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Spring Clean & Green
May 17
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June 7 & 8

April

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Coming Up

The ABCs of CPS

Where: Sulzer Library
4455 N. Lincoln Avenue

When: April 3 from 10–11 a.m.,
April 5 from 10–11 a.m.,
April 8 from 7–8 p.m.

A representative from the Chicago
Public Schools will answer ques-
tions regarding various programs
provided by CPS, including Magnet
Schools, Neighborhood Schools, & Hermitage

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**POTLUCK 2008 - A GOOD TIME WAS
HAD BY ALL... again!**

We had a wonderful evening at this year's spring potluck dinner – and once again celebrated with the 19th District and awards for extraordinary service by our local police officers. It was also announced that Commander Rosebrock is retiring – and we thank him for serving our community.

Maria Bappert returned to us with a new hip replacement, just in time to once again sell raffle tickets! This year we raised \$118 to benefit the Children's Memorial Hospital. Thanks, Maria.

Entertainment was provided by Barbara Silverman and everyone enjoyed singing along – and we were awed by the washboard number.

The 2008 GRO Dedicated Service Awards were presented to Sara Spitz and June Huitt for their years of commitment and talents in publishing GROnews each month. A special edition GROnews certificate was also presented to June Huitt naming her as "Honorary GRO Member for Life," as she will be leaving the immediate GRO area – and will be sorely missed.

Thanks to all who helped set up, clean up and wash dishes – and special thanks to Dorothy Witschonke from Luther Memorial for running the kitchen. Finally, thanks to you, our neighbors, for bringing all of the delectable dishes and being such wonderful company.

Les Kniskern

LSC Elections Coming Up

The most successful school councils are those that integrate the school and the community. Having a neighborhood school that interacts with the community is advantageous to both. Voting for the Council is an important part of making this happen.

Who can vote: Anyone age 18 or over who lives in the school district can vote. You do not have to have children in the local school or be a citizen or registered voter. You do have to have two pieces of identification (one with your current address).

When and where: Thursday, April 17, 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Waters School, 4540 North Campbell,

The voting process: Six parent and two community representatives are elected by community members within the school area. Two teacher representatives are elected by the school's faculty. You may cast up to five votes for any combination of parent and community candidates; for example, one community and four parent members, or two community and three parent members. However, if you vote for more than five candidates, your ballot is spoiled and will not count.

Show your commitment to the community by coming out to vote in the Local School Council Elections. It's simple and effective.

Update on Waters

Work has already begun inside the building to update flooring and lighting, but the real change will come this spring and summer as the exterior of the school will get a complete make-over.

The sea of asphalt will be replaced with a campus park, including a multi-purpose turf sports field. The wrought iron fence will be replaced, playground equipment updated, and a new Arts & Music Annex will be built, which will include a dedicated lunch room—look for an official announcement from Alderman Schulner's office.

Gabe Godwin

This month's editors are
Tracy Bartholomew and
Sara Spitz

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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ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

Coming Up (cont'd from page 1)

Thursday Night Wine Tastings

Provenance Food & Wine

2312 W. Leland Avenue

Three to five wines are featured each week at the free wine tastings every Thursday from 6 - 8 p.m.

Mingle with your neighbors, and learn about wines in a casual environment.

First Fridays at Old Town School of Music

4544 N. Lincoln Ave.

Bring your instrument, a couple songs, dancing shoes, a date, or a few friends. Doors open at 6 p.m., the whole evening costs only a \$4 donation, and there are activities all over the building throughout the night. www.oldtownschool.org/classes/first-friday

Queen of Angels Boy Scout Troop 894 Annual Mostaccioli Dinner and Raffle

Saturday, April 12, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Queen of Angels Guild Hall,

4416 N. Western Ave. (across from Welles Park)

Adults \$7.00, Seniors \$6.00, and Children 10 and under \$3.00 (Two and under eat free).

See a Scout from Queen of Angels Troop 894 for advance ticket sales, pay at the door, or contact Sean (773) 561-8229.

Kids in the Square

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Participating businesses are hosting free activities, giving away treats and offering other specials throughout the day. Get ready for summer and enjoy a great day in Lincoln Square.

Jenny Mohler

The first few warm days have already appeared, and with them, more exposure to your neighbors.

Most complaints are about noise and failure to pick up after dogs. Ideally, we would be able to work things out reasonably, but if that's not possible, there are alternatives.

If your neighbor makes excessive amounts of noise (such as a loud car engine in a garage) for an unreasonably long time, you CAN call the police. Per CAPS personnel, beat officers are happy to check out disturbances and help restore peace. Phone 911 and describe the situation. It is helpful to talk to the officers before they address the nuisance-creator to give background information, but not necessary. You can request the call to be anonymous.

City Ordinance 7-12 states that "no owner shall fail to remove excrement deposited by his/her pet upon the public ways or within the public places of the city or upon the premises of any person other than the owner without that person's consent. Violators can be fined." Ordinance 7-12-030 states that animals shall be restrained. This means a leash no longer than six feet.

You can call 311 to report any violations, and if you can describe the dog and where it lives, an officer will make a house call.

Manor Garden Club April Meeting

Monday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Luther Memorial Church

2500 West Wilson Avenue

Confirmation Room (2nd Floor)

"Gardening Trends For 2008"

Mary Pendergast, a garden club member and Master Gardener, will share highlights and discuss this year's garden trends—from all things green to bringing the indoors out. And of course, great new plants introduced for 2008. We'll look at annuals, perennials, roses, shrubs, and trees, many bred for low maintenance and Chicago weather.

Enjoy refreshments, raffle, and presentation

We are all flowers in one garden and invite the community to attend.

Celebrate Spring and Sustainability at The Seeds of Change Marketplace

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Berry United Methodist Church
4754 N. Leavitt

More than 20 Fair Trade vendors will be selling items, including coffees, teas, and chocolate, and gifts such as clothes, decorative items, soaps, and toys. There will be music performances in the sanctuary throughout the day, from singer/songwriters to indy rock bands to world music. Cast-off furniture found in Chicago alley ways and rehabbed/repurposed by the congregation will also be offered at a silent auction. Fair trade coffee and homemade chili will be sold, and a children’s table with face painting and activities focused on recycling and sustainable living will be part of the festivities.

Fair Trade means a fair price on goods for farmers and artisans, and guarantees that the farmers and craftspeople who produced the products receive a living wage.

April Calendar

- 1 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 7 Monday, 7 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 8 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 21 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 24 Thursday, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Greening of Ravenswood Cocktail Party. Location to be announced. visit www.ward47@cityofchicago.org
- 27 Sunday, 8 a.m. Ravenswood Run. Start at Wilson & Hermitage

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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 \$_____ 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 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