

Welcome to New Members
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GRO

May 25 is the 30th Anniversary of
GRO - join now and help celebrate
at the summer block party!

Sign up now for
GRO Yard & Garage Sales
June 13 & 14
One man's trash is another man's
treasure!

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Coming Up

Friends of the River Clean-up

Saturday, May 9; 9:00 a.m. — noon
Horner Park, California & Montrose
Work with Friends of the River to help clean
up the river bank along Horner Park

The BookCellar

4736 -38 N. Lincoln Ave
Sun., May 10, 3:00 p.m.
The Kettle Moraine String Band returns to
perform bluegrass and American roots

Sat., May 23, 7:00 p.m.
THE KATES return to The Book Cellar for an
intimate night of comedic storytelling!

Mayfest
May 28 — May 31
Lincoln/Leland/Western
Music & beer - what could be better?

See page 4 for more events

Coming Up At The **May GRO Meeting**

GRO has done it again!

We've scored an interesting and informative evening with Dave Lundy, acting Executive Director of the Better Government Association

He'll be speaking on a topic that's currently all over the news — reform government and the culture of corruption.

In light of recent and ongoing news, how timely is this? Come and get the skinny!

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE, PERENNIAL & BAKE SALE PLUS LUNCH

Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Luther Memorial Church
2500 West Wilson Avenue

Find some treasures at the spring rummage sale held in the church basement; buy perennials or enjoy some home baked goods from the bake sale. And, if you are itching to get rid of some stuff, donations are welcome, and can be dropped off on:

- Tuesday, May 12, between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 13, between noon and 8 p.m.
- Thursday, May 14, between noon and 8 p.m.
- Friday, May 15, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Donations may include books, CDs, DVDs, videos, toys and games, jewelry, clothing, small appliances, cookware, kitchen utensils, dishes, glassware, hardware, artwork, "white elephants" and perennial plants. Electrical appliances must be clean and in working condition, and all items in general should be clean and in good condition.

To drop off donations, enter through the west set of double red doors at the church.

For more information, call the church office 773-539-3018 or visit the Web site at: www.luthermemorialchicago.org

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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Hazardous Household Waste and Electronics Recycling Day

On Saturday, May 9, you can take your household hazardous waste to a safe place and exchange it for environmental resources.

You can drop off old/unused prescription & non-prescription medications, computers, cell phones, fax machines, scanners, keyboards, household chemicals, lead or oil-based paints, old gas cans and gas powered lawn mowers.

You can pick up a compost bin (\$35), a rain barrel (\$45), a free compact fluorescent bulb (while supplies last), a \$100 rebate towards a push or electric lawn mower when you drop off your gas powered mower, and/or a free environmentally friendly gas can when you trade in your old one.

Dropoff 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Devry University, 3300 North
Rockwell

Jacob Playlot Clean-Up and Green & Clean

On April 18, local residents and children helped pick up litter, dig up weeds, cut vines from the fences and pick up trash from the playlot.

On April 25, GRO members donned cleaning gear and cleaned the Crossing area, picking up a record number of cigarette butts. Alderman Schulter has agreed to place a trash receptacle near the station to help alleviate the trash/cigarette butt problem.

30th ANNUAL GRO YARD AND GARAGE SALES JUNE 13 & 14

This is your opportunity to clean house and recycle all those things you don't need. Also you can find treasures you do need, meet your neighbors, have fun . . . and make money!

Signing up to sell your stuff during the GRO Yard and Garage Sales offers several advantages. The fee (\$5 for GRO members; \$10 for non-members) covers newspaper ads and a listing on the GRO flyer, as well as the permit to sell on that day. Flyers will also be provided. Renewing your membership at this time saves you a few bucks on the garage sale sign-up, and your membership will be good through September of 2010.

A few pointers:

Give some thought to displaying items attractively

Price everything ahead of time so people don't have to ask

Have an extension cord to test appliances

Have lots of change on hand in a fanny pack or pockets or apron

Have bags, boxes newspapers on hand for purchases

To sign up, email secretary@greaterrockwell.org with your name and address or call Bea Tersch at 773-561-0794 by May 30.

We hope to hear from you and all of your neighbors!

Corner Gardeners Needed!

Last summer's water and ADA projects tore up many of the corner gardens, and there wasn't enough time to nurture them back to health and beauty when the project finished in late summer.

We need volunteers willing to put in time to get them back to their award-winning status, whether it's an hour once in awhile, half a day occasionally, or adopting one of the corners as your own. The corner gardens are a great deal of what makes this neighborhood a pleasant place to live and work, so if you can find any time at all to help out, please call Tom at 773-463-7608 or email newsletter@greaterrockwell.org and let us know what you are willing to do. We can team you up with one of the veteran corner gardeners to get started.

It's a rewarding way to connect with your neighborhood, and you may find you get more than you give.

