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Coming up in October

It's time to vote! No, not the big one yet! This election is a lot less controversial, and not as exciting, but still . . .

The slate of officers for the GRO election is:

President: Tom Kosinski
First Vice-President: Joetta King
Second Vice-President: Shonagh Merits
Treasurer: Lucinda Diecker
Secretary: Bea Tersch

Because this will be a third term for Tom Kosinski, GRO by-laws require that a modification be made before the election at the October meeting so that Tom can serve as President for a third year. The members present at the September meeting voted to have the rules governing the election temporarily suspended so that Tom can be a candidate. As

always, nominations for officers can be made from the floor at the October meeting; however, any candidate and anyone making a nomination must be a member in good standing, and you must be a GRO member to vote in the election.

In addition, Congressman Quigley has arranged to join us at about eight o'clock to give us an update and answer questions.

Please join us for an informative evening at Luther Memorial Church; Wilson and Campbell on Tuesday October 4 at 7:30 p.m.

COMMON PANTRY FUNDRAISING EVENT

Thanks to everyone who donated to the July food drive sponsored by GRO and the Ravenswood Gardens Homeowners Association.

These donations will go a long way to putting food on the tables of needy families this summer. The Common Pantry, at 3744 N. Damen Ave., relies entirely on private donations and everything you donate stays in the community. Approximately 140 pounds of food were collected.

You can continue to support the Common Pantry by attending the annual "I Am Your Neighbor" neighborhood party/fundraiser, which brings together area residents, restaurants, entertainers and more to aid the pantry in its mission. This year's event will feature local chefs, wine and craft beers, specialty cocktails, and live music.

The event is scheduled for 7-11 p.m. Sept. 30, at Architectural Artifacts, 4325 N. Ravenswood Ave. For more information and to buy tickets, go to <http://commonpantry.org>

SKUNK ALERT PART II

More reports have come in about skunk activities in our area – in the 2700 block of W. Giddings, at Beans & Bagels, where a pair appears early every morning, and near Luther Memorial Church. A lot is going on in the 4700 block of N. Maplewood – one neighbor has had a very aggressive skunk

show up in his back yard every night. He said that skunks like grubs, so he treated his lawn with Bayer Advantage Grubkiller Plus, which is recommended on the internet and is available at Home Depot. He ended up contacting Critter Control at 847-991-9909; it cost \$175.00 for them to come with a bait and a trap; and another \$60.00 for each captured skunk to be picked up. When a woman was walking her dog a skunk charged out from the bushes and sprayed her dog, and it took two baths to get rid of the smell. Another woman walking north on our street after dark was also charged by a skunk. Skunks have also been sighted on Campbell near the Brown Line tracks. Please note that people should not put out traps to capture skunks ... it's against the law, and you can be fined \$500.00.

If you have further information, call 311 Animal Care & Control at 312-747-1406, as well as your Alderman's Office as they like to hear what's going on in the 'hood. 40th Ward Alderman Patrick O'Connor's number is 773-769-1140 (Email ward40@cityofchicago.org) and 47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar's number is 773-868-4747 (Email ward47@cityofchicago.org)

Maria Bappert, GRO Public Safety Officer

Thanks for recycling,

But let's be clear about what can and can't be recycled. Instead of saving the planet, people are actually creating more fodder for landfills. The proverbial single bad apple — or, in this case, greasy pizza box — can ruin the contents of an entire blue bin.

In some instances, no-nos like plastic bags and shredded paper clog recycling machines and cause the equipment to break down. In other instances, like coffee cups, recyclable material (paper) is impossible to separate from nonrecyclable material (the cups' waxy lining).

Here are the Top 10 troublemakers that are turning your recyclables into trash. Keep them out of your blue bin, or the whole lot will end up in a landfill:

- Plastic bags — not even to dispose of other recyclables (don't bag your recycling -- period.)
- Shredded paper

When in doubt, leave it out!

- Pizza boxes — the grease is the culprit here. Either put the entire box in the garbage or tear off the greasy part before recycling.
- Styrofoam, aka No. 6 plastic
- Coffee cups
- Electronics — yep, they're made of metals and plastics; nope, not recyclable.
- Clothing
- Potato chip and other snack bags
- Toys and other odd-shaped plastics like laundry baskets
- Stringy things like garden hoses, cables/cords and Christmas tree lights — they wrap around sorting equipment.

Break down boxes, and make sure recycle bin lid is closed. When in doubt, leave it out. Or check first with the website [Recycle By City](http://RecycleByCity.com), which contains a wealth of information on the do's and don'ts of recycling.

GRO Summer Party

Once again, the GRO Summer Party proved to be a huge success! Although the day started out a little on the wet side, nothing deterred our Special Events Committee from forging ahead – they might be better than the postal carriers!

The band was, as usual, great, and the kids' frozen t-shirt contest most amusing. The piñata grand finale was a little bit Lord of the Flies, but also a great hit.

Many thanks to all who donated items for the raffle and the picnic - food drink, etc,: The Red Lion, Chubby Weiner, HarvesTime, Hello Doggy, Aurelio's Pizza, Monti's, the Booster, Hub 51, Maria Bappert, Bea Tersch, and Bill & Joetta King. Thanks also to Grillmaster Gus Chavez for personning the grill, as well as his mother Lucy for the tortilla lesson and the quesadillas.

Can't wait to see what next year brings!

Back to School Safety

The next Beat 1911 Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 20, 2016**, at the Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Avenue, beginning at 7:00 pm. The topic of the meeting will be **Back to School Safety**. As has been reported previously, the new boundaries for Beat 1911 are from Lawrence to Irving Park and from Damen Avenue to the Chicago River

If you have observed any criminal, drug or gang activity in your area, Beat Meetings give you the opportunity to express your concerns. All citizens can help with crime reporting and crime prevention by lending the Chicago Police Department their ears and eyes. By working together, we can have a safer community and enhance our problem-solving partnerships in the 19th District.

For further information, please contact the 19th District Community Policing Office at 312-744-0064. You can also email the CPD at CAPS019District@chicagopolice.org or 019District@chicagopolice.org

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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Calendar

September

- 19 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson.
- 20 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. CAPS Beat Meeting, Sulzer Library, 4455 North Lincoln (see article page 3)
- 22 Wednesday Fall arrives: Autumn Equinox
- 26 Monday. Presidential debates

October

- 3 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council, Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 4 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Wilson & Campbell**
- 10 Monday, all day Columbus Day
- 11 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 17 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 31 Monday. Halloween

Remember the last of the Farmers' Markets are coming up!

GRO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: *your membership is valid for 1 year from your application date*

Name(s): _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____ Membership Categories:

	New Member		Individual - \$20
	Renewal		Family - \$30
			Senior (≥ 65) - \$10
			Senior Family - \$15
			Sustaining - \$50
	I would be willing to participate on a GRO committee (please circle): fundraising; special events; membership; newsletter; public safety; beautification; urban development		Business - \$25
			Friends of GRO (living outside GRO area) - \$20
			Extra \$ for the Corner Gardens

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