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Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

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New Local Blog

An alternate news source is now available for those in the 60625 zip code, including the readership of the Greater Rockwell Organization's newsletter. 60625news.com was started in September by Meryl Williams, a resident who moved to the Lincoln Square area in May. Williams specializes in creating video features and photo albums about area events, but she also conducts written interviews with residents in the news. She is devoted to reading EveryBlock, the Center Square Journal, and Lincoln Square Patch in order to find newsworthy items to cover.

The 60625 zip code is technically bordered by Pulaski (west), Bryn Mawr (north), Damen (east), and Montrose (south) but the site is not strictly limited to that area in terms of coverage.

If you have any upcoming events or news tips to share, feel free to email Williams at: 60625news@gmail.com.

Connect With GRO

Do you like food and socializing? Do you love planning and organizing events? Looking to get some experience in publicity and PR? If so, the GRO Events Committee would like to talk to you!

We are looking for people who can help plan GRO's 2013 events -- notably our potluck and summer party. We are also looking for people who can help promote GRO events and activities throughout the year on social media and with the local press. Our 2013 events calendar will be determined early next year, so sign up now to participate! Contact Anne Zender at azender@pobox.com for more information.

Anne Zender

Potential New Dog Park

A proposed new dog park is being considered for Horner Park with the formation of a Dog Friendly Area Committee (DFAC) through the

Horner Park Advisory Council. The committee has been taking in surveys from residents online, going over proposed plans to build the Dog Friendly Area, budgeting concerns and is also accepting donations. You can follow the status of this initiative online: <http://bit.ly/Tr4meh>

Public Health & Safety

A number of new concerns have been reported last meeting:

- Skunks have been sighted around Maplewood & near the Chicago River.
- A pedestrian was hit by a car at Western & Lawrence. Please be alert when crossing streets.
- An outbreak of bedbugs has been reported in our area.
- A garage was broken into at Artesian & Leland. Please be sure to lock doors to your home and garage. Be alert for yourself and neighbors and report any suspicious activity.

Holiday Caroling

Come out and sing with your neighbors on Sunday, December 16 at 4:00. Meet in front of Beans & Bagels and practice for 30 minutes or so before breaking off into smaller groups to sing door-to-door. Sheet music will be provided. If it rains or sleets, the group will try again at the same time on the following Sunday (12/23). Everyone is welcome!

Commissioner Fritchey at GRO's December Meeting

In addition to the usual business at the December 4th meeting, Cook County Commissioner Fritchey will be joining us to discuss the recently passed county budget as well as the Violence Prevention, Intervention and Reduction fund which he spearheaded. Feel free to come with questions!

December Calendar

- 3 Horner Park Advisory Council @ Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California, 7:00 pm
- 4 GRO Meeting @ Luther Memorial Church on the (corner of Campbell & Wilson), 7:30 pm*
- 8-16 Hanukkah
- 11 Gross Park Advisory Council @ Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California, 6:00 pm
- 21 Winter Solstice
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

*Please Note: There will be no GRO meeting in January.

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