

Welcome to New Members

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Save the Date!

August 20
Summer Neighborhood Party!

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Coming up (or not) in April

NOT Coming Up

Although our custom is to have a GRO Potluck in April, because of renovations going on at Luther Memorial Church where the Potluck is usually held, it is cancelled this year. We're hoping to come back next spring with a new and improved event.

Coming UP

Earth Day/City Wide Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 22

Meet at Jacob Playlot at 9:00 a.m. for cleanup and mulching, then on to Rockwell Crossing at noon for more tidying up. At 1:30, we'll get together for lunch at the Red Lion.

**Germans in America: Wednesday, April 12,
7:00 p.m., Sulzer Library**

The Ravenswood Lakeview Historical Association presents "Germans in Chicago" with Joseph Heinen.

By 1900 one in four Chicagoans was either German born or had a German born parent. No other ethnic group's thumbprint has been larger

in helping establish Chicago as a major economic and cultural center, nor has any group's influence been more erased by the passage of time. .

Join us at the Sulzer Library (4455 N. Lincoln) on Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. as Joseph Heinen traces the mosaic of German life through the tumultuous events of the Beer Riots, Haymarket Affair, Prohibition, and America's entry into two world wars. This promises to be an informative and entertaining presentation.

Joseph Heinen holds a Master's Degree in History. Joe is a German-American and a longtime resident of Lincoln Square as well as a GRO neighbor and member. Joe and his wife, Susan Barton, are the proprietors of the Red Lion Pub of Lincoln Square.

Our Membership Wants to Know....

GRO receives occasional requests for information from our membership regarding a whole host of topics. One topic we are asked
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about is the installation of speed humps. GRO is not an arm of city government. We do not have the authority to have speed bumps installed. However, the following is necessary information to request a speed hump installation on your block.

Every year each alderman is given 1.2 million dollars in discretionary funds to be used for improvements and projects in the ward. These funds are referred to as the ward menu. The funds from the menu are used for such things as fixing potholes, street resurfacing, sidewalk repair, lighting, landscaping, signage - any number of projects that the constituents might want.

Speed humps would be a typical use of this money. As with anything else in city government, there is a protocol to follow. In order to request a speed hump for installation, a resident from the block where the hump is to be located must download a petition from the alderman's office, fill out the petition, and circulate the petition for signatures from like-minded residents of the block. In the case of the 47th ward, Alderman Pawar requires signatures of support from 75% of residential units on the block to consider funding the addition of speed humps. One (1) signature per residential unit is counted. This circulation of petitions is the process that is used in all wards of the city.

GRO really does not fit into this process since the petition and the installation of the speed hump is particular to the residents of the block requesting. The petition forms are available at the ward office or on line at the ward's website:

<http://chicago47.org/projects/menu/>

We also have received queries about what to do if you see construction occurring in the neighborhood without city permits. If you wish to report unauthorized construction you should call 311 in order to report the infraction. The 311 number should also be used to report graffiti. The more reports of particular incidents of

graffiti, the more likely quick action will be taken by the city to remove the graffiti.

Tom Kosinski

Green and Growing: A Speaker Series

Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave

Monday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Gardens for Small Spaces

Speaker: Joan Murray, Master Gardener

Monday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. Shade Garden

Design Speaker: Sharon Mettzer, Master Gardener and Educator

Monday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. Organic Gardening

Basics Speaker: Lisa Hilgenberg, horticulturalist for the Chicago Botanic Garden's Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden

Monday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. Water Conservation in the Garden

Speaker: TBD

Monday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Common Pests and Problems in Chicago Gardens
Speaker: Adrienne Detanico, horticulturalist for The Organic Gardener Ltd.

Monday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Fall Garden Prep and
Seed Saving

Speaker: TBD

Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Urban Composting Methods Speaker: TBD

Presented by Montrose Metra Community Gardens, the Ravenswood Manor Garden Club and Chicago Public Library.

All Events are free.

RSVP at [facebook.com/montrosemetragardens](https://www.facebook.com/montrosemetragardens) or email montrosemetragardens@gmail.com for more information.



Save the Date

GRO GARAGE & YARD SALES

Saturday & Sunday, June 3 – 4, 2017

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

This is a favorite neighborhood event that draws bargain seekers from all over the city. It's an excellent opportunity to declutter the basement, find great deals, meet your neighbors, and enjoy the summer weather!

To participate, the registration fee is FREE to GRO Members
\$5 for Non-Members (for early registration before May 15)
\$10 for Non-members (for late registration after May 15)

To register in advance, have your address added to the map and advertising, and be included in the neighborhood permit, please email the following information to 2vp@greaterrockwell.org on or before May 15th:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone number
4. Email address to receive additional information and updates

Last year we had over 35 participating families. Register now and join in on the fun!

Better yet! join GRO
(there's a membership application on the last page)
and get the GRO member price!

Like last year, there will be a social hour after the sales; check the website for information about location as the date gets closer.

CORNER GARDEN CORNER

Wanted: A chairperson for the corner garden committee. Duties are easy: make sure all corners have a gardener each year, maintain contact info for all gardeners, write a few blurbs for the newsletter, provide a periodic report to the GRO Board. Terms are usually two years. Questions? Please contact vp@greaterrockwell.org or 312.208.3130 for more details.

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"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior (≥ 65) - \$10
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Family - \$15
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<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 - \$25
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Friends of GRO (living outside GRO area) - \$20
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Extra \$ for the Corner Gardens

I would like to see GRO address the following issue(s):

Checks should be made payable to GRO and mailed to P.O. Box 25561, Chicago IL 60625-0561.

*You may also pay via **Paypal**, or drop off your check at Ruff Haus Pets (4652 N. Rockwell Ave)*