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GRO GARAGE AND YARD SALES JUNE 11 AND 12

It's that time of year again; time to empty the cabinets and closets of their clutter, scour out the basement of those old souvenirs and Christmas gifts just begging for a new home. That's right, it's time for the annual GRO Garage & Yard Sales - Saturday & Sunday, June 11th & 12th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. It's your opportunity to turn baser metals into gold!!! And, back by popular demand, our Saturday, after sale social hour or two at the Red Lion for GRO sellers & buyers alike.

"What do I need to do to join in the fun?" you might ask. To have your address added to the map and advertising of participating locations, be included in the neighborhood permit, and get in on the free eats at the Red Lion on

Saturday you must 1) be a current member of GRO, or 2) join GRO if your membership has lapsed or you are new to the organization, or 3) pay an entrance fee to participate in the sales. You can use the registration form on the back page, or if you prefer, here's a link to the registration form (<http://www.greaterrockwell.org/>) which will tell you everything you need to know to sign up. Just print it out and drop it at one of the convenient locations, snail-mail it to our PO Box, or PayPal it from the PayPal link on the left side. If you are using PayPal you need to tell us who you are and the address of your sale on the memo line.

This is a favorite neighborhood event. Even if you aren't inclined to do a sale yourself, come on out and check out what other people are offering. We had 50 participating households last year. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, renew old friendships, enjoy the fine June weather, and find that diamond in the rough.

June Calendar

- 5 Sunday. Deadline to register for GRO Garage & Yard Sales
- 6 Monday, 7:00 p.m Horner Park Advisory Council, Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 7 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Wilson & Campbell**

- 11 & 12 Saturday & Sunday. GRO Garage & Yard Sales

- 14 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council
Gross Park fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 19 Sunday. Fathers' Day

**Farmers' Markets begin June 7 for Tuesday market;
June 9 for Thursday evening market!**

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Extraordinaire: Gabriel Donnelly

Gabriel Donnelly is a long-time GRO Newsletter distributor who not only brings it to all people who deliver it on their own or nearby blocks, but also covers his own block. He surely deserves a great big THANK YOU from GRO. Gabriel is a freshman at the St. Ignatius College Prep School and has been recognized with "Honors with Distinction" for maintaining a grade point average of at least 3.83. He was featured on the front page of the Queen of Angels Church Bulletin a couple of months ago. Both his Mom and Dad are active parishioners at Queens

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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.GRO HAWAIIAN LUAU A PIG SUCCESS!

On April Fool's Day, anybody who strolled into the gym at Luther Memorial Church could have thought (if he was exceptionally gullible) that he was at a luau in Honolulu.

This year's GRO potluck had a Hawaiian theme. There was Hawaiian music, a lei for every guest, tiki decorations and a limbo contest, and most impressive of all, a huge, delicious, roast suckling pig, with an apple in its mouth and ready to be eaten. The crowd, many of whom were wearing tastefully (and in some cases, not so much) flowered shirts, had a wonderful evening (except for the pig).

Special thanks must go to the coordinating founders of the feast, Joetta and Bill King and to Josh Thalheimer, who also did most of the carving. The event was worth it just for the illustrated posters done by Bill. Next GRO special event-- the neighborhood garage and yard sales!!!!
Abbey Botkin

CORNER GARDEN CORNER

GRO is looking for someone to chair the corner garden committee. Duties are light: make sure all corners have a gardener each year; maintain contact info for all gardeners; write a few blurbs for the newsletter; provide a periodic report to the GRO Board. Terms are usually two years. Questions? Please contact vp@greaterrockwell.org or 312.208.3130 for more details.

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" with fliers and information about the GRO area, Lincoln Square community and the 47th Ward is available. To obtain a copy, please call Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127 and leave your name, address and telephone number; also whether a secure mail slot where the kit can be deposited is available

COMING UP AT THE JUNE GRO MEETING

The GRO speaker for June will be Sarah Makela, Executive Director of GROW Community. She will be talking about the GROW Community Organization (catchy name that). GROW Community seeks the creation of a comprehensive neighborhood k-12 school system on the North Side anchored by Amundsen and Lake View high schools. This would be an alternative to selective enrollment schools in the areas of the 40th, 44th, & 47th wards. GROWCommunity is a non-profit organization, a spin-off of efforts begun at Alderman Pawar's office

LOOKING TO CUT UTILITY COSTS?

The July GRO meeting will feature a presentation on Smart Thermostats.

Smart Thermostats can revolutionize the way you use energy. These devices cut heating and cooling costs, while at the same time, benefit our environment. ComEd, Peoples Gas, North Shore Gas, and Nicor Gas are currently offering rebates of up to \$120. These Wi-Fi-enabled thermostats allow you to control heating and air conditioning from your smartphone while also adapting to your behavior and schedule, which generates energy savings automatically. The two products eligible for the rebate are the ecobee3 and the Nest Learning Thermostat, and you can buy and install one yourself or schedule a free home energy assessment during which an energy advisor will install one for you. To learn more about the financial and environmental benefits of smart thermostats, or more about how you can save money on home energy bills, visit <http://elpc.org/smartthermostatsinfo/>. Better yet, come to the July GRO meeting and learn more.

GRO READER SURVEY RESULTS

Congratulations to the following four survey respondents, who each won a \$15 Amazon gift card: Ginny Daut, Karen Demas, Angee Koeppe Dionna Rilling.

Thanks again to all who participated.

Yard and Garage Sale Registration Form
June 11 and 12, 2016 Rain or Shine



Greater Rockwell Organization

Advance registration is required for your address to be included in the event map and publicity. Non-members registering early save \$5!

Name: _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Registration fee is waived for GRO members.

Member _____ free Non-member (before June 5) _____ \$10 Non-member (June 6 and after) _____ \$15

I plan to attend the Saturday evening event at the Red Lion _____

GRO representatives will collect \$15 the day of from all participants who do not register.

Join GRO and your registration fee will be waived!

	Individual - \$20
	Family - \$30
	Senior (≥ 65) - \$10
	Senior Family - \$15
	Sustaining - \$50
	Business and/or Friends of GRO (living outside GRO area) - \$20 Extra \$ for the Corner Gardens?

Make checks payable to GRO. Mail them to P.O. Box 25561, Chicago IL 60625, or drop them off at either Ruff Haus Pets (4652 N. Rockwell Street) or The Red Lion Lincoln Square (4749 N. Rockwell Street). Payment can also be made via Paypal (<http://www.greaterrockwell.org/>).