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GRO elections . . .

are coming up soon! The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of candidates, which will be officially presented at the September GRO meeting. The proposed nominees have been serving in the same offices for the past year:

President: Les Kniskern
1st Vice President: Chuck Woodring
2nd Vice President: Tom Kosinski
Secretary: Bea Tersch
Treasurers: Lois Grossman & Ron Graziano

GRO members in good standing may also nominate alternative candidates by making their wishes known to an officer at the September meeting.

Elections will be held at the October meeting. Be sure your membership is current. Memberships expire September 30, and you must be a member for 30 days to vote.

**SECOND ANNUAL ROCKIN' ON ROCKWELL
STREET FESTIVAL**

**Friday, September 14
5:00-10:00 p.m.**

Rockwell between Eastwood & Leland

Come join your GRO neighbors for live music, great food, and raffle prizes. Also fun activities for the kids like face painting, a jumping jack, and balloon animals.

Volunteers are needed! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Melissa at the Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce. She can be emailed at: melissa@lincolnsquare.org

Water Department Community Meeting

On Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m., Tom LaPorte of the Chicago Water Department will be hosting a Community Meeting at Luther Memorial Church to discuss the continuing sewer replacement project on Rockwell Street from Wilson to Lawrence. Come to find out more about the project, schedules, and how traffic will be affected on Rockwell. The project is not scheduled to recommence until after the Rockin' on Rockwell event—but now will be the chance to ask your questions.

Hey Kids, the Circus Is Coming to Welles Park!

On Sept. 29 and 30, Chicago's own Midnight Circus will bring clowns, contortionists, acrobats, actors, AND A DOG to Welles Park for four afternoon performances.

**Sat., Sept. 29, and Sun., Sept 30
3:30 and 6:30 p.m.**

\$10 (no charge if under 2 years old)

Performances will move to the gymnasium if it rains. Proceeds benefit the Welles Park Play Lot Fund (see below).

Make Your Mark in the Neighborhood

Contribute to the Welles Park Play Lot Fund by buying a brick inscribed with names or a message. You can download a purchase form from: friendsofwellespark.playlot.com/welles_park_playlot.pdf. The funds will be used for play equipment, a rubberized playground surface, fencing, and landscaping.

Join State Rep. John Fritchey and Senator John Cullerton at a Town Hall Meeting to discuss important issues affecting our neighborhoods and talk about the latest news in Springfield. The meeting takes place on Monday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. at Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave. For more information, please call (773) 871-4000 or visit www.fritchey.com.

Update on Tree Trimming Requests

If you placed a tree trimming request with Maria Bappert, please be informed that Maria has turned in your request and is waiting for information on when the requests will be carried out. Please note that the procedure for requesting tree trimming has changed: requests can be made at CityofChicago.org or by calling 311, where you will be connected to the Bureau of Forestry. This service is only for trees that are located on City property, usually between the curb and the City sidewalk. When requesting this type of service it is important to indicate why you feel the tree needs to be trimmed (i.e., it is shading the street lights, to trim dead branches, to trim low branches over the sidewalk or street, to clear branches away from the roof or windows of the house).

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News from Waters

Ninety percent of the Waters third graders scored at or above state average this year. Congratulations third grade! Enrollment including the Pre-K has jumped to 450, up from 330 a couple of years ago. Much of the credit for increased enrollment goes to the parent/community organization, WatersToday (www.waterstoday.org).

Regarding the State Budget, the following survived the Governor's vetoes: ARTICLE 570 Section 67. The sum of \$30,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois State Board of Education for a grant to Chicago Public Schools for Waters School.

The threatened staff cuts never materialized, although "we ended up losing a librarian for the year—but if enrollment continues to climb it could be restored next year," said one Waters supporter. "Hopefully," said our source, "we can finally announce some capital construction projects that include Waters."

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Current Eats

EVANSTON'S LOSS IS LINCOLN SQUARE'S GAIN

The space formerly known as G.P. Franklin's has been transformed into a bustling trattoria straight out of Puglia, an Italian village known for their uniquely shaped homes (imagine an upside-down ice cream cone for a roof) and their ear-shaped pasta. However, the only thing to remember when visiting Trattoria Trullo is to arrive hungry! In between the crusty, chewy bread (accompanied by silky olive oil) and dessert (try the cannoli!!) you will be treated to Italian food showcasing fresh ingredients, simply prepared. An example: a "basic" tomato salad accented by nuggets of rich blue cheese and dressed by a balsamic syrup, providing a mellow contrast to savory cheese. Or Prosciutto Di Parma served with figs and melon shavings (not chunks) artfully arranged resembling a rosebud. In keeping with the Puglia tradition, Trattoria Trullo specializes in seafood and homemade pasta. Do try the rigatoni with grilled chicken and mushrooms tossed in a gorgonzola sauce, or the homemade cavatelli pasta cloaked in nothing more than olive oil, garlic, tomato pulp, and a savory ricotta cheese unique to Puglia.

Open since mid-June, the eatery lost their Evanston lease when the building turned condo. Since this was already an established restaurant, they're not experiencing the transition period typical with most restaurant openings. In our case, service was swift, professional, and memorable. Our server was Italian, living in Chicago temporarily to practice her English. Our evening ended with two servings of chilled lemoncello—homemade by her mom! Try having that experience at Olive Garden!

What once was the fudge counter, to the right of the entrance, has been converted to a handsome deli case, stuffed with Italian meats, cheeses, and pastas. Run in and grab a toasted panini to go.

Trattoria Trullo is located 4767 N. Lincoln Avenue, near Lawrence. As the owner says: "We are open 366 days—the extra day we borrow from God!" More specifically, hours are Monday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–11 p.m. Reservations are accepted, which might not be a bad idea. The dining area was bustling during our recent Saturday evening visit. 773-506-0093

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Summer May Almost Be Over . . . But the Fun Isn't!

Jazz on the Terrace

Friday, September 7, 8:30 p.m.
DANK-HAUS, 4740 N Western Ave.
www.dankhaus.com

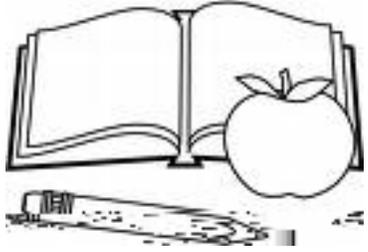
German American Fest

Friday, September 7th–Sunday,
September 9th
Leland between Western & Lincoln
www.germanday.com

Lincoln Square Apple Fest

Saturday, September 15
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Giddings Plaza, 4731 N. Lincoln Ave.
www.lincolnsquare.org

September Calendar

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- 3 Monday. Labor Day.
 - 4 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting.**
Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
 - 10 Monday, 7 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council.
Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
 - 11 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross
Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
 - 14 Friday, 5-10 p.m. Rockin' on Rockwell.
 - 17 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave.
 - 19 Wednesday, 7 p.m. Ravenswood Garden Club. Sulzer Library, 4445 N. Lincoln Ave.
 - 23 Sunday. Autumnal Equinox. Day and night are of equal length.
 - 25 Tuesday, 7 p.m. 19th District CAPS Beat Meeting. Kindred Hospital, Rockwell & Montrose, top floor meeting room

AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!

Once again the GRO block party was enjoyed by many neighbors, friends, and drop-ins. Our brave band The Brothers K Blues Band played on through the summer sprinkles into the evening—and we were surprised when the Jumping Jack DID show up in the afternoon. (President Les again took his annual, honorary turn bouncing with the kids!)

The piñata was a smashing success—albeit, seemingly indestructible—and we can't comment further without thanking Rockwell's Neighborhood Grill for the use of their fantastic barbeque grills (they'll be in operation again at the Rockin' on Rockwell event September 14), and Costello's Sandwich Shop for donating the sausages to throw on the grills.

Special thanks to Ron & Lois for the shopping trip; BJ Tersch and HarvestTime for supplying the corn; Tracy and others for the fantastic raffle prizes—which raised nearly \$100 for our corner garden fund; Tom and Chuck for bringing the grills over; and Maria for selling raffle tickets! Thanks to Mary Ellen Considine of Keller Williams/Fox & Associates of Chicago for her cash donation, to Swedish Covenant Hospital and Fleet Feet Sports for great give-aways for the kids, and to our local businesses for the wonderful raffle prizes: Crofton Pub, The Chopping Block, Carol's Hair Care, Starbucks Coffee, Café Descartes Coffee, The Cheese Stands Alone, Hellas Bakery, and The Book Cellar. Special thanks to also to Rob Mendell, www.cardmagic.info.

Of course, there was the champagne toast at Karl Raack's mural—a fitting touch to a splendid project. (The winner of the Name the Mural contest will be announced at Rockin' on Rockwell.)

It was great meeting new neighbors, and we hope you'll join us for a GRO meeting as well. Let us know what's on your mind in the community.

LES KNISKERN