

Welcome to New Members

Drew Appelson
Neill Sweeney
Michelle & Chris Mangan

Sustaining Members

Brad & Fariba Schenkel

New Friends of GRO

Lawrence & Rebecca Colburn

Corner Garden Contributors

Brad & Fariba Schenkel
Karen Peterson
Michael & Erica Batten
Lawrence & Rebecca Colburn
Helene C. Ortega
Xavier & Ana Martinez

New Business Member

Hellas Bakery

Save the Date!

GRO Annual Spring Potluck

**Tuesday, March 11
6:30 p.m.**

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Join us for
**Customer Appreciation Night at
Scents and Sensibility**
4654 N. Rockwell

**Wine and light refreshments will
be served.**

**Get a free votive with
your purchase!**

Friday, February 8 from 5-8 p.m.

**Place your orders early for
Valentine's Day
floral arrangements!**

PRIMARY NIGHT FUN

Many of you have already made use of the Early Voting option at Welles Park—but if you haven't, the primary election will be on Tuesday, February 5th. If you would like to see your SAMPLE BALLOT before going to the polls, access it by going to www.chicagoelections.com, click on VOTERS, and then click on Your Sample Ballot to the left. There you will find all of your polling place information and may download a Sample Ballot (in English or Spanish). Vote. It counts.

And after casting your vote in the Illinois primary, head on over to the GRO meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Church at the corner of Campbell and Wilson—we'll be meeting upstairs this month. (If your polling place is Luther Memorial, it's just a short walk!) Immediately following the meeting, we'll be heading over to Rockwell's Grill to watch the election results. Come join us!



Free Rides For Seniors!

Transit agencies across the state will have until March 17 to start providing free rides to seniors. Fill out the form to pre-register for free rides by visiting <http://www.illinois.gov/transit>, or call 1-800-252-8966.

Events Around the Neighborhood

2/20 Local Author Night, 7:00 p.m.,
Bookcellar, 4726 N. Lincoln, 773-293-2665

2/22 Mid-Winter Soiree Potluck and
Concert, 6:00 p.m., Berry United Methodist
Church, 4754 N. Leavitt, 773-784-3273,
\$7 donation

February Calendar



- 2 Saturday, Groundhog Day. Let's hope for a cloudy day in Punxsutawney!
- 4 Monday, 7 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 5 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting.** Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 12 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 14 Thursday, Valentine's Day.
- 18 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave.

Informational Meeting on Community-Supported Farming

Many people are asking nowadays: Where is our food coming from? What are we all eating? If these are questions that concern you, you may want to come to a community meeting on **Tuesday, February 12th at Bloom Yoga, 4663 N. Rockwell, 5:30-6:00 p.m.** The meeting is being held by Todd and Julia McDonald, who own Peasants' Plot, a 20-acre organic vegetable farm about 50 miles south of downtown Chicago in a town called Manteno.

Todd and Julia moved to Peasants' Plot from Chicago about a year ago, got married, sold some vegetables, and still commute to the city for work a few days a week. (Some may know Julia from Bloom where she is a massage therapist.) The goal of the farm is to eventually be "community supported," otherwise known as a CSA farm or subscription farm. This model was developed by a New England farmer who was looking for a way that small farmers could successfully and sustainably re-enter the agriculture scene. This year the McDonalds are looking to have a Worker Share Program, which is a version of CSA: instead of a monetary investment, members give the farm one workday a month in exchange for weekly vegetables.

If you are interested in hearing more about the McDonald's community-supported farm project and possibly becoming involved, come out to the February 12 informational meeting. You can also look for their website by the end of February or contact Julia@peasantsplot.com for more information.

COMMUNITY ALERT

The Chicago Police Department is investigating a series of crimes where thieves break into parked cars and steal portable GPS navigation systems. GPS systems that hang from the windshield or sit on the dashboard of your car become a high profile target for smash and grab thieves. Thieves look for systems that are in plain view and can be removed quickly.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Do not leave any valuable items visible in your vehicle.
- Remove the GPS from your car when not in use or lock it in the trunk.
- Thieves will look inside of parked cars looking for GPS units, accessories cradles, even suction cup marks on the windshield.
- Leave no trace that you have a GPS unit.
- Be aware of your surroundings when you park your car.
- Avoid parking in isolated areas.

If you have any additional information regarding these incidents, contact Area #3 RBT at 312-744-8263.

Making that First Haircut Painless

Your child's first haircut at the salon or barbershop: "This is a happy occasion for family and curious customers watching, but one that brings cries to the toddler," according to Carol of Carol's Hair Care. What to expect? It varies, but at Carol's you can expect lollipop suckers, jingle bell tigers gently ringing to soothe the first time infant/toddler customer, and customers often singing Korean or American songs. Best of all for the family—no charge for the first haircut!!!

Carol's is a secret gem of our neighborhood located at Lawrence and Rockwell that fills up quickly on Saturday mornings, so it's best if you can sneak in there during the week or on a Saturday afternoon. It is also a great place to go for men's and women's style cuts from the latest American and Korean style magazines, eyebrow and full-face threading, perms, and many other hair treatments.

Carol offers many things a haircare place offers: a sense of community where grandmothers bring their grandchildren, fathers bring their children, and brides bring their wedding parties—the last by special appointment. But walk-ins are welcome! Many friendships have been formed over the last 28 years that Carol has served the community. She is Vice President of the Midwest Korean American Beauticians Association and also volunteers her hair and skin talents at area nursing homes.

Carol's Hair Care at 2556 W. Lawrence—a special place in our neighborhood. Hours Monday thru Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. 773-561-8164.

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