

Corner Garden Contributors

Chris & Jesse Brannon

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

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GRO Elections Coming Up! Here's the Slate

This is the slate the Nominating Committee has selected; other nominations can be taken from the floor at the September 4 GRO meeting:

President: Patti Huetteman
1st Vice President: Tom Kosinski
2nd Vice President: Emily Carruthers
Secretary: Bea Tersch
Treasurer: Tracy Bartholomew

Patti Huetteman, candidate for President, moved to the GRO area in 2003, and shortly after became involved with GRO. She has served as Membership Chair, besides helping in other capacities.

Most of Patti's career has been in software development and support, but she is currently pursuing a masters degree in public health at UIC.

She feels indebted to GRO for all the improvements the members have made for our neighborhood over the past 30 years.

Tom Kosinski, candidate for 1st Vice President, has lived in the GRO area for about 19 years. Tom has been involved with GRO for many years, most recently serving GRO as President from 2008 – 2010, and before that as a Vice President. He also has been very active in obtaining speakers for GRO meetings, and participating in GRO events, like the Potluck and the Block Party.

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Tom loves all the convenience and excitement of living in a great city, but also the feel of the neighborhood: "it's like living in a small town."

Emily Carruthers, candidate for 2nd Vice President, has lived in Chicago for about 10 years, and moved to the GRO area last November. She and her husband John live on Lawrence Avenue. Although relatively new to GRO, she has already participated in several of GRO's events.

Emily works as an implementation consultant for a software company, and has also worked in the Human Resources field. She loves the convenience of being able to walk to great restaurants and HarvesTime, and enjoys meeting neighbors at GRO meetings and events.

Bea Tersch, candidate for Secretary, helped start GRO 33 years ago, and has been an active participant in the neighborhood since then. In addition to being GRO secretary, she chairs the beautification committee and cleans the graffiti in the neighborhood. She also creates stained glass; some of her pieces have been raffled off at various GRO functions.

She takes care of plants at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Michigan Avenue, and in her spare time picks up the newsletter at the printers and prepares it for distribution.

Tracy Bartholomew, candidate for Treasurer, moved to the GRO area in 2003 and has served GRO in different capacities, including newsletter editor and distributor, corner gardener, and volunteer at clean-up
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days and special events.

Tracy works in the higher-ed assessment field. She likes the friendly neighbors, the great shops and restaurants, and the flowering corner gardens and parkways.

Ninth Annual Party in the Park

Saturday, September 8,
1:00–8:00 p.m.

Gross Park, 2708 W. Lawrence
The event includes inflatables for children, free snow cones and popcorn, and a concert at 6:00 p.m. featuring local Indie band Common Shiner.

The party is sponsored by Harves-Time Foods. For questions, more information, or to volunteer to help at Party in the Park call Maura Webber Sadovi of the Gross Park Advisory Council at 773 540-8950.

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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August's Hot Ticket: GRO Neighborhood Party

2012 has been one of the hottest summers on record in Chicago, but the heat didn't stop the GRO neighborhood party this summer. On August 25, GRO hosted approximately 120 neighbors, families, and friends on Leland Avenue between Campbell and Rockwell.

Chicago musicians Mulligan Stew provided the music. Local artist Shellie Lewis demonstrated silk screening. And the local Girl Scouts provided face painting and kids' games.

Special thanks to Gus "The Grillmaster" Chavez and family. Thank you also to Susan and Joe Heinen for use of electrical power, and finally thank you to Congressman Mike Quigley who showed up early and helped set up.

Thanks to all our neighborhood businesses and individuals who donated prizes for an amazing raffle:

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Rockwell's Neighborhood Grill
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HarvesTime

Come join us at our next GRO meeting on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30 pm.

Anne Zender

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GRO Awards Betterment Grant to Neighborhood Nutrition Centers

The Greater Rockwell Organization (GRO) has awarded a \$4,000 betterment grant to neighborhood-based Neighborhood Nutrition Centers (NNC) following support from GRO member and NNC executive director Les Kniskern. The group provides locally grown produce to families and community members in need through the All Saints food pantry on a weekly basis. In addition, NNC offers monthly seminars on gardening, canning, composting, and other related topics. In its first year of existence, it distributed over 750 pounds of food to community members.

The grant, the first awarded through GRO's new grant application process, will be used to enhance the harvesting and logistical capacity of NNC in order to increase weekly distribution. Additional growing sites will be secured, and a portion of the funds will be used to increase delivery capacity.

"The grant expresses the great commitment this neighborhood has in serving others," Kniskern said. "Having been an active member of GRO for the past 10 years, it is heartening to see the community rally around a cause which has driven me for the past four years."

In exchange for donating a portion of their crops to NNC, neighborhood gardeners are provided with free soil testing and setup assistance. Currently, NNC draws donations from a number of local organizations, including the Waters Elementary School Community Garden, Northside College Prep High School Garden, and the Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce Community Garden. Additional information can be found at www.nncenters.org. NNC accepts volunteers at 6:30pm on Monday evenings to help clean, weigh and bag produce. Contact Les@NNCenters.org to register.

John Carruthers

Sunday School Rally Day Kick-off

Sunday September 9
Luther Memorial Church
Wilson & Campbell
Service at 10:00 a.m.; outdoor picnic and activities to follow. Neighbors are invited. Campbell between Wilson and Eastwood **will be closed that morning** until 2:00 p.m.

Open House

Saturday September 8 &
Sunday September 9
Jack & Ginger's Dog Care
Rockwell & Lawrence
10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Zumba Classes Moved

Ladies' Zumba dance fitness classes have moved from McPherson Elementary on Tuesday afternoons to St. Wenceslaus church at 3400 N. Monticello. Classes will be taught by the same instructor: rate is \$2 per session. New times are 9:00 a.m. on both Tuesday and Thursday. There is a parking lot by the gym entrance and open street parking.

September Calendar

- 3 Monday Labor Day Yes, summer is just about over!
- 4 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 8 Saturday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Party, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 10 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 11 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Aldermanic gardening workshop (rainbarrels) Sulzer Library, Lincoln & Sunnyside
- 17 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club, Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson

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GRO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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