

### **New Members**

Chris & Jesse Brannon\*  
Stuart Lange & Mary Gallery

\* also Corner Garden Contributors

### **Supporting Member**

Les Kniskern

### **September GRO meeting**

featuring our very own  
Congressman

**Mike Quigley**

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

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### **Here Comes the Sun: Block Party 2011**

Despite a morning thunderstorm, the weather was beautiful by the time the grill got fired up for the annual GRO neighborhood party on August 20.

Entertainment for the kids included the Jumping Jack and a surprise visit from our local fire truck (free tours). Card Magic (aka Rob Mendell) and face-painting Girl Scouts also kept the kids busy. The band Mulligan Stew provided a breezy afternoon set. Our Congressman, Rep. Mike Quigley, also stopped by to check in with constituents. A piñata and a raffle with numerous prizes donated by area businesses rounded out the day.

Thanks to everyone who came out, and a very special thanks to grillmaster Gus Chavez.

Thank you to the neighborhood businesses merchants who donated raffle gifts and food to the GRO neighborhood party! We appreciate your support.

Beans & Bagels  
Bloom Yoga Studio  
Cinner's

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### **COMING UP AT THE SEPTEMBER GRO MEETING**

Scheduled to appear at our September GRO meeting will be Congressman Mike Quigley, updating us on the activities he takes on our behalf and taking our feedback and questions.

Also, it's that time of year again - time to renew your membership and to elect GRO officers for the coming year.

This is the slate the Nominating Committee has selected; other nominations can be taken from the floor at the September 6 GRO meeting.

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

Elections will be held at the October meeting. You must be a member to vote, so join or renew your membership now.

## LOOKING FOR A WAY TO MAKE A SMALL DIFFERENCE?

Here are some ways you can join the Kiwanis Club of Ravenswood to help your less fortunate neighbors: Our friends at Luther Memorial Church are very involved with The Night Ministry, providing sandwiches, cookies, etc. They also collect personal size toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, lotion, disposable razors, shaving cream, tooth paste, deodorants, etc. The pull tabs from aluminum cans – beer, soda, cat food, etc., can be used for the benefit of the Ronald McDonald House at Children’s Memorial Hospital. If you have any of these items, please bring them along to the next GRO meeting, and we will pass them on to LMC and Kiwanis to support them in this project.

Queen of Angels has several service projects that GRO can also support: “Box Tops for Education” (General Mills cereals), and Campbell soup labels can be collected to benefit the school programs. Bring them along to the next GRO meeting

If you have any clothing items for men, women and children in good condition that you don’t want, don’t throw them out! Wash them, place in plastic bags, tie securely, and deposit them in the St. Vincent DePaul drop box in the Queen of Angels school parking lot at Sunnyside & Western. No shoes, please. Needy people, like the homeless or others who have lost everything, are happy to receive clothing items, particularly warm things as the cold weather arrives.

These are all things we can do to support our fellow human beings without making a monetary donation. Thanks for your help!

*Maria Bappert*

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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## 8th ANNUAL GROSS PARK PARTY!

Join your friends and neighbors at the Eighth Annual Party in the Park at Gross Park on Saturday, September 10th from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 2708 W. Lawrence.

Bring the whole family and spend the day!

There will be inflatables, water balloons, a basketball free throw contest and more for children. All ages can enjoy an outdoor yoga session provided by Bloom Yoga Studio and a free concert at 5 p.m. featuring bluegrass band Sunnyside Up. Charcoal Delights will be selling their renowned burgers and other tasty goodies.

The event is co-sponsored by HarvesTime Foods, Rockwell's Neighborhood Grill, The Chicago Park District and the Gross Park Advisory Council. For questions, more information, or to volunteer at Party in the Park, please call the park at 312-742-7528 or email the advisory council at [mwebbersadovi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mwebbersadovi@sbcglobal.net). Proceeds from the day will support this event and on-going improvements to Gross Park.

### Want to be a TreeKeeper?

It's an opportunity to meet great people, learn all about trees: planting, care, pruning, and identification, and actually work to beautify the neighborhood.

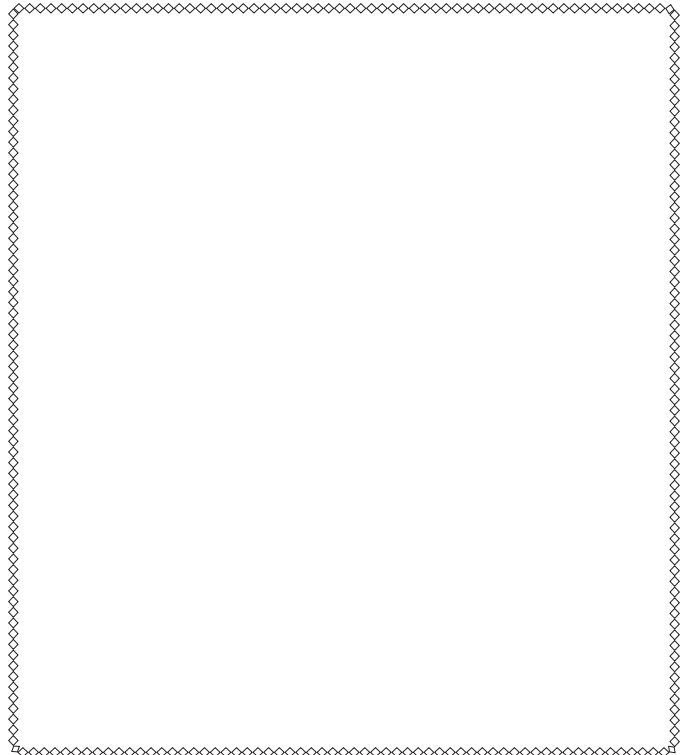
Call Jim DeHorn at 312 863-6259 to sign up.

Since this fall's class will be held at the American Indian Center on Wilson, instead of on the south side or far away, I plan to retake the training. Call me and we can attend the seven Saturday morning classes together. B. Tersch 773 561-0794

### 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



### ***For rent - available October 1.***

*Steps from the Brown line Francisco stop One bedroom plus den (or second bedroom). Fireplace, central air in-unit washer/dryer.  
\$1200. 773-275-7786*

**Block party 2011**  
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- DeVrim Cleaners
- HarvesTime Foods
- Havana Nights Nails & Spa
- Inside Publications
- Kimberli Sushi
- Pizza Art Cafe
- Pro-Holistic Institute
- The Red Lion Pub
- Rockwell's Neighborhood Grill
- Ruff Haus Pets
- Western Cleaners

Thanks also to the following individuals for contributing raffle prizes:  
 Patti Huetteman  
 Maria Bappert  
 B. Tersch

*Note: Post-party, a few serving spoons, a plastic bowl, and a black umbrella remain unclaimed. If you are missing one of these items, contact president@greaterrockwell.org or come to the Sept. 6 meeting.*

Anne Zender

## September Calendar

- 5 Monday Labor Day - Last holiday of the summer,
- 7 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 12 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 13 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 19 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club, Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 23 Friday, Fall Equinox



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Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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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**