

Welcome to New Members

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VOTE TO BE TAKEN AT FEBRUARY MEETING

The GRO Betterment Committee has received a proposal for:

“the release of a portion of the Greater Rockwell Betterment Fund to be used for promoting the Rockwell Crossing business district and for events surrounding the closing of the Rockwell Brown Line station. These funds are to be used for the betterment of our community during the impending Brown Line crisis.”

Come to the GRO meeting on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. to hear the proposal and vote on spending approximately 4% of the Betterment Fund to help promote our business community.

**Monday, January 23
Monday, February 27
GRO NIGHTS at the GRILL
Dine with your neighbors
at Rockwell's Grill
7:30 P.M.
Rockwell & Eastwood**

Rockwell Station to Close

FHP Techtonics, the construction company renovating the Western to Kimball Brown Line, has scheduled with the CTA to close Rockwell Station for a period of six months beginning **February 20, 2006**.

Go to www.ctabrownline.com for the 90-day construction schedule.

Sign up for GROnews emails at www.greaterrockwell.org to receive updates. When GRO knows—you'll know.

Bells ~~Are~~ Were Ringing

On December 13, 2005, GRO received a report from a neighbor living at Rockwell Crossing. He couldn't sleep because the signal bells on the new crossing warning system were ringing with EVERY train ALL NIGHT LONG!

GRO contacted the CTA, whose response was that turning the bells off at night “was inconsistent with the minimum standard practice for crossing warning systems.” The CTA cited several publications containing the relevant state and federal guidelines.

However, our examination of the guidelines turned up no re-

quirement that the bells had to be on 24 hours a day in a residential zone.

On Monday, December 19, GRO sent a letter to U.S. Congressman Rahm Emanuel, copying our local newspapers. Both the Chicago Tribune and the Sun Times expressed interest in the story, and by 4 p.m. the CTA reversed its decision and had the bells turned off that night.

CTA's decision is “pending further investigation,” so they may review all relevant guidelines, but we have been assured by the CTA that nighttime bells will not be turned on again without prior consultation with the community.

