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**Welcome to New Members**  
Whitney Evans & Mark Lang  
John & Michele Hart  
**Welcome to New Friends of GRO**  
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Karen Howe  
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## IT'S BLOCK PARTY TIME!

GRO members and nonmembers alike are invited to the annual  
GRO Block Party!

**Saturday, August 5**  
**2:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Leland Ave. between Rockwell and Campbell**

COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AT AN OLD-FASHIONED **BBQ!**

GRO provides the hamburgers, hotdogs, and fixings.  
You bring a side dish or dessert for six people. If your last name  
begins with:

**A-M** bring a **dessert**

**N-Z** bring a **side dish**

Please label your dish and list its ingredients (some may  
have allergies)

**Entertainment** will include: Balloon Creations, Magic Tricks, Face  
Painting, a demonstration by the Degerberg Academy of Martial Arts,  
a visit from the Chicago Mounted Police, Jumping Jack for the kids,  
and more!

Please note: No parking on Leland between Rockwell and Campbell  
after 11:00 a.m., Saturday morning, August 5. The street is to re-open  
at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 6  
**MANORBASH!!**  
Ravenswood Manor Park  
Manor & Eastwood  
Entertainment starts at 11:30 a.m.  
Free of Charge  
Information: 773/463-8166 or  
773/271-7127

**Monday, August 21**  
**GRO NIGHT at the GRILL**  
**Dine with your neighbors**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Rockwell's Grill**  
**Rockwell & Eastwood**

## Update from Waters

The Waters Today group of parents and neighbors has continued to work closely with Waters to bring resources and ideas to our neighborhood elementary school. For Fall 2006, the group has helped increase enrollment in the kindergarten and a new tuition-based Pre-K. Even during the summer, a lot is happening at Waters.

### New Principal

Principal Tomas Revollo retired at the end of the 2005/2006 school year. Mr. Revollo helped bring many external resources to the school over the years and developed the noteworthy Fine Arts program and reading enrichment programs at Waters. Tests scores at the school have risen steadily over the last several years, as a result.

Taking his place will be Ms. Titia

Kipp. She was previously the Assistant Principal at Waters and was voted in enthusiastically by the LSC. She's eager to attract new families to Waters and has many great ideas planned for the upcoming year.

### Waters Is Awarded an HP Technology Grant

Waters Elementary has received a grant from Hewlett Packard for the 2006/07 school year and is the only elementary school in Chicago to receive this grant. The team of five teachers who wrote the grant will be heading up a project called Eliminating E-Waste: Recycling Our Way to Global Citizenship. This project will incorporate technology, science, math and art in an effort to broaden environmental awareness in students and involve the larger Waters community.

### Waters Becomes a Demonstration Center for Literacy Training

National Louis University has approached Waters School with an opportunity to become a Demonstration Center for Literacy Training this fall. This demonstration status will allow teachers from other schools to observe best teaching practices and to utilize these in their own classrooms. It is an

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## Current Eats

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opportunity to see teaching and reading strategies in action so that teachers can get a better understanding of how the strategies are implemented in the classroom.

### **Waters 8th Grade Students Campaign for Green Grass . . . and Get It!**

Every year the Waters 8th Grade Class creates a Legacy Project. The goal of the project is to leave something “behind” for future students to enjoy. This year the 8th graders have outdone themselves. They decided to replace the asphalt surrounding the school with a grassy field, which will improve the school grounds as well as the entire neighborhood.

### **Get Involved**

There are many opportunities to help Waters School continue to flourish. A thriving neighborhood school is an important part of a vital community. Please consider getting involved, even if you don't have children who attend the school. It's a great way to meet your neighbors in Ravenswood Gardens and Ravenswood Manor! Visit [WatersToday.org](http://WatersToday.org) for more information.

REBECCA LABOWITZ

## Second Time's the Charm for Latitude

The folks behind 42° N. Latitude have a story to tell. Luckily for us, it has a happy (and delicious!) ending. The tale begins in August 2004, when Latitude opened after a lengthy gut renovation, taking over the corner of Lincoln and Sunnyside, previously the location of Woodrow's bar. Things took a turn when the chef hung up his apron in January of the following year. Up until this point, Latitude offered uninspired, mediocre menu items. The departure left manager Mark Guarracino and owner Kurt Warnstedt with the valuable opportunity to spruce up the menu by bringing in a new chef—a new chapter! Enter John Barton of Zest and Atlantique fame. A classically trained chef, John takes “Contemporary American” to a new level.

A recent lunchtime visit featured a Maryland Crabcake Benedict so decadent, the meaty crabcakes were a satisfying meal in themselves—the velvety hollandaise sauce was the frosting on these cakes. We marveled over the gazpacho topped with cilantro foam—the foam, administered by a traditional whipped cream canister, tempered the soup's subtle spice and added cilantro's unique flavor.

On a separate visit, we kicked off dinner with thick slices of cornmeal-crust green tomatoes. Our main course included chicken stuffed with peas and cheese with creamed leaks in lemon-thyme sauce—definitely not pub grub! The papardelle, studded with mushrooms, asparagus and spinach, was relished by someone who normally does not consider a meal complete unless some form of meat accompanies it. We found room for the smores brownie—a chocolate graham cracker brownie topped with bruleed marshmallows. This is not a regular menu item, so if you see it, order it regardless of how full you are.

Latitude also offers a vast selection of beer and wines—ask about their Beer of the Month. Reservations accepted for 5 or more. Nice patio on Sunnyside as opposed to Lincoln—no danger of breathing bus exhaust while dining. Latitude is located at 4500 N. Lincoln. 773-907-2226

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### **GRO Garden Walk**

Sunday, September 10, 2006

Meet at 2:30 PM at 4742 N. Virginia Avenue, back yard, to join your neighbors on a group tour of some GRO area gardens.

RSVP to: Mary Conway, [mary.conway@comcast.net](mailto:mary.conway@comcast.net), 773-907-8502

If you want to include your garden on the walk, please contact Mary Conway at [mary.conway@comcast.net](mailto:mary.conway@comcast.net) or at 773-907-8502 by **September 1**. Please provide your name, phone number, and address of your garden.

## SUPPORT GRO—JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!

Membership is a great way to show your support for the work of GRO:

- Award-winning corner gardens
- Monthly GRO newsletter—circulation 1,500
- Graffiti removal program
- GROnews—e-mail alerts and community news
- Annual block party and pot luck dinner
- Information on community issues at monthly meetings
- Advocacy of community interests

To support the cost of these activities, the GRO board recently voted for a dues increase; new rates can be found on the application form below. Please note: If you would like to vote in the October election of officers, your membership must be paid prior to the September 5, 2006 membership meeting.

## August Calendar

- 1 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting.** Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 5 **Saturday, 2-10 p.m. GRO Block Party.** Leland Ave. between Rockwell & Campbell
- 6 Sunday, 11:30 a.m. Manor Bash. Ravenswood Manor Park, Manor & Eastwood
- 7 Monday, 7 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 8 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 14 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave.
- 16 Wednesday, 7 p.m. Ravenswood Garden Club. Sulzer Library, 4445 N. Lincoln Ave.
- 21 **Monday, 7 p.m. GRO Night at the Grill.** Rockwell's Grill, Rockwell & Eastwood

Rockwell Crossing Fitness Challenge, Saturdays, 9 a.m.

Farmers Market every Tuesday, Western el station

Lincoln Square Concert Series, Thursdays, 7 p.m. Giddings Plaza, 4731 N. Lincoln

Welles Park Concert Series, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., 2333 W. Sunnyside

Manor Park Concert Series, Sundays, 7:00 p.m., Manor & Eastwood

Coming Up: GRO Garden Walk, September 10

### Garage space for rent

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Available August 1 — \$90 per month

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This month's editor is  
Tracy Bartholomew

New member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

### GRO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Work Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Categories (circle one): Individual \$20 Family \$30 Senior \$10 Senior Family \$15 Sustaining \$50

Business \$50 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**