

Welcome to New Members

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Farmers Markets begin !

June 3 for Tuesday Market;
7:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

June 5 for Thursday night Market

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COMING UP: 35th Annual Yard and Garage Sales

June 14 & 15, 10 a.m - 4 p.m.

Have you done your spring cleaning yet? This is your opportunity to recycle your extra stuff — and even make money on it! You hold your own sale and keep the profits. GRO does the advertising (with your help) and gets the necessary city permits.

Go through all those closets, the drawers, pantries, shelves, basement, garage, and let go. Letting go means that at the end of the sale, all of the left overs should be redistributed.

Here are some tips for a successful sale as well as a fun day. (hint: a pitcher of sangria and a friend make the day really fun):

For your sale, you'll need: bags, some tables or shelves to display your wares, sticky tags for prices, a marking pen (to mark prices), change and small bills, an apron with pockets, or something with large pockets so you can keep your \$\$ with you. Be sure to lock your doors, and remove anything that might walk off while you are not looking.

Have a free item with purchase or really cheap table, serve ice tea, candy, have drastic mark downs at 3:00 on Sunday, or by the bag. **Get Rid Of It.**

When the fun is all over, consider giving what is left to a shelter. You can drop off clothing and small

household items, or they may pick up if you have enough. There's also the Salvation Army, Purple Heart, or the Brown Elephant. The Bottomless Closet, 445 N. Wells, Chicago, takes business and office casual clothing for women transitioning back into work; as does Goldies on Lincoln Avenue.

The cost to participate in the sales is \$10 or free with GRO membership renewals. Sign up before June 8.

Call Emily at 847-507-5366 or email: vp@GreaterRockwell.org.

Even if you're not selling, come by to shop!

GRO Corner Gardeners Corner

Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace.-- May Sarton

Much has happened since last month in the corner gardens of our neighborhood. Weeds have been pulled, compost has been mixed in, mulch has gone down, seeds have been planted, and things are beginning to grow!

And we have new some new people in the ranks of corner gardeners: Lynn Fogarty and her family; Sarah Hicks; Melissa McGowan and her family; Kelly Shermach; and Jessica Sylvester. On behalf of GRO, your neighbors, and countless passersby, thank you all! And thank you to Mike Cornwall, who has been tending the southwest corner at Campbell and Eastwood for a number of years, but who was not mentioned in the May newsletter.

The southeast corner of Artesian and Wilson is still in need of some TLC. If you're interested in having that corner for your own, or in helping out with other coners, please contact GRO Corner garden committee chair Shonagh Merits, at gardens@greaterrockwell.org or (312) 208-3130. Over the summer the GRO website will be expanded to include photos and information on what's growing and blooming in the various corners. Gardeners – start taking pictures!

Shonagh Merits

Histories, Mysteries, Tall Tales and Colorful Characters

This tour brings the human interest stories to light: the famous people who lived here, the speakeasy past, the vision of the developer and other tales of the Manor. Many of the Manor myths will be illuminated, so come out to hear the research team confirm or question our Tall Tales.

The tour is free. Registration begins Saturday, May 31st at 10.00am at eventbrite.com. Follow this link Sat to register: www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-tour-histories-mysteries-tall-tales-and-colorful-characters-tickets-9601427127

For more information on tours, go to the RMIA Walking Tours page: ravenswoodmanor.com/centennial/walking-tours/

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CHUBBY WIENER AND THE HISTORY OF THE CHICAGO HOT DOG

You can take your deep dish pizza and your wet Italian beef sandwich. The beloved staple of Chicago fast food for nearly a century was the simple hot dog. Until twenty-something years ago you couldn't go a mile without bumping into a hot dog stand. A "stand" was a shack, or a trailer or a tiny storefront, with bare minimal accommodations or none at all, even seats. According to legend the original Fluky's on Maxwell Street was a shack that went up overnight on a public sidewalk, cleverly enveloping a water hydrant, which provided running water.

In the dim golden age before Fast Food Amerika chains took over, the hot dog stand WAS Chicago's fast food, cheap and of reasonably good quality, traditionally offering a kosher hot dog from Vienna Beef or Best's or Kosher Zion, a poppy seed bun from Mary Anne, radioactive green relish, onion, mustard, pickle, celery salt, maybe a pepper or two. With fries and a drink, you could scarcely spend \$5.00 if you wanted to. Usually the owner had an accent. They had silly names like Mustard's Last Stand, Relish the Thought, Super Dawg, or just the owner's name. There used to be one such tiny place on Rockwell across from the El station.

The spread of fast food franchises killed off most of them. You children may find it hard to believe but in my youth, the 60's, when dinosaurs roamed the earth, there were only a few, mainly KFC and Mickey D, and even they had only a handful of outlets. It was the endless wave of Wendys, BKs, Subways and their ability to generate a bucket-o-stuff in the time it took to load up a single dog that wiped out most of the stands. A hardy handful survive, tough ones like Suzy's on Montrose, Byron's on Lawrence, Budacki's on Damen.

Surprisingly the new millennium has brought a new phenomenon — the gourmet hot dog establishment. Some wizard figured out that if people will pay \$30 for a gourmet pizza and \$150 for a nouveau cuisine dinner of a puddled reduction of veal medallions topped with fava beans and drizzled with a fennel-based sauce (editor's note: as far as we can tell no such menu item exists in the real world), somebody should be willing to pay \$8.00 for hand-crafted artisanal sausages with upscale toppings and \$3.00 for a side of hand-cut fries cooked in duck fat. Thus was born the excellent Hot Doug's on California, Westminster downtown, Frank's 'n' Dawgs near north.

Which brings us to Chubby Wiener, right across from the Western El station. Despite the name there are any number of thumbs-up, four-star, top-notch, gimme-one-right-now dogs on the menu that even a grim traditionalist like me (mustard, celery salt, pickle and grilled-onions-if-you-got-em) admits are wonderful, with fresh toppings like grilled pineapple, blue cheese, chili, citrus-chipotli sauce and everyone's fave — bacon. Add three different kinds of French fries, two of which are excellent (no, I'm not telling; do some of the work yourself), and one doesn't even have to look at the quality burgers and other items to know that the GRO neighborhood has added another wiener to the mix.

Bon appetit!

abbey botkin

In the 'Hood

Dank Haus

May - June 2014
A City Divided

Once there were two Berlins, one city cut in half by a wall. On the 25th anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall award winning photographer Kai Wiedenhofer aims to illuminate the psychology of borders, to raise questions and probe our experiences.

Monday — Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or by appointment. Free and open to the public.

Ravenswood Manor Concerts Manor Park (Francisco el stop)

Opening Night Friday June 13:
7:00 p.m. Greg Pasenko Group:
A dynamic vocalist and a master guitarist. www.gregpasenko.com

8:00 p.m. Diane Delin, Chicago-based jazz violinist dianedelin.com

June 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**
- 10 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 14/15 Saturday & Sunday. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. GRO Yard and Garage Sales
- 15 Sunday. Fathers Day.
- 16 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 17 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Beat 1911 Meeting, Kindred Hospital, Montrose & Rockwell
- 21 Saturday. First day of summer

Summer concerts in Giddings Plaza begin Thursday, June 5

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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

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