

Did you save the Date?

Annual GRO Neighborhood Party

Saturday August 24

Details Inside!

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School Supply Drive

Collection for local families in need through partnership with the Common Pantry and Ravenswood Community Services.

Drop off at 47th Ward Office, 4243 North Lincoln Ave.
July 29 – August 19

Needed Items:

- Backpacks
- Pens & Pencils
- Loose-Leaf Paper & Sketchpads
- Spiral Notebooks & Folders
- Glue Sticks & Tape
- Colored Pencils, Crayons, & Paints
- Erasers & Rulers
- Pencil Boxes & Pouches
- Hand Sanitizer, Kleenex, & Paper Towels
- Scientific & Pocket Calculators
- Pocket Dictionaries
- Pencil Sharpeners & Scissors
- USB Drives & Staplers
- 3-Ring Binders & Index Cards
- Markers & Highlighters

In the 'hood

Summer Concerts Contibue!

Thursdays until August 29

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Giddings Plaza @ N. Lincoln and W. Giddings

August 8: Flat Cats - Swing

August 15: Melanie Budd - Pop Country

August 22: Check with Lucy -Americana

August 29: Drop Steady - Reggae

Membership Reminder

GRO Memberships are due for renewal by September 30!

You will have an opportunity to renew at the neighborhood party, or drop your renewal off at Ruffhaus Pets.

Pigeons: Friend or Foe?

Everyone seems to hate pigeons – you're fined if you feed them, and the el stations have contraptions to keep them from landing near the el platforms, but next time you find yourself cursing them, you might want to think about this:

Pigeon waste is useful. Although pigeon poo is now seen as a major problem for property owners, it was considered to be an invaluable resource in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries in Europe. Pigeon poop was a highly prized fertilizer and considered to be far more potent than farmyard manure. So prized, in fact, that armed guards were stationed at the entrances to dovecotes (pigeon houses) to stop thieves stealing it!

Pigeons saved lives. In both the first and second World Wars carried messages across enemy lines. Pigeons were carried on ships in convoys and in the event of a U-boat attack a messenger pigeon was released with details of the location of the sinking ship, in many cases leading to survi-


vors being rescued and lives saved. The birds played a vital role in intelligence gathering and were used extensively behind enemy lines where the survival rate was only 10%. In the Second World War pigeons were used less due to advances in telecommunications, but the birds relayed invaluable information back to the allies about the German V1 and V2 Rocket sites on the other side of the Channel.

Just be glad you weren't born a pigeon!

Picky People Pick Us!

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NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY!!!
Saturday, August 24
2 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Leland Ave. between Rockwell and Campbell
EVERYONE IS INVITED

COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AT THE ANNUAL GRO BBQ!

GRO provides the hamburgers, hotdogs, and fixings.

You may bring a side dish to share (enough for 6):

If your last name begins with:

A-M bring a side dish

N-Z bring a dessert

Entertainment:

Games, raffle prizes

3:30 p.m. musical guests Mulligan Stew

6 p.m. take a whack at the PINATA

8 p.m. thanks and good night!

Please remove your cars from Leland by noon

Streetwise GRO

...or how your neighborhood streets came to have their names (A series on the origin of the street names within the Greater Rockwell neighborhood)

Rockwell Street: Named for John A. Rockwell, a real estate man who in 1871 developed land along both sides of Rockwell Street, one block in either direction, north and south of Madison Street.

Washtenaw Avenue: Named for Washtenaw County, Michigan. Washtenaw was the Algonquin Indian name for the settlement of Detroit, meaning "the place of the round or curved channel" or "river that is not far off."

Sources: Streetwise Chicago: a History of Chicago Street Names by Don Hayner and Tom McNamee and the Chicago History Museum's online database of all the streets in Chicago.

Tracy Bartholomew

August Calendar

- 5 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 6 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 6 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Global Garden Story Time. 3000 W Lawrence
- 14 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & Campbell
- 20 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Beat 1911 Meeting. Kindred Hospital, Rockwell & Montrose
- 22 Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Music, Global Garden, 3000 W. Lawrence
- 24 Saturday, 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. GRO Neighborhood Party Leland & Rockwell

Special Thanks to Mr. Lee and Westwood Liquors for continuous and generous support of GRO

Proper Disposal of Outdated Meds

Becker Professional Pharmacy in the 4700 block of N. Western Avenue no longer accepts outdated medications for disposal. You can now drop off outdated meds anytime at the 19th District Police Station, NW corner of Belmont & Western Avenues (use Belmont Avenue entrance).

Memberships run from October 1 through September 30

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 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

Make your check payable to GRO and bring it to 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