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**GRO Elections Coming Up in
October!**

You must be a member for 30 days to vote in the GRO election at the October meeting, so renew your membership now!

Membership application on back page

**Special Thanks to Mr. Lee and
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generous support of GRO**

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TIME FOR ELECTIONS - HERE'S THE SLATE!

This is the slate the Nominating Committee has selected; other nominations can be taken from the floor at the September 7 GRO meeting.

President: Eric Sinclair
1st Vice President: Sara Dell
2nd Vice President : Lois Graziano
Secretary: Bea Tersch
Treasurer: Tracy Bartholomew

Most of these candidates have been serving GRO in an official capacity for some time; two of them are new officer candidates:

Sara Dell moved into the GRO area in 2001 and joined GRO shortly thereafter. She has been an active community participant wherever she has lived, having served on her condo board and then on the board of the 500 bed youth hostel downtown (as Director 1 year and President for 3). During that time, the national organization, Hostelling International-USA (formerly American Youth Hostels), asked her to serve on their Strategic Mapping Task Force to develop a five-year strategic plan. She loves the GRO area for its unique mix of independent businesses, great neighbors and diverse architecture.

Tracy Bartholomew has lived in the GRO area since 2003 and served GRO in different capacities, including newsletter editor and distributor, corner gardener, and volunteer at clean-up days and special events. Tracy's professional background is in education, and she currently works and takes classes at UIC. She loves the sense of community within our neighborhood and can't imagine living anywhere else!

GRO Summer Party Rocks the Block

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the August 21 GRO Summer Party held on Leland between Campbell and Rockwell.

GRO provided burgers, hot dogs, and veggies, all grilled on barbecues contributed by neighbors. Folks from the neighborhood brought side dishes and desserts to share.

Kids of all ages had a great time with face painting provided by the Girl Scouts, card magic provided by Rob Mendell (cardmagic.info), and pinatas. Early attendees had the chance to meet our district's U.S. Representative, Mike Quigley. Musical entertainment was provided by Steve Levitt & Friends.

Attendees had a chance to win some unique prizes — restaurant certificates, a cake, a month's health club membership, outdoor chairs, a concert, plants, jewelry, etc., thanks to donations from Alderman Schuller and local businesses Beans & Bagels, Rockwell's Grill, the Dank Haus, Galter Life Center, and neighborhood residents. Thanks also to HarvesTime for the fresh corn and to Gus, the master griller, for his valuable help with the grilling. To see photos of this event, visit the Greater Rockwell Organization Facebook group (<http://bit.ly/GROFaceBook>).

Anne Zender

Fall Planting

The Chicago Botanical Garden will present *Planting Bulbs for the Spring Garden* on September 23, 2010, at the Sulzer Library, 4455 N Lincoln Avenue, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The program will include information on planting and maintaining bulbs, and selecting bulbs to plant with the other plants growing in your garden. This is one of several programs about gardening that will be given over the next few months.

Bette Vidina

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**7th Annual
PARTY at Gross Park**

2708 W. Lawrence

**Saturday, September 11
1:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Inflatables! Free Throw Contest! Water Balloon Toss!

Food by Charcoal Delights

Concert in the Park at 5:00 p.m. by Sunnyside Up, a Bluegrass & Swing Band

Raffle - Great items from local merchants

Sponsored by
**HarvesTime Foods
Rockwell's Neighborhood Grill
Alderman Patrick O'Connor**

“Keepin’ It Real”

Burglary Workshop

All community members are invited to the next Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (C.A.P.S.) workshop. This workshop will entail in depth discussions on burglary awareness by the professionals.

Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location: 19th District Auditorium
2452 W. Belmont**

**For more information contact the 19th District
Community Policing Office
312-744-5574 or CAPS019district@chicagopolice.org**

Did you know. . .

that GRO has an online presence as well as offline?

On the Web, GRO is available at <http://greaterrockwell.org/>. You can sign up to receive GRO's periodic news updates, bringing you information about your neighborhood, special events, and upcoming meetings.

Don't worry about spam - you'll get no more than one or two emails a month! Also at the website you'll find copies of this newsletter, a handy calendar of neighborhood events, and links to local business and services.

If you're into social networking, look for GRO on both FaceBook (<http://bit.ly/GROFaceBook>) and on Twitter (http://twitter.com/gro_org). Friend or follow us to stay connected!

Eric Sinclair

September Calendar

- 6 Monday, Labor Day
- 7 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 11 Saturday 1:00 - 7:00 p.m., Gross Park Party
- 12 Sunday, 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Jacob Park Friendraiser Leland & Virginia
- 14 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 20 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 28 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. CAPS meeting. Kindred Hospital, Montrose & Rockwell

Jacob Playlot Friend-raiser

(raising awareness, not money yet)

When? Sunday, September 12 from 4:00 -7:30 p.m.

What? Live Music from Benton Harbor Lunchbox

Where? Jacob Playlot (4600 N. Virginia)

Why? Because it's fun to meet and hang out with neighbors and Jacob Playlot needs some love!

What else? Bring a dish to share and/or something to grill.

Contact: jacobplaylot@hornerpark.org

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