

Come join in the
Spring clean up
April 20!

It's time for the GRO
Annual Potluck
Friday April 5
Details Inside!

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In the neighborhood . . .

GRO welcomed Alderman Pawar at the March meeting, where he discussed some important changes to the area. As part of the ward redistricting, some GRO residents will have a new alderman in 2015. The area north of Leland and south of Lawrence will be part of the 40th ward (Alderman O'Connor) rather than the 47th. Residents will be able to reach out to either alderman with issues, with the only really tricky situation being zoning changes, where the two offices will need to work together.

The alderman also discussed two other issues: the state of Jacob Playlot Park and trash service. To date, the CTA has made no decision about the area near the river that could be part of the play lot. Ald. Pawar said there are still environmental issues in the area, and even though he said he'd rather see it turned into a park instead of townhouses, the long talked-about expansion is still on hold.

A more immediate impact is trash service. Ald. Pawar said service trucks are now completing 16 alleys a day, up from 11 previously. This means that the commercial corridors aren't seeing the service truck traffic they used to. Even though the city is trying to space out trash collection to hit these corridors during peak times, the alderman suggested businesses help with the slack and dispose of some of the trash themselves. The best course of action is to either call the city and make a note of it or use the city's new app to log a complaint. It's the city so there's a 50/50 chance of it working, but it's worth a shot.

Why a food drive?

GRO's quarterly food drive is being held in conjunction with the Ravenswood Gardens Homeowners Association again this month, from April 20 -22.

The drive benefits the clients of the Common Pantry whose service area includes our neighborhood. Goods collected through the food drive allow the pantry to give their clients choices. Staples are supplied via the Greater Chicago Food Depository and are packed for the clients based on need and family size. However, the products collected through food drives are used to stock the shelves where clients can make selections and spend points allocated to them. Nonperishables and canned items are suggested.

CHEF 4 A DAY

If you've ever thought about taking a cooking class, here's a perfect opportunity – right in your back yard!

Chef 4 a day, a new business in the GRO neighborhood, offers a customized approach to culinary education, focusing on one-on-one cooking classes as well as demonstrations and tasting classes

These personalized cooking classes, led by local resident Alisa Sattler, are designed to teach the home Chef how to make fast, healthy, affordable and delicious meals.. Classes are held at Chef Sattler's Lincoln Square residence in an open kitchen using professional grade knives and equipment.

Alisa Sattler, EdD has approximately 20 years of experience in culinary arts education. Formerly the Assistant Dean of the Culinary Arts program at the Illinois Institute of Art-Chicago, she oversaw the educational components of all Certificate, Associate, and Bachelor's Degrees in the field of Culinary Arts. Prior to her administrative role, Alisa was a chef instructor at Le Cordon Bleu-Chicago, The Illinois Institute of Art- Chicago, Kendall College and Sur La Table in Chicago. Alisa has also worked at fine dining restaurants and hotels in Chicago. She has lived at Rockwell crossing since 2002 with her husband Scott. Contact her at alisasattler@chef4day.com, or 773-406-3559.

Food Drive *(continued from p1)*

If you haven't yet donated to this worthy cause, or even if you have, please consider picking up a couple of food items that you would be happy to find on the shelf and drop them off at one of the collection points.

Collection points are at 4738 North Artesian, 2527 West Eastwood, and 2612 West Eastwood, and at Bloom Yoga, Ruff Haus and Rockwell Grill. There will be receptacles on the porches to collect food items.

For more information, including their most wanted list, check out the website at: commonpantry.org

Patti Huetteman

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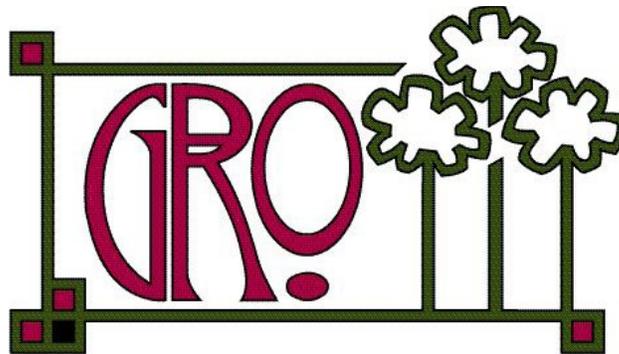
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**You're invited...
to the 2013 GRO Neighborhood Potluck!**

**Friday, April 5, 6:30 p.m.
Luther Memorial Church (Campbell & Wilson)**

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



Greater Rockwell Organization

Please bring a dish to share (about six servings)

If your last name begins with:

A-H bring a main dish

I-O bring a dessert

P-Z bring an appetizer

Please label your dish and list ingredients (for allergies)

**Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up. Please e-mail president@greaterrockwell.org
to volunteer.**

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

Indoor Flea Market

Saturday, April 20, 2013
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Luther Memorial Church
Wilson & Campbell

If you have “stuff” to sell, here’s your chance. We are looking for people who have ‘stuff’ to sell and would be interested in renting a table space at our indoor flea market. We will do the advertising, furnish a table with chairs, and arrange to have any leftover items you do not want to take home with you picked up after the sale. All you have to do is put them in a box and carry them to the designated spot. We will not have space for furniture. If you bring a TV, computer, printer, etc. you will not be able to leave those items if they do not sell.

Bakery goods and sloppy joes will be available. For more information and to register, contact Linda Miranda (lbak525@sbcglobal.net) or Diane Schulte (dianelaine45@gmail.com), or call 773-539-3018.

April Calendar

- 1 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 2 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 5 Friday, 6:30 p.m. GRO annual Potluck. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 10 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council.
- 15 TAX day
- 15 Manor Park Garden Club, 7:30 p.m. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 20 Saturday, Earth Day clean-up Jacob Playlot (9:00 a.m. -12m) Rockwell Crossing (1:00p.m.).
- 22 Monday, the real Earth Day
- 26 Thursday, Arbor Day

GRO Yard and Garage Sales Coming up in June!

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY April 20

Please join your neighbors and help clean and beautify Jacob Playlot (Leland/Virginia), the parking area by the CTA lot and the river bank from 9 to noon. This annual event is sponsored by the Friends of the Parks and is an ideal time for park-using families to have fun working together. The city-wide Clean & Green is the same day. We will meet at Rockwell Crossing at 1:00 p.m. for the usual sidewalk sweeping and cigarette-butt pick up. This is also a great day to clean corner gardens and alleys and get ready for another beautiful summer in our beautiful neighborhood.

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