



May 2021

Save Your Ash Fundraiser

Neighbors, we still need your help! The ash trees in our parkways are in danger from an invasive bug called the Emerald Ash Borer. This bug is decimating the ash tree population and will likely succeed in killing all the ash trees in Chicago in the next three years if nothing is done.

Thankfully, there is a treatment that can protect the ashes. We are fundraising to save all the ash trees in our neighborhood - around 80 trees! A donation of \$100 would cover the treatment for one tree, which will keep that tree safe for three years. However, a donation of any value will help. If you have a tree in your parkway that you'd like to save and you can't afford the full treatment, please reach out. GRO is donating up to \$2,500 to supplement this fundraising effort.

While we hope that all 80 trees can be saved, an arborist will make the final determination regarding a tree's health. If you donated money to save a tree that is too sick to save, we will apply your donation to save a nearby, healthy ash tree. Having healthy trees in our neighborhood, regardless of location, benefits us all!

Visit bit.ly/gro-saveyourash to donate. Questions? Email Dana at vp@greaterrockwell.org or call/text (586) 248-4946.

FREE TREES from OpenLands

Do you need a parkway tree? Have you been waiting for the city to respond to your tree request for years? WAIT NO MORE! This fall, OpenLands will help GRO plant up to 40 FREE trees in our neighborhood parkways. The trees provided will be mostly large, urban-tolerant, native shade trees, such as oaks, northern catalpa, and Kentucky coffee trees, and they will be approximately two inches thick and ten feet tall.

The application deadline is June 1, so please reach out soon! While the trees are provided to neighbors at no cost, OpenLands asks folks who are able to contribute \$100 towards the planting of their tree. This allows OpenLands to protect natural and open spaces across our great city. If you're interested in having a tree planted this fall, please reach out to vp@greaterrockwell.org or call/text Dana at (586) 248-4946.

Rockwell Generosity

Thank you Greater Rockwell neighbors for supporting our Christmas gift drive for Lawrence Hall. Thanks to your incredible generosity we exceeded our expectations and filled up two cars with gifts for the youth and their families served by Lawrence Hall! Their CEO was overjoyed at the warmth from our community. We want to give a shout-out to the general manager of Rockwell's who made an additional donation to both Lawrence Hall and Toys for Tots. You all helped make Christmas a lot more merry for these children and families.

The **Rockwell Summer Party of 2020** could not take place in its usual fashion. In August we hired the Cielito Lindo mariachi band to create our **Mariachi MASK-erade on Leland**. The generosity of the neighbors resulted in just over \$1000 tips which GRO split with the band. Thank you all for coming out to enjoy and support this event!

The **Little Free Pantry** located at the Luther Memorial Church at 2500 W Wilson has received many food donations from our neighbors. Neighbors in need can stop and help themselves.

Neighborhood Safety

The next Beat Meeting for Beat 1911 is on May 18th at 6:30 PM. If you want to be an automatic notification list, email CAPS.019district@chicagopolice.org and request to be put on their list. If you are not sure of your beat - give them your address, and they can help you out. Reference the GRO calendar for future meetings.

Earth Day Clean Up - Thanks!

Jacob Park is looking better than ever thanks to the love it got on Saturday, April 24! Our beautification committee hosted this event as part of the annual and citywide Clean and Green. Twelve neighbors showed up to rake leaves, pick up trash, and mulch trees. Thanks so much for coming out!

Waters Elementary Big Night

Support our local elementary school and join the (virtual) party Saturday, May 22! All Big Night proceeds directly benefit Waters Elementary students. Parents hope to raise \$60,000 to help support the ecology, music, sports, science, and maker programs. For more information, visit:

<https://www.watertoday.org/bignight2021.html>

Spring & Summer Calendar

MAY

Saturdays - Free live stream yoga from Bloom Yoga, 4:30pm

Tuesdays - L.S. Farmer's Market, 7am - 1pm

Thursdays - L.S. Farmer's Market, 3pm - 7pm

18 - Beat Meeting for 1911 6:30pm - 7pm

JUNE

Thursdays - L.S. Farmer's Market, 3pm - 7pm

Tuesdays - L.S. Farmer's Market, 7am - 1pm

12-13 - GRO Garage & Yard Sales, 10am - 4pm

JULY

Tuesdays - L.S. Farmer's Market, 7am - 1pm

Thursdays - L.S. Farmer's Market, 3pm - 7pm

20 - Beat Meeting for 1911, 6:30pm - 7pm

AUGUST

Tuesdays - L.S. Farmer's Market, 7am - 1pm

Thursdays - L.S. Farmer's Market, 3pm - 7pm

21 - GRO Summer Party, 11am - 5pm

Local Business Updates

Best wishes to Joe and Sue of **The Red Lion**! Thank you for supporting GRO for so many years and for serving up such delicious food and cocktails. We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Jose and Andrea of **Sweet Pepper** opened just over a year before the pandemic, and sadly they were not able to sustain their business. We will miss their cheeriness and delicious arepas. Best wishes from GRO!

Eco & The Flamingo, located on the southwest corner of Rockwell and Leland, is Chicago's first zero waste general store! You can find bulk dry food, locally milled flours, tea, coffee and snacks, as well as eco-friendly cleaning supplies, health and beauty, home goods, gifts and more!

Goosefoot Food & Wine is an affordable food & wine retail store next to their beloved Michelin Star restaurant Goosefoot. Chris and Nina Nugent are the owners of this beautiful retail shop located in Lincoln Square. Goosefoot Food & Wine is offering a takeout menu of soup, salad, Homer's Ice Cream, and wine.

Monti's, home of Philly-style cheesesteaks, has temporarily relocated to 4131 N Rockwell for pick-up and delivery. They are remodeling their Talman location and plan to reopen soon.

Welcome New & Sustaining Members

Welcome **new members** of GRO:

- Jennifer Furibondo
- Karen & Jeff Phillips
- Kathryn Pfeiffer
- Sarah Quain
- Sarah Vandenplas
- Rachel Reichlin
- Jacqueline Enzerra
- Mark Mitchell
- Chariss Chockley

Thank you to our **sustaining members**, we sincerely appreciate your donation:

- Susan King & Anthony May
- Caitlin Martin & Aaron Greicius
- Mark & Mary Bookman
- Rick & Gerri Kaiser
- Stuart Lange

Let's Recycle Right

There are certain things that residents put into recycling carts that local facilities are NOT able to process. Please avoid including: Styrofoam, #6 plastics, plastic bags, padded envelopes, dirty items, garden debris, and clothing.

Please break down cardboard boxes, and make sure your cart lids close all the way. We can avoid feeding rodents and have tidy-looking alleys!

Corner Garden Available!

Become a GRO Corner Gardener! The garden located at the northwest corner of Campbell and Eastwood is available! Email gardens@greaterrockwell.org for more information

GRO GARAGE & YARD SALE

Saturday & Sunday, June 12 & 13, 2021

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

To participate, the registration fee is FREE to GRO Paid Members
\$5 for Non-members (for early registration before May 28)
\$10 for Non-members (for late registration after May 28)

To have your address added to the map, advertising, and to be included in the neighborhood permit, please email the following information to 2vp@greaterrockwell.org or drop off this completed registration form and fee (if applicable) at the Devrim Cleaner & Tailor on or before May 28th. Payments may also be submitted at our website: greaterrockwell.org

1. Name _____
2. Address _____
3. Phone number _____
4. Email address _____

Greater Rockwell Organization

We are a community group dedicated to making our neighborhood a safe and pleasant place to live. Tenants, homeowners, landlords, and business owners are welcome to join us in improving our community.

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