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Welcome to New Members

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GRO Neighborhood Survey – a First!

The Greater Rockwell Organization (GRO) is conducting a brief 5-6 minute survey of neighborhood residents and we urge you to share your opinions.

You do not need to be a member of GRO to participate. As a thank you for your time, anyone who successfully completes the survey will be eligible to enter into a drawing to win one of four \$15 Amazon gift cards. The gift card will be emailed directly to you and can be used for anything Amazon offers. Only one survey entry per person will be accepted.

Please go to: <https://sbart.typeform.com/to/PWwfTc> to begin the survey.

The survey site will not be operational after January 31, 2016, so please visit and let us know what you think as soon as possible. *(continued on p. 2)*

**NO GRO MEETING IN JANUARY!
THE FIRST 2016 GRO MEETING
WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2016.
PLEASE JOIN US THEN.**

**COMING UP AT THE
GRO DECEMBER MEETING**

THE PROPERTY TAX
DILEMMA : WE'RE ALL IN
IT TOGETHER.

So what can we do about property taxes? —

Anything? Nothing?

Maybe your eyes glaze over when you hear the words property tax. Maybe your blood boils, or maybe you're someplace in between.

Art Lyons, director of the Center for Economic Policy Analysis, will answer questions, shed light on what's at stake for local homeowners and small businesses in Chicago's tax battles, and help us think about ways to improve the property tax system and even make the system approach (is it even possible?) fairness.

Join us on Tuesday December 1 for a discussion on an issue that affects us all, homeowners and renters alike.

CHICAGO MARKET COMING TO LINCOLN SQUARE!?!?!?

An organic grocery store co-op — The Chicago Market — to be opened on the north side next year is now in the planning stage, and is seeking member/owners.

The plan is for the Chicago Market to be community-owned, and to offer local, sustainably farmed and organic produce, meat and dairy products, as well as grocery staples, dry goods, bulk foods, and beer and wine. Chicago Market also seeks to offer a butcher shop and a juice and coffee bar, and a place to take part in classes, workshops, meetings, and performances.

Greater Rockwell Organization neighbors are invited to a planning meeting for the new Chicago Market at Mark and Susan Dawson's home, 2425 West Leland, on Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Join Mark and Susan to learn how you can help make the Chicago Market happen.

To learn more visit www.chicagomarket.coop

GRO SURVEY

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Your responses will be kept confidential and your information will not be sold or used for any purpose other than this survey. Survey results will be featured in a future article in the GRO newsletter.

Thank you for your participation!

If you are one of the lucky winners, please allow 1-2 weeks after the close of the study to receive your Amazon gift card.

Shonagh Merits

Attention:
A GRO newsletter distributor is needed for the 4700 block of Washtenaw. Interested? Contact Bea Tersch (773-561-0794) for information.

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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Corner Garden Corner

"All gardening-is landscape painting." -- Alexander Pope

Chicago Winter Garden Plants That Dazzle Even in Snow

Tired of staring at leafless trees and patches of snow in your yard each winter? Here are seven great winter garden plants that add greenery and cool shapes, and will even blossom outside your window in the heart of winter. Hardy across many zones (Chicago is zone 5a), these plants make terrific additions to your garden.

Flowering quince: This deciduous thorny shrub can stretch up to 8 feet wide, creating a natural fencing, and puts on a big show of blossoms in winter.

Snowdrop: One of the first blossoms of late winter, snowdrops prefer to hide away in rock gardens and under taller shrubs.

Boxwood: Evergreen boxwood hedges, easy to grow and shape, make your winter garden come alive with forms that add texture.

Winterberry: This deciduous version of holly loses its leaves in late fall, leaving behind dazzling sprays of lipstick-red berries when a male is paired with a female.

Witch hazel: Fragrant in summer, this sizable shrub has clusters of spidery red-and-yellow flowers that blaze like little suns in the midst of winter.

Christmas rose: This winter-loving plant blossoms from late December through early spring on stout stems that rise above modest snowfalls.

Mock rush: A tough, upright ornamental grass that will poke through winter's snows and give your garden lots of visual interest.

Source: John Riha. See photos and more detail at <http://www.houselogic.com/photos/gardens/winter-plant>

Beat 1911 C.A.P.S. Meetings: New Boundaries, New Location!

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.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER, but all concerned citizens residing in this area are invited to attend the next Beat 1911 Meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at a new location, the Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Avenue, beginning at 7:00 pm. The topic of the meeting will be Theft Prevention. All future Beat 1911 Meetings will be held at the Sulzer Library and not at Kindred Hospital.

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.

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.

Maria Bappert
GRO Public Safety Officer

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'Tis The Season!!

Join your friends and neighbors for a bit of holiday cheer on Tuesday, December 8 at the Red Lion, 4749 North Rockwell.

Those wishing to take to take part in a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange can bring along some festively wrapped unwanted item from the attic or basement. There will also be a cookie/candy exchange. Cook up a couple dozen of your favorite holiday treats and swap them with your friends and neighbors.

7:30 p.m. 'til ???????

Come on out - it'll be fun!

December Calendar

- 1 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Wilson & Campbell**
- 8 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 22 Tuesday, Winter begins (as if it hasn't already!)
- 31 New Year's Eve

January Calendar

- 1 **Friday . New Year's Day Make your New Year's Resolutions**
- 2 **Saturday. Break your New Year's Resolutions**
- 4 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose and California
- 12 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 18 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Wilson & Campbell
- 19 Tuesday, 730 p.m. Beat 1911 Meting, Sulzer Library 4455 North Lincoln

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

Name(s): _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership Categories:

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

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