

Welcome to New Members

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Roy Park
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Roy Park

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IT'S BLOCK PARTY TIME!

GRO members and nonmembers alike are invited to the annual GRO Block Party!

Saturday, August 4
3:00-9:00 p.m.

Leland Ave. between Rockwell and Campbell

COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AT AN OLD-FASHIONED BBQ!

GRO provides the hamburgers, hotdogs, and fixings. You bring a side dish or dessert for six people. If your last name begins with:

A-M bring a **side dish**

N-Z bring a **dessert**

Please label your dish and list its ingredients (some may have allergies)

Entertainment will include: Face Painting & Jumping Jack for the kids, a Pinata for the kid in all of us, special musical entertainment from Johnny and the Boomers, and much more!

Please note: No parking on Leland between Rockwell and Campbell after 12:00 noon., Saturday, August 4. The street is to re-open at 9:00 p.m.

NAME KARL'S MURAL

Karl Raack is nearing completion of the mural for GRO, and we are preparing for an installation at the Beans & Bagels building —with great thanks to Dawn Blustein and Midtown Real Estate.

Watch your GROnews email announcements (sign up for GROnews email at www.GreaterRockwell.org) for the installation and unveiling date—and come up with a name for our community mural. Submit your ideas to: GROnews@GreaterRockwell.org, or in person at the July 10 GRO meeting. The winning entry will receive a gift certificate to one of our local GRO merchants.

As part of our block party festivities on August 4, we will have a naming and dedication ceremony of our original Karl Raack community art!

MUSIC IN THE AIR

... and a festival

There's music in parks and plazas all around us in July.

- 3 Tues 6:30 pm, The Sharp Cookies, Welles Park
- 8 Sun 7-9 pm, Cooper Nelson and Early/Curtis and Loretta, Horner Park
- 10 Tues 6:30 pm, BLT, Welles Park
- 11 Wed 7 pm, Hoyle Brothers, Northcenter Town Square
- 12 Thurs 7-9:30 pm, Old Town School of Folk Music Fiddle Contest, Giddings Plaza
- 14 Sat Noon-3 pm, Captain Blood Orchestra, Giddings Plaza
- 17 Tues 6:30 pm, The Big Three from Tributosaurus
- 19 Thurs 7-9:30 pm, The Emily Hurd Band, Giddings Plaza
- 21 Sat 7-8 pm, School of Rock, Horner Park
- 22 Sun 7-9 pm, Jim Green The Wandering Indorphine/ 56 Hope Road, Horner Park
- 24 Tues 6:30 pm, South Shore Jazz Band, Welles Park
- 25 Wed 7:00 pm, Alfonso Ponticelli & Swing Gitan, Northcenter Town Square
- 26 Thurs 7-9:30 pm, The Wazo County Warblers & The Fly Boys, Giddings Plaza
- 29 Sun 7-9 pm, Hard Scrabble/Lawrence Peters Outfit, Horner Park
- 31 Tues, 6:30 pm, Nelson Grill, Welles Park

Locations

Giddings Plaza, 4731 N. Lincoln
Horner Park, Montrose & California
Northcenter Town Square, 4100 N. Damen
Welles Park, 2333 W. Sunnyside



Old Town School of Folk Music
Folk & Roots Festival
Welles Park at Lincoln Ave.
Saturday and Sunday, July 14-15
Noon-10 pm

... and movies in the park

Charlotte's Web (G)
Saturday, July 14, 8:30 pm, Gross Park

Happy Feet (PG)
Saturday, July 21, 8 pm, Horner Park

... and shopping

Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce
10th Annual Sidewalk Sale
Lincoln Ave. (4500 N - 4800 N)
Thurs-Sat, July 14, 10 am-5:30 pm
Sun, July 15, 11 am-5 pm

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 in improving our community.

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Guatemala Meets Rockwell

The Guatemalan restaurant Luna de Xelaju (pronounced shay-lah-HOO) at 4755 N. Rockwell is under new management and open every day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner from 9:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. (9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday). The new owners are brothers Juanfran and Ricardo Ovalle and sister Clara Lopez. It is their first restaurant venture but you wouldn't know it.

A group of GRO regulars and I checked it out for breakfast on a recent Saturday and were pleasantly surprised. Breakfast offerings include pancakes served with eggs and fried plantains, steak and eggs with black beans, and huevos rancheros. The eggs were enhanced with their Guatemalan sauce. The owners could not have been more accommodating of our special requests.

Lunch and dinner selections include Pepian estilo quetzalteco, a tasty chicken dish with a creamy mole sauce, Salpicon, a cold shredded beef dish with lime and cilantro, and a chicken taco salad with excellent guacamole. Atol de elote, a hot beverage made with corn, is a sweet treat.

I can't wait to check out some of their weekend specials and small dishes listed under "Guatemalan Cravings." Very reasonable prices, pleasant service, and a host of delicious choices make Luna de Xelaju worth a visit (or two or three...).

PATTI HUETTEMAN

This month's editor is
Tracy Bartholomew

Savvy Seconds: A Unique Resale Boutique

Savvy Seconds, a friendly and approachable resale boutique featuring distinctive selections for men, women, and children, opened its doors on May 6. This hip and trendy resale store, which carries gently used name-brand clothing and new items as well, is a destination for savvy, stylish shoppers looking for great, practical, and fun pieces for a fraction of retail store prices.

Owner Pat Stanley and her daughter Christin Fasuga came up with the idea for lower income families or savvy shoppers to be able to purchase great clothing at reasonable prices. They will purchase your hip and gently used name-brand clothing at 1/3 the price of what they believe they can sell it for. The balance of the proceeds is divided between store overhead and donations to the Franciscan Outreach Association, a homeless shelter in Chicago. They also accept clothing donations.

Savvy Seconds is located at 2707 W. Lawrence Ave. between Washtenaw and California. They are open Tuesday/Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday/Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. They can be reached at 773-728-8920 (773-Savvy-20).

**Craftmobile at
Jacob Park
Leland & Virginia
Mondays through July 31
2:30-4:00 pm**

**The Craftmobile is a Chicago
Park District free summer
program for children.**

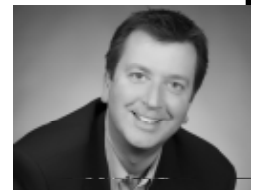
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Third Annual Lincoln Square Garden Walk

Saturday, August 4th
Giddings Plaza at 4731 North Lincoln Avenue

A \$5 donation provides entry, a map, and full details on all featured gardens. The walk begins at Giddings Plaza. In addition to the Garden Walk, a Green Fair will take place in Giddings Plaza. It will feature at least 10 different environmentally friendly organizations doing demonstrations and offering helpful information. All profits will be donated to the Greening of Ravenswood.

PICKUP TRUCK SURVEY

The City of Chicago enacted a law restricting the parking of commercial trucks and junk vehicles on City streets to maintain safety in residential neighborhoods, preserve the residential feel in our neighborhoods and to improve parking availability in densely populated areas.

Currently, the 47th Ward does not allow pickup trucks to park on any street in the ward. Recently, some of our residents have expressed concern regarding the restriction of pickup trucks in our neighborhoods.

Other Wards in the City allow pickup trucks to park on the street through a permit process. A residential truck permit allows pickup trucks weighing less than 4500 pounds to be parked in residential areas near the residence of the registered owner of the vehicle.

Would you like for an exception to be given to allow for pickup trucks to park on 47th Ward streets? Please let Alderman Schuler know by visiting the 47th Ward website at www.ward47.com and filling out the Contact Us form.

July Calendar

- 1 **Sunday, 2 p.m. GRO Garden Ramble.**
- 2 Monday, 7 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 4 Wednesday. Independence Day.
- 10 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting.** Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
Tuesday, 6 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 16 Monday, 7.30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Ave.
- 18 Wednesday, 7 p.m. Ravenswood Garden Club. Sulzer Library, 4445 N. Lincoln Ave.
- 24 Tuesday, 7 p.m. 19th District CAPS Beat Meeting. Kindred Hospital, Rockwell & Montrose, top floor meeting room

Farmer's Markets:

Tuesdays: Lincoln Square (Western, Leland & Lincoln)

Saturdays: North Center Farmer's Market on Belle Plaine (just north of Irving Park)

Wednesdays and Saturdays: Green City Market (Lincoln Park)

Coming Up . . . GRO Block Party, Saturday, August 4

Tree Trimming Requests

If you have a tree in your parkway that needs trimming, please call Maria Bappert at 773-313-0250 Monday–Friday between 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Please be sure to give your address and a description of the tree and which branches should be trimmed.

“What’s on the Agenda?”

What’s on the agenda for the July 10 GRO meeting?

- Update on CTA track work to be started at Rockwell Crossing
- A representative from the Water Department will be on hand to discuss the continuing sewer project on Rockwell (from Montrose to Lawrence)
- Name the Karl Raack mural!
- Final call for block party tables and chairs—and who’s on the food committee?
- Compost available at Jacob Playlot (Leland and Virginia)



As a reminder, the City of Chicago’s Clerk’s Office will be at the 47th Ward Office at 4237 N. Lincoln on July 7th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for residents to purchase their June 2007 - June 2008 City of Chicago Vehicle Sticker and Residential Permits.

For additional sales locations or information about purchasing your sticker online, please visit www.chicityclerk.com.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alderman Schuler’s office at 773-348-8400.