500 entrants and registration is required.

4550 North Hermitage Avenue (Wilson & Hermitage)
[www.feetfeetchicago.com/html/events_ravens.asp](http://www.feetfeetchicago.com/html/events_races_ravens.asp)

Provenance Wine Tastings

Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

New wines are provided for free tastings each week at Provenance Food & Wine. Mix and mingle in this no-reservations needed open house. Meet neighbors and take home some great cheese, wine, sorbet and chocolate.

2312 W. Leland Avenue
www.provenancefoodandwine.com

ASK MS. MIAOWSKI

Dear Ms. Miaowski: I know we're not supposed to play in the corner gardens, but the stuff they put in there is irresistible. It smells good enough to eat. What is it, anyway, and where can I get some?

Samson, N. Rockwell

Dear Samson:

STAY AWAY FROM THAT STUFF! What you are smelling is cocoa bean mulch, which can be very harmful to dogs and cats. It contains theobromine, which can cause toxicosis in dogs. Some of the symptoms are seizure, tremor, vomiting, tachycardia, hyperactivity and diarrhea.

You may have noticed it in yards and on parkways also. Your human would be wise to keep you from the corner gardens or parkways where it has been used. I don't know about you, but some dogs will eagerly eat large amounts of this stuff, with not very good results. I hope this answered your question in time.

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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GRO Potluck -2009

About 60 GRO members and Police Officers from the 19th District attended the Annual GRO Potluck on March 10.

GRO Vice President Desiree Kettler welcomed everyone and introduced Vicar Tessa Hansen-Mitzel from Luther Memorial Church, who said grace. Sgt. Jason Clark, the new Beat Coordinator, then spoke a few words on behalf of the 19th District..

The food was, as usual, plentiful and outstanding. Alderman and Mrs. Schulter and the 19th District supplemented neighborhood offerings with several hot dishes. Leftovers were picked up by the Salvation Army.

Cassy Firkin-Macumber did a great job of organizing activities for the many children who attended this year.

After dinner Barbara Silverman sang and accompanied herself on the guitar for some sing-alongs, and awed everyone by concluding with a wash-board number.

Raffe proceeds will go toward the cost of the GRO Block Party to be held in August.

Maria Bappert-

We All Scream For Ice Cream!

Remember how good the ice cream tasted at last year's block party? Well, the days are starting to get longer, the weather is getting warmer, and our next block party is just around the corner, which means it's time to get ready for ice cream, fun and neighborhood bonding!

The 5th annual Edy's Slow Churned Neighborhood Salute Contest has arrived and is available to enter now until Friday, May 29th. You, your family, friends and neighbors can all nominate your blocks by visiting <http://edys.neighborhoodsalute.com>. Submit an essay of 350 words or less or upload a short video entry explaining why your neighborhood deserves one of 1,500 Edy's Slow Churned Neighborhood Salutes!

If you win, you'll receive a doorstep delivery of Slow Churned ice cream and a Party in a Box filled with enough party supplies to host a sweet gathering for up to 100 people! (and the gratitude of all those who attend the block party!)

Through Friday, May 29, 2009 visit <http://edys.neighborhoodsalute.com> for more information and to submit your essay or video.

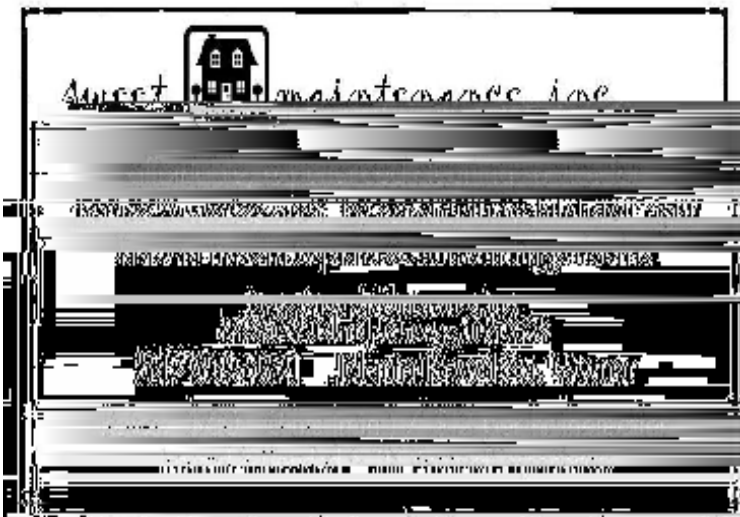
Desiree Kettler won it for us last year; we can do it again!

GARAGE FOR RENT

4700 block of N. Maplewood
\$100/mo. Call Maria Bappert
at 773-728-8127 afternoons

APARTMENT FOR RENT

On the river at 4748 N. Virginia 3 BR
plus rear sun porch. Hardwood floors.
\$1,250 includes heat and laundry.
773 764-1999 or 847 259-2895



SQUIRREL FEEDING 101

The increase in children in the neighborhood has brought up a few concerns.

You might like to feed squirrels, but please don't feed them in the parkways. A lot of children (and adults) are allergic to peanuts, and that may cause a problem. If you must feed them, please feed them in your own yard, where they won't pose a threat to others who may have a peanut allergy.

UNRECYCLABLES DISPOSAL

Our neighborhood is doing a great job of recycling, but sometimes we have stuff that's just not recyclable.

Need to get rid of that stuff? Here's how:

You can drop off out-of-date or old medications in the lobby at the 19th District Police Station at Belmont and Western.

Batteries can be dropped off locally at either the Sulzer library on Lincoln Avenue or at Walgreens at Lawrence and Western. Walgreens will accept them at the photo counter. Just not car batteries.

April Calendar

- 6 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park (and Jacob) Advisory Council, Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 7 Tuesday, 6:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Election for Representative VOTE!
- 7 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 14 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 18 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - noon. Jacob Playlot Earth Day Clean-up. Virginia & Leland (see below)
- 18 Saturday, noon to 3:00 p.m. Cat Adoption at Ruff Haus Pets, 4652 North Rockwell
- 20 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 25 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Waters School Market Day. Campbell & Wilson
- 25 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Clean & Green Spring Clean-up. 10:00 a.m Rockwell Crossing
- 25 Green & Growing Fair; Garfield Park Conservatory, Central Park & Lake.
- 28 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. CAPS meeting, Advocate Hospital, Rockwell & Montrose

JACOB PLAYLOT CLEANUP — COME JOIN THE FUN!

The Jacob Playlot spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 a.m. til noon. If you have small children (and even if you don't) it would be great to lend a hand to the volunteers to make it a pleasant place for neighborhood children. All you have to do is show up with a smile and a willing pair of hands.

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 \$____ 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