

Welcome to New Friend of GRO

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GRO Yard and Garage
Sales Coming Up
June 11 & 12
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We are Clean & Green

Despite a forecast of all-day rain and cold, we had very successful spring clean ups. For the Friends of the Parks Earth Day Clean Up at Jacob Playlot, 16 adults and many children mulched trees, weeded, raked, pruned and picked up litter. Thanks to Les Kniskern, who brought his pick up truck for people to drop off electronics and hazardous waste which he took to Goose Island for proper disposal.

GRO volunteers and many Friends of Jacob Playlot families participated, including Hutcheson, Ranney, Linares, Perdoux, Weisz, Harrington and Snyder.

For the City-Wide Clean & Green, a few faithful volunteers cleaned the litter basket and picked up butts and winter debris at Rockwell Crossing.

Thanks for keeping our neighborhood
clean and beautiful!

Coming up at the May GRO Meeting: EveryBlock, Zoning Vote

Join us Tuesday, May 3, for the next Greater Rockwell Organization meeting. Our speaker will be Becca Martin, community and outreach manager for EveryBlock.com. She is responsible for leading the growth of the EveryBlock user community on EveryBlock.com and in real life through social media engagement, marketing and community outreach.

EveryBlock's mission is to help you make your block a better place, by giving you frequently updated neighborhood news, plus tools to have meaningful conversations with your neighbors. To learn more about EveryBlock, visit <http://chicago.everyblock.com>.

Also at the May 3 meeting, the organization will take a vote to determine whether or not it will support the zoning variances proposed for renovations at 2525 West Lawrence Avenue. This is a follow-up to discussions that took place at the April meeting. Details on the proposed zoning changes can be found at <http://www.greaterrockwell.org>.

The meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Church at Campbell and Wilson.

See you there!

32nd ANNUAL GRO YARD AND GARAGE SALES JUNE 11 & 12!

Are you overwhelmed by TOO MUCH STUFF? Well, now is the time to get rid of it.

Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure - besides being the ultimate recycle.

You get to get rid of old stuff and buy new stuff — how cool is that?

Signing up to sell your stuff during the GRO Yard and Garage Sales offers several advantages. The fee (\$5 for GRO members; \$10 for non-members) covers newspaper ads and a listing on the GRO flier, as well as the permit to sell on that day. Fliers will also be provided.

Posting signs on trees or utility posts is not permitted.

To sign up, email secretary@greaterrockwell.org with your name and address or call B. Tersch at 773-561-0794 by June 1

Cookies for Night Ministry

Luther Memorial Church makes 200 sack suppers every month, usually on the third Wednesday, either in the afternoon or evening, to be distributed on the following Thursday evening, as part of the Night Ministry's outreach to homeless youth at several locations on the North Side. The sack suppers offer a choice of three varieties of sandwiches, usually fruit and chips or soup in the winter and cookies!!

If you would like to help with cookies, please pack up two good sized cookies in a baggie, and drop them off at the church the week before. If you would like to make sandwiches for the sack suppers check to see the time for that month.

Every month the Ministry uses numerous loaves of bread, jars of Skippy peanut butter and jelly, and many packages of cheese, ham and turkey. If you would like to donate money toward the food, you can donate by writing a check to LMC and designating it for the night ministry.

For more information, call Bette Vidina, 773-267-5644

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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COMING UP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Horner Park Fundraiser

Thursday, May 5, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Red Lion

4749 North Rockwell

The Horner Park Advisory Council, (HPAC) is holding a mixer evening event of good food, good spirits and good neighbors. Proceeds of the event go directly to The Horner Park Advisory Council, which brings numerous events and beautification projects to the neighborhood such as the summer concert series, the river bank improvement project, and greening of Buffalo Park, Jacob Playlot and Sunken Garden. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$20 online at the HPAC web site, or can be purchased at the door for \$25. Reservations are limited. For more information and direct online ticketing, see www.HornerPark.org or call The Red Lion Lincoln Square, 773-654-1341

Manor Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

Saturday May 14

Luther Memorial Church

Wilson & Campbell

Ravenswood Manor Garage Sales

Sunday, May 15; 10:00 a.m.

Ravenswood Manor - west of the river, from Lawrence to Montrose

Come early for the best pickins; stay late for the best prices!

Boy Scout Troop 894 Dinner

Saturday, May 21; 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Queen of Angels

2330 West Sunnyside

Eat hearty at the Troop 894 mostaccioli dinner! The menu includes pasta, salad, bread, soft drinks, coffee and tea. Scouts will demonstrate their skills, a raffle will offer adults and kids items, and a bake sale will satisfy your sweet tooth. Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$4 for children/seniors on sale at the door. For more information, please contact QofATroop894@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting Troop 894

Wood Chips for Community

After mulching the trees at Jacob Playlot, we still have a large pile of wood chips left over. It is available for you to take for corner gardens, parkway trees (make sure to keep it away from the bark) and other public landscaping.



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Jacob Playlot Updates

A large rabbit was spotted at Jacob Playlot early Saturday morning before Easter. Later that morning, eager egg hunters swarmed the place to clean up all the eggs left behind. There was much speculation about the identity of the rabbit. Let's hope he/she comes back next year!

Many thanks to all the folks who supported last minute efforts, including a letter of support from GRO, for an application to the Park District to install an edible garden. In the end, an alternative plan was devised. Planning will be done online. For more up-to-date info contact jacob@groups.ohsowe.com or look for postings on www.ohsowe.com.

Nate Hutcheson

May 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, Campbell & Wilson**
- 8 **Sunday, all day. Mothers' Day**
- 10 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 14 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Manor Garden Club Plant Sale, Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 15 Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Ravenswood Manor Garage Sales, Ravenswood Manor; Brown Line Francisco stop
- 16 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 25 Wednesday, all day. National Senior Health & Fitness Day. Galter Center at Swedish Covenant Hospital, Foster & Francisco
- 30 Monday, all day Memorial Day

New to the Neighborhood?

If you are, or if you have new tenants or new neighbors who have moved into our community recently, a "Welcome Kit" available which contains fliers and information about the GRO area, Lincoln Square community and the 47th Ward. To obtain a copy, please call Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127 and leave your name, address and telephone number; also whether you have a secure mail slot where the kit can be deposited.

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