

**Welcome to New Members**  
Kevin & Michele Goldsmith

**Thanks to Corner Garden  
Contributors**  
Kevin & Michele Goldsmith  
Michael & Erica Battin

**Food!  
Entertainment!  
Raffle!  
Potluck Details on  
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**Neighborhood Happenings**

**Feng Shui for Your Family**

Thursday, March 11, 7:00 pm  
Learn about Eastern and Western Feng Shui methods to organize and optimize the energy of your home, including tips and tricks for managing clutter.  
Sulzer Regional Library  
4455 N. Lincoln Avenue  
[www.chipublib.org/events](http://www.chipublib.org/events)

**Infant CPR & First Aid**

Sunday, March 14, 4:30 – 6:30 pm  
Parents, grandparents, and caretakers can learn what to do in case of an emergency. Hands on training in infant CPR, safety and baby-proofing. \$65 for up to two people. Pre-registration required online or by phone at 773-463-9642.  
Bloom Yoga  
4663 N. Rockwell Street  
[www.bloomyogastudio.com](http://www.bloomyogastudio.com)

**Coming Up At The  
March GRO Meeting**

GRO's March meeting will feature speaker Art Lyons from the Center for Economic Policy Analysis. Art spoke briefly last month on the current efforts in the Illinois assembly to reinstate the 7% assessment cap. Art is remarkably knowledgeable and we are very enthusiastic to welcome him back to GRO. The meeting on the 2nd will be held upstairs in the Confirmation Room at the church. When you enter head directly up the stairs.

*Tuesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Church, Wilson & Campbell.*

At the April meeting Zach Maiorca of Bloom Yoga, neighborhood resident and owner of GreenDoor Development, will give a presentation on the latest green features he implemented at his most recent project, 2924 W Wilson. *More details on this presentation in the April newsletter.*

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## Re-Use is Recycling too.

*Don't buy anything that you don't have to.*

Those paper bags can be used for kitty litter, in fact any kind of bag, or liner from a cardboard box, or material that can't be recycled, can be used. Then take all of your plastic bags and return them to the Dominick's, Jewel, CVS. The sleeves from newspapers and fruit and vegetable bags are cooked up somehow, and turned back into more bags. Now, I know that we all are using reusable bags for our shopping, or just reusing small plastic bags and tucking them into purse or pocket, and are quite amazed at how many fewer plastic bags we have.

Those of us with Blue Bins know what to put inside, but be sure that there isn't some plastic container, box, bucket that we can't use somehow. A very nice scoop can be made from an empty plastic bottle: keep the cap, and cut it to size with a knife or heavy scissors. Nice for kitty litter, salt, potting soil, bird seed. Save those buckets for kitty litter, salt, potting soil, bird seed, lots of things. Soon it will be time to start tomato seeds, those large yogurt, cottage cheese cartons are perfect. Soon, we hope, the yard waste pickup will be here, look around in the alley for big boxes, any large container to fill up and leave in the alley. Look around for whatever else is in the alley, to me everything is a plant stand.

*Bette Vidina*

## Can't re-use it? Donate It!

WANTED – New and gently used clothing for men, women and children.

AND FOR OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS – towels, baby blankets and flat sheets for orphaned pets. These will be passed on to the city's animal shelters who are in desperate need of these items.

Drop donations off at the 47th Ward Office, 4237 N. Lincoln Avenue, during regular office hours. For more information call 773-348-8400. Here's a chance to do our good deed for the day for our two and four-legged friends

*Maria Bappert*

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# **It's That Time Again!**

## **The GRO Neighborhood Potluck! Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.**

Food!

Raffle!

Entertainment!

Meet your neighbors!

Award ceremony honoring the 19th District Police Officers - Meet  
your beat officers

Please bring a dish to share (about six servings)

If your last name begins with:

A-H bring a main dish

I-O bring a dessert

P-Z bring an appetizer

Please label your dish and list ingredients  
(for allergies)

Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson

Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up. Please call Tom at  
773- 463-7608

### Mother Goose on the Loose

Saturday, March 20, 10:00 am  
Drop in the third Saturday of the month for this program for families and kids 4 and under.

Sulzer Regional Library  
4455 N. Lincoln Avenue  
[www.chipublib.org/events](http://www.chipublib.org/events)

### Comedy Night with the Kates

Saturday, March 27, 7:00 pm  
Comedic storytelling with hilarious characters, monologues and solo performances. Get there early, seats fill quickly!

Bookcellar  
4736-39 N. Lincoln Avenue  
[www.bookcellarinc.com](http://www.bookcellarinc.com)

### Lincoln Square Spring Wine Stroll

Thursday, April 1, 7:00 – 9:30 pm  
Enjoy Lincoln Square's "Wine Country" by enjoying great wines paired with hors d'oeuvres. \$40 per person. To register, call (773) 728-3890, or register online at [www.lincolnsquare.org](http://www.lincolnsquare.org)

## March Calendar

- 1 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 2 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 9 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 14 Sunday. Daylight Savings Time begins
- 15 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Graden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 16 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. GRO neighborhood potluck Luther Memorial Church Campbell & Wilson
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Saturday. Spring begins - YES!
- 23 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. CAPS meeting. Kindred Hospital. Montrose & Rockwell

FOUND: the middle of December. A piece of jewelry, in the alley between Maplewood & Rockwell, the 4700 block. For more information or to claim, call Maria Bappert at 773-728-8127 in the afternoons or evenings.

FOR RENT: 4-room apartment; 2nd floor, enclosed porch. Near Campbell & Sunnyside. Available May 1. \$1250; rent includes garage. Non smokers only; cat ok. Call Bette Vidina, 773-267-5644.

Memberships run from October 1 through September 30

New member \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_

### GRO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Work Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Categories (circle one): Individual \$20 Family \$30 Senior (65+) \$10 Senior Family \$15 Sustaining \$50  
Business \$20 Friends of GRO \$20 (living outside GRO service area)

I'm adding \$5 or \$\_\_\_\_ for the Corner Gardens

I would like to see GRO address the following issues:

I would like to participate in the following committees (please circle):

Fundraising/Special Events Member Services/Welcome Newsletter Public Safety  
Streetscape/Beautification Streetscape/Greening Urban Development

**Make your check payable to GRO and bring it to a meeting, drop it off at Ruff Haus Pets, 4652 N. Rockwell (just north of the el tracks), or mail it to GRO Membership. P.O. Box 25561, Chicago IL 60625-0561**