

GRO
STREET PARTY
COMING UP
AUGUST 23

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Volunteers needed
for the Street Party!

contact Patti Huetteman
president@greaterrockwell.org
or come to the August 5 meeting

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Shakespeare in the Park!

Now appearing at a
venue near us!

Midsommer Flight production of
"Much Ado About Nothing"

Gross Park
Lawrence & Washtenaw:

Saturday, August 2, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 3, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 9, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 10, 2:00 p.m.

Correction

Just when we were beginning to think that no one actually read the entire newsletter, we received a letter from one of our residents about the article on squirrels. Below is the gist of what she wrote, and I'm sure everyone can now rest easy knowing that there aren't as many squirrels as previously mentioned:

....the article stated that squirrels comprise 40% of all present-day mammal species. The correct number is about 3.7%.

(It is true that rodents represent about 40% of mammal species, but this a vast and varied group, including mice, rats, beavers, porcupines, and huge exotic creatures like the

capybara, which weighs up to 150 pounds.) Here is a summary of the numbers; some references are below.

~5,400 - 5,500 known mammal species in the world

~2,000 species of rodents worldwide

~200 squirrel species worldwide (or about 3.6% - 3.7%)

There are only five species in the entire US, and only one that is common around here. . .

Thanks to the author of the article on squirrels and to our sharp-eyed reader for a lively squirrel discussion

GRO annual elections will be held at the October meeting. You must be a member to cast a vote. You can join by completing the form on the back page of the newsletter and bringing it to the GRO meeting, or join at the GRO Street party on August 23.

GRO Corner Garden Corner

Happiness held is the seed. Happiness shared is the flower.-- unknown

By early August, some of the happiness brought to you in the corner gardens has come and gone, but there is still plenty to come! Here are some of the flowers, plants, shrubs, and grasses planted in our corner gardens. Some of these sound good enough to eat (and are).

alyssum
Asiatic lilies
black-eyed susan
blazingstar (meadow and prairie)
bleeding heart
brunnera
butterfly bush
canna
coneflowers (purple and pale purple)
cotoneaster
chrysanthemum
day lilies
feverfew
geranium
hemerocallis
hydrangea
hosta
impatiens
iris

ironweed
lavender
lilac
grasses (bluestem, ribbon and prairie dropseed)
lupine
lysimachia (a/k/a Persian chocolate)
Mexican heather
monarda
narcissus
New England aster
Ohio goldenrod
oregano
ostrich fern
peonies
red milkweed
rhododendron

roses
sedum
spirea (flame leaf)
Spurge
superbells
sunflowers
sweet Joe pye weed
tulips
tiger lilies
vinca
dead nettle
yarrow

Shonagh Merits

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NEIGHBORHOOD STREET PARTY!!!

Saturday, August 23

2:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Leland Ave. between Rockwell and Campbell

EVERYONE IS INVITED

COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AT THE ANNUAL GRO
STREET PARTY !

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 dessert

N-Z bring a side dish

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!

New to the Neighborhood?

If you are new, 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 let us know whether a secure mail slot where the kit can be deposited is available.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5
5:00 — 8:00 p.m.

Clarendon Park
4501 North Clarendon
Chicago

August Calendar

- 4 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 5 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting . Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 5 Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. National Night Out (see page 4)
- 13 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Wash tenaw
- 16/17 Saturday & Sunday. Air & Water Show at the lakefront
- 19 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Beat 1911 Meeting, Kindred Hospital, Montrose & Rockwell
- 23 Saturday. **GRO Street Party** 2:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

Summer concerts in Giddings Plaza every Thursday

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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