

Food Drive Collection July
20-22; drop off non-perishables
in collection bins at 4738 N.
Artesian and 2527 W. Eastwood,

Save the Date!!! August 25 for the GRO Block Party!

Volunteers needed for setup, clean-
up, and what have you. Please
e-mail president@greaterrockwell.org
to volunteer.

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Jacob Playlot Update

Thanks to everyone who circulated and signed the petition to the CTA. More than 250 physical signatures were collected from residents of the neighborhood as well as 192 online (Thanks to Sarah Reiser for setting it up), requesting that CTA president Forest Claypool explore options to allow the land to remain in public ownership, ideally as expanded space for Jacob Playlot. We have found out that no bids to purchase it were submitted before the May 30 deadline. Alderman Pawar and Alderman O'Connor have been looking into the use of TIF funds and other possible sources to purchase the land from the CTA.

Tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, kale, watermelon, pumpkin, zucchini, basil, and raspberries have been planted so park users can watch them grow. If something looks ripe, feel free to harvest it, and share it with others if you can. Thanks to Les Kniskern and Whole Foods for donating many of the plants.

If you're interested in getting involved with the gardening or park improvement, please email hutcheson.nate@gmail.com.

HARDWARE STORE OPENS

Matty K's Hardware Store at 4874 N. Lincoln, near Lincoln & Ainslie, opened its doors in November 2011 and held a grand opening celebration in April. The independent store is comparable to the Ace Hardware it replaced, having a wide spectrum of tools, household and garden merchandise. Ace is open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week.

Owner Matt Kollar (pronounced KOH-ler) opened the hardware store as a second business and an extension of his theater business. He owns Left Wing Scenic building company, which builds stage sets for Remy Bumpo, NEIU theater department, House Cedar Company, Steppenwolfe Theatre Company, Goodman Theatre and others. Left Wing Scenic has been in operation for over ten years and scenic carpentry is how Mr. Kollar became involved in the hardware business.

"We're really excited to be a part of the neighborhood," said Mr. Kollar. "If any groups or people want to meet, we can open the back room. If there are any classes people want to hold or attend, we're open to suggestions." On the agenda is a beer making tutorial for adults in August as well as classes for kids in July. Stop in to the store to see listed classes and pick up a printed copy of the class schedule.

GRO DINES OUT

Want to have breakfast in New Orleans (N'awlins) or dinner in NYC? At Jimmy's Pizza Cafe it's possible. Recently, I stopped by Jimmy's to pick up some dinner to take home.

Hot fluffy beignets, made to order, await you at Jimmy's. They are so hot you have to wait to eat them or you can even take them home – they will still be warm even after you finish eating your slice of pizza (at least mine was). There are three in an order. Each contains a perfect pocket of air and lavished with enough powdered sugar so you always have some left over (I swear there was a 1/2 cup of sugar on my first order). To accompany these marvels, Jimmy serves local Intelligentsia coffee in many forms: lattes, cappuccinos, drip, etc.. What better way to start your morning . . . or wrap up an evening?!?

If you're hungry for real food, you

July 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**
- 4 Independence Day - Put out your flag!
- 10 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 16 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club, Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 17 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Beat 1911 Beat Meeting NEW LOCATION: Chase Park 4701 N. Ashland
- 17 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. gardening workshop, ALderman Pawar's office 4243 N. Lincoln
- 20-22 Common Pantry Food Drive (see front page for drop-off locations)

won't be disappointed in a slice from Jimmy's. Choices range from a traditional pepperoni to a white pizza with ricotta. Some of the pies take you back to your childhood and others look like a work of art. The crust is satisfying – thin with just enough chewiness. Ingredients give you a lot of choices: kalamata olives, fresh tomato slices, oven roasted red peppers, fresh basil, etc. and all the old favorites like sausage, pepperoni and mushroom.

You can eat in, take out, or order for delivery, and prices are reasonable. Jimmy's is on the southeast corner of Foster and Lincoln. They have seating for up to 18 people. Parking is in the back (entrance on Foster). Don't miss this perfect eclectic mix. They do only a few things, but what they do, they do very well. *5159 North Lincoln Avenue. 773 293-6992. Hours: Tue-Thu, Sun 9 am -10 pm; Fri-Sat 9 am -11 pm.*

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