

New Friend of GRO

Sue Cahill

Special thanks to Westwood Liquors
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The GRO Challenge

June is a perfect month to "Bring a Friend to GRO." We encourage all of our members who've been thinking about attending a meeting, neighbors who are interested in finding out more about GRO, and all residents who might have a question about what we do at GRO to attend the JUNE meeting. Learn about Heartland Alliance, learn about GRO – and share ideas for the upcoming summer block party!

The Challenge?

Regular members are all encouraged to bring one new face to the GRO meeting.

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Coming Up at the GRO June meeting

Attend the GRO monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 3 for a special presentation from Heartland International Health Center. HIHC, an affiliate of Heartland Alliance, operates a network of community health centers in the north side of Chicago, and will be locating a facility in the Ravenswood/Lincoln Square Community. HIHC's executive team will be exploring ways to collaborate with GRO to expand health care in our community. Join us to learn more about Heartland International Health Centers and ask questions. More information about Heartland Alliance may be found at www.heartlandalliance.org.

Les Kniskern

29th Annual GRO Yard and Garage Sales June 7 and 8

As we say every year, it's time once again to:

- sell all the useless junk in your closet, garage, and basement
- buy really good useful junk from your neighbors
- put it in your closets, garage and basement

Contact Bea Tersch at 561-0794 or secretary@greaterrockwell.org by June 1 to sign up. The \$5 fee covers ads and sales flyers with your address on the list of sellers. GRO obtains permits for all sellers.

If you have just a few items, you can donate them to GRO to sell, and the money will go for one of GRO's projects.

Some tips:

- price everything so people don't have to ask
- have an extension cord so buyers can check appliances
- have lots of change on hand, as well as bags, and some newspapers for packing
- have a "free" box or table to draw browsers, and get rid of stuff that has limited appeal
- Take names & numbers for low offers, so you can call back if an item hasn't sold at the desired price
- HAVE FUN! :

BEWARE OF PET THEFT

Pet theft has become a real problem; stolen pets are used in unimaginable ways as "bait" to train fighting dogs, for live practice, for violent thrills, or even sold for research to unscrupulous dealers. Protect your pet:

- Never leave your pet tied outside a store it takes ten seconds to grab a pet. It's also illegal.
- Do not leave your pet alone in the car, even if it is locked.
- Do not leave your pet alone in your back yard
- Never allow your pets to roam streets and alleys unattended.
- Always keep your pet on a leash in a public area. Someone can jump out of a car and grab your off-leash pet. It's been done. It's also the law.
- Always make sure that your child is accompanied by a responsible adult when walking the dog.
- When you have to leave your pet, make sure it is in the care of someone who is as careful as you would be, and will follow your rules.
- Always report pet theft to the police: call 311 to file a report or 911 if the theft is in progress.

Green Homes Workshop
June 16th, 6-8 p.m.
Welles Park Field House
2333 W. Sunnyside Avenue

Join the Ravenswood Community Council, Alderman Gene Schulner and the 47th Ward at the Green Homes Workshop

Kirk Fox from Helios Green Realty and Bradley Leibov from Terra Firma Co. will discuss simple steps residents can take to make their homes more eco-friendly. Representatives from the City of Chicago Dept. of Environment, Dept. of Buildings and Dept. of Streets and Sanitation will be on-hand to answer questions

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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TASTE OF TALLULAH'S

We've included a review from a roving restaurant reviewer. He drove from Indiana to dine in Lincoln Square, and here's what he had to say about Tallulah.

Recently I visited Tallulah on Lincoln Avenue, and was ever so pleasantly surprised to find it definitely a destination restaurant, rather than a neighborhood eatery. The setting is simple, but nicely done, and the food and presentation of food were impressive.

The starters chosen by both my companion and me were generously proportioned and attractively plated. I chose bulgogi pork belly with kimchee, which was very tasty and artistically set out. My companion's beet salad was presented very stylishly and was reportedly excellent. Similarly, her artichoke napoleon and my lamb loin were well prepared and picturesquely presented.

And the desserts! My choice was an ancho chile chocolate mousse cake, an unusual combination of flavors, and very tasty. My companion, who has eaten creme brulee in many states and several countries pronounced the crust on her chai creme brulee the perfect thickness. (who knew?).

Service seemed a trifle rushed, perhaps an economic necessity. Prices are moderate, and less than I had expected; the bill for two (starters, entrees, desserts and a glass of wine each) was about one hundred dollars. Even with the price of gas, I'll be back.

Peter McAnally.

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This month's editor is
Sara Spitz

KIDS ARE US!

With the proliferation of child-friendly services, products and activities, it looks like the median age in our community has decreased substantially.

A Green Children's Boutique

Little Green Baby offers children's wear and products that are safe and earth friendly. Owner Kim Gayeski coordinates monthly gatherings such as story time, play dates and mom get togethers in her kid safe store. Little Green Baby carries many other earth friendly products for families to use and enjoy. 4654 North Rockwell Street, 773-505-2066
www.littlegreenbabychicago.com

Yoga Camp

Bloom Yoga Studio will be offering a kid's yoga summer camp from July 7 - 11. Kids ages 5 - 10 will participate in traditional yoga practices, play games and do crafts to learn the concepts of yoga. Bloom's other offerings include classes geared toward mothers, families and pregnant women. 4663 North Rockwell Street, 773-463-YOGA
www.bloomyogastudio.com

A Portrait Boutique

From the photos on display and the uniquely comfortable feel of the storefront, Jill Liebhaber's jookie is no ordinary photo studio. Children, maternity and family portraiture become art on gallery wrapped canvases, behind cool frames and in custom photo jewelry. 4656 North Rockwell Street, 773-463-5665
www.jookiephoto.com

Children's Clothing Resale

Lincoln Square now has a resale shop specializing in children's wear. Thrifty Baby Boutique offers gently used clothing, accessories and toys for newborns, young children and all ages in between. Call the store for information on in-store events and children's activities. 4546 N Western Avenue, 773-907-3000
www.thriftybabyboutique.com

Hip Footwear

Piggy Toes is a European shoe boutique offering stylish, high quality children's shoes, boots, socks and other accessories. Designers include: Aster, Buckle My Shoe, D&G, Puma, Enzo, Geox, Mod 8, Naturino, Nimi, Oilily, Roberto Cavalli, and Shoe Be Doo. 4548 N Western Avenue, 773-878-1122
www.ptoes.com

An Intro to Music

The Old Town School of music offers a wide variety of classes and programs for kids of all ages. Younger children, 6 months to 3 years, participate in the popular Wiggleworms music program. Older kids, ages 11-15, can participate in Teen Summer Slam -- with classes such as guitar, underground filmmaking, and urban street dancing. 4544 N Lincoln Avenue, 773-728-6000

GRO Corner Gardens

The GRO Board has decided not to order compost for the corner gardens for this season.

Instead, the funds will be used to repair three coner gardens structures. (also, curtailing parking on streets after all the water/sewer constructions was, well, just not neighborly.

If you would like to adopt a coner garden, or help with the corner gardens, come to the June GRO meeting, and find out how. I

June Calendar

- 2 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 3 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 7/8 **Saturday & Sunday, All day. GRO Yard & Garage Sales**
- 10 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 14 Saturday, Flag Day
- 15 Sunday, Fathers' Day
- 16 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 16 Monday, 6:00 p.m. Green Home Event (see page .2.)

Farmers' Market Days began Tuesday, June 10 at Lincoln and Leland

Want to be kept up-to-date on what's going on in GRO?

Visit our website at

www.greaterrockwell.org

and remember to sign up for GROnews neighborhood e-mail announcements.

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 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