

Welcome to New Members

SAVE THE DATE!

Michael & Andrea Goldstein
Eric & Dee Marsden
Josh Thalheimer
Angee Koeppe
Jeremy & Jenna Martin
Tommy O'Connor & Susan Quint

NEIGHBORHOOD STREET PARTY

SATURDAY AUGUST 22
2:00 — 8:00 P.M.

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Local Writer To Be Honored

The designation of Artesian at Wilson as honorary Lee Sandlin Way has been approved by the City Council, and all neighbors and admirers of his work are welcome at the dedication ceremony, to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 15 - which is also Lee's birthday.

Lee died unexpectedly in December. Lee Sandlin and his wife Nina rented the upstairs apartment of the two-flat at Wilson and Artesian on Thanksgiving day 1992, and celebrated with a picnic of turkey sandwiches on the fireplace hearth. For many years, Lee's expansive frame, in shorts and suspenders and a wide-brimmed straw hat, was a familiar sight in the neighborhood as he brought home groceries (he was the cook, she the gardener).

A longtime contributor to the Chicago Reader, he gained notice for a 1997 essay on World War II and memory, which was featured on college reading lists and was anthologized by Ira Glass. Besides numerous essays and reviews, he is the author of three books: on the pre-Mark Twain world of the Mississippi River; the early history of tornado science; and 150 years of American life told via the story of a family house in Edwardsville, Illinois. All three books are in print, and many of Lee's works are available free at his website: leesandlin.com.

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What's New!

On Thursday, July 17th, at 7:00 p.m., at the DANK Haus (German American Cultural Center, 4740 N Western Ave.), Alderman Pawar's office, represented by Jim Pool, the alderman's Chief of Staff, and Ernie Constantino, Director of Planning & Development, hosted a public meeting to review a request for a zoning variation by JAB realtors.

JAB is proposing a zoning variance for the property at 4618-20 N. Western Ave (corner of Eastwood & Western) from C2-1 to B2-3 TOD PUD in order to build a new 5-story/59' high mixed use building with 40 rental apartments (studio & 1 bedroom), 2,730 sf ground floor retail and 10 parking spaces/40 bike spaces on this

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8,100 s.f. property (currently Car Gallery.

Mark J. Sullivan and Chris Michalek, representing the architectural firm of Sullivan, Goulette, & Wilson, presented the plans for the building, explaining their design for the project. Additionally, Kyle Smith, Program Manager for Economic Development, of the Center for Neighborhood Technology, gave a presentation supporting the philosophy of TOD (Transit Oriented Development). Briefly, this posits a design of the urban landscape that creates denser, but more pedestrian-oriented, less automobile-centric neighborhoods by anchoring building development to public transportation, specifically, in our neighborhood, to the Brown line stop at Western Avenue.

Jim Jann and Frank Campise, both principals in JAB Real Estate, the company developing the project, also presented their plan for the development, seeing it as fitting in precisely with the philosophy of Transit Oriented Development.

Plans for the project can be seen at www.chicago47.org/zoningdevelopment-cases. Alderman Pawar's office is fielding feedback and questions regarding the project in advance of taking action on JAB's request for the zoning variance. GRO urges members of the community, whether in the 40th or 47th ward, to contact the 40th ward office to view the plans and related materials and to voice your perspective on the project.

Tom Kosinski

Enjoy Them Now; Summer Concerts in Giddings Plaza Are Coming To An End

August 6: Jonas Fiddle

August 13: Old Grand Dad

August 20: Melanie Budd

August 27: The Stingers

September 3: The Bon Mots

All Thursday evening concerts are from 6:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m.

GRO is pleased to announce that Bill King and Josh Thalheimer are the new co-chairs of the Special Event Committee.

Welcome!

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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NEIGHBORHOOD STREET PARTY!!!

Saturday, August 22

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.

Please bring a dish to share (enough for 6):

If your last name begins with:

A-M bring a side dish

N-Z bring a desert

Entertainment:

Games, raffle prizes

4:00 p.m. musical guests Mulligan Stew

6:00 p.m. take a whack at the PINATA

8:00 p.m. thanks and good night!

If you'd like to volunteer to help with the neighborhood party, please contact Bill King at mrjoetta@me.com

Artisans , Crafters and Donations requested!!!!

North Center Satellite Senior Center is looking for artisans and crafters to rent tables for the upcoming annual ArtsFest, SENIOR KULTURA on Sunday September 27 from 12 noon – 4pm promoting the multi-cultural and diverse talent of senior artists and artisans

A large array of items will be offered for sale including original art, ceramics, textiles, crafts, jewelry, and baked goods, and there will be a raffle!

We are also looking for donations for basket raffles such as wine, spa items, kitchen ware. Please drop off at the center at 4040 N. Oakley to the attention of Liza Martin. Any questions call 312-744-4029 or email lmartin@catholiccharities.net. Please mark your calendar to attend this fabulous event.

August Calendar

- 3 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 4 **Tuesday. 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting.** Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 12 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council, Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 18 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Beat 1911 Meeting, Kindred Hospital, Montrose & Rockwell
- 22 Saturday. 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. GRO Neighborhood Street Party. Leland between Rockwell and Campbell

MANY THANKS to the Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce and to Lucinda Dieker, Treasurer of the Greater Rockwell Organization, for making the necessary photocopies for our Welcome Kits. We have requests from several new area residents for these informational kits, which can now be assembled and delivered. If you have new neighbors or tenants, or if you know of new businesses that have opened in our area, please let me know, and I'll be happy to deliver a Welcome Kit to them. Give me a jingle at 773-728-8127.
Thank you. Maria Bappert

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